



TBOC Newsletter

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Sacramento Update

The election numbers are in, and for California the prediction of “blue wave” certainly manifested itself with many races ultimately decided by the ballots cast in the final days of the election.

All statewide and Constitutional Offices remain in the hands of Democrats. Independent Insurance Commissioner candidate Steve Poizner, who was endorsed by many Democratic leaning editorial boards such as the Los Angeles Times, and who had previously held the same position in the past ended up losing his close race with Democrat Ricardo Lara. And while both candidates for Superintendent of Schools were registered Democrats, only one, Tony Thurmond, was formally endorsed by the California Democratic Party, and he prevailed.

The 2019 State Assembly will consist of 60 Democrats and 20 Republicans; the State Senate 30 Democrats and 10 Republicans. California will send 45 Democrats and 8 Republicans back to Washington D.C. to represent the state in the House of Representatives. Orange County, not all that long ago the centerpiece of California Republicanism, will now be represented in Congress by an all Democratic delegation. Los Angeles County will now have its first ever Democratic Sheriff. Incumbent Sheriff Jim McDonnell may have been endorsed by a large swath of local Democratic officeholders, including the Mayor of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County’s District Attorney, but his opponent had the official endorsement of the California Democratic Party which apparently was a significant help during this election cycle.

You should read nothing in the nature of a judgment in any of the above. They are just the facts of the matter; nothing more, nothing less. And they represent the framework in which we will continue to try to achieve the best possible outcomes in the public arena for public safety in California.

Looking ahead, the Legislature will convene in Sacramento next week to swear in the newly elected delegation and officially kick-off the forthcoming legislative session. For the upcoming legislative session’s deadlines please feel free to check the recently released official 2019 calendar by clicking [here](#).

We expect public safety and law enforcement issues to continue to be front and center in the coming year as several significant measures from 2018 are slated to be reintroduced. We will remain vigilant in fighting for communities abilities to positively

and proactively deal with the myriad issues affecting the safety of its citizens. As legislative and budgetary proposals are unveiled, which they most assuredly will be, we will do our very best to make sure you are informed about the issues and offer counsel on how to effectuate the ultimate outcome.

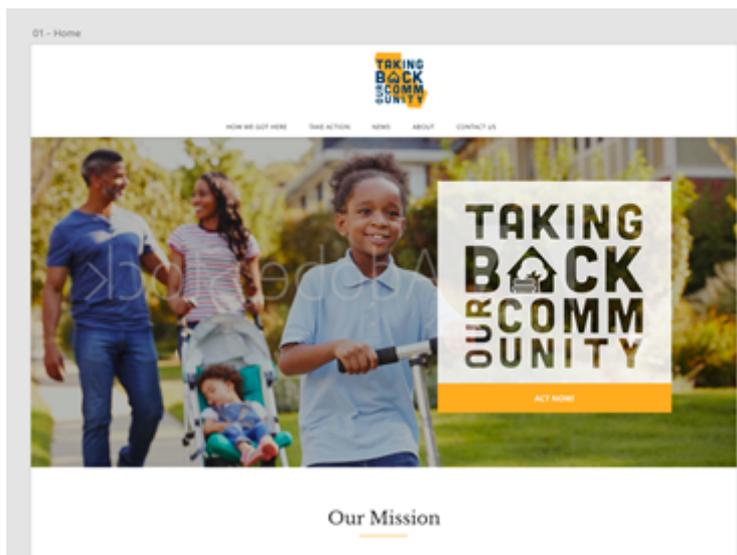
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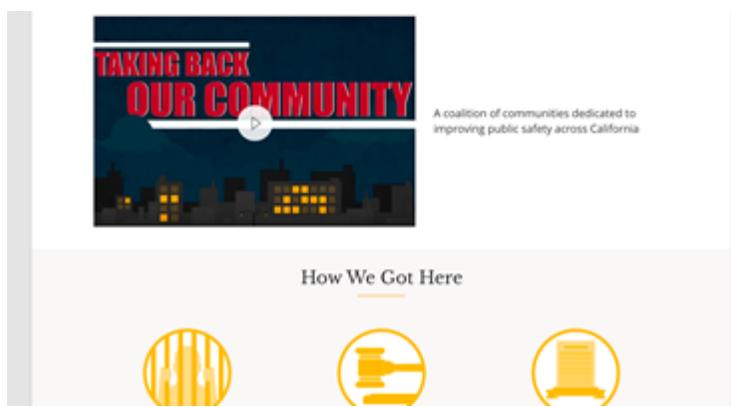
On August 15, 2017, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety. The Commission was tasked with conducting a robust and in-depth analysis of department-specific strategies, challenges, and opportunities presented by Public Safety Realignment (AB 109), Proposition 47, and Proposition 57.

The Commission had a sunset provision terminating the Commission after the submittal of the final one-year report. The Commission's final one-year report included findings and recommendations which can inform continuing efforts to improve the implementation of recent justice reforms-and by extension, the justice system as a whole. The final report submitted by the Blue Ribbon Commission to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors can be found by clicking [here](#).

TBOC Website Update

The new TBOC website is in the works and will launch in January! Stay tuned for more information. Here's a sneak preview in the meantime:





California Revisits Three-Strike Life Sentences

After an appellate panel ruled that inmates serving life sentences for nonviolent convictions may be eligible for parole under Proposition 57, California legislators are creating new regulations that could affect up to 4,000 people in prison due to the Three Strikes law. The inmates will still require rigorous public safety screening and a parole board hearing before a decision is made.

KCRA ["California Revisits Three-Strike Life Sentences."](#) October 18, 2018

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