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The Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
State Capitol
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Sacramento, CA 94249-0059
Email: Assemblymember.Jones.Sawyer@assembly.ca.gov

Re: AB 89 - Peace officers: minimum qualifications - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 89 addressing minimum qualifications for California peace officer eligibility. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Racial Equity and Justice.

We support AB 89, as proposed eligibility requirements help ensure that the individual has shown sufficient preparation to better understand the consequences of their psychological and social biases and resulting actions and can subsequently appropriately address stressful situations that require quick decision making. This measure will help bring positive reform to the peace officer force, a change that has been much needed.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 89 as an important step forward in peace officer reform. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 89.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

President, SBWPC

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