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California Correctional Peace Officers Association Endorses Jerry Brown for Governor

West Sacramento - This morning the California Correctional Peace Officers Association endorsed Jerry Brown for Governor of California in the November general election.

"We have thoroughly examined the two candidates for Governor and ultimately decided the candidate most in touch with California's working families and most capable of governing our state during these challenging times is Jerry Brown," said CCPOA President Mike Jimenez. "Experience and Leadership is critical and we feel that Mr. Brown is absolutely capable of providing the leadership and has the experience necessary to solve the issues that are most pressing to Californians today."

"California prisons are facing a crisis. There is tremendous need for reform and a pragmatic approach and understanding of the crisis that we see within the correctional system," said Jimenez. "Simply building more prisons is not the solution. We need a governor that understands the nuances and is willing to bring all of the stakeholders to the table in a concerted effort to collectively resolve this ongoing problem."

"We also wanted to choose a Governor that we believe appreciates and respects the women and men who conduct the state's business on a daily basis. State employees are essential to the success of California and should not be used as pawns in the political give-and-take in Sacramento. They are men and women with families, responsibilities, and aspirations and they should be treated with a level of dignity, particularly from the Chief Executive of the state. We feel that Mr. Brown is the right candidate to do so," said Jimenez.

"We are completely confident in our decision to endorse Jerry Brown for Governor and we are looking forward to working with him to make our correctional system more efficient in the areas of safety, cost, and rehabilitation, said Mr. Jimenez.

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