



**IMPORTANT NEWS FOR CCPOA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

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**CCPOA Hosts “Issues Forum.”** In an effort to spur some real corrections reform in California, CCPOA hosted an issues forum in Sacramento to address the areas of rehabilitation, treatment, mental health and other major corrections challenges. Nationally recognized experts shared their knowledge on these important issues with State Legislators, agency officials and others over a two-day period.

**CCPOA Takes on Board of Corrections.** CCPOA informed the Board of Corrections in no uncertain terms about a week ago that we believe it has been operating outside of its regulatory authority and that we will be taking legal action. The problem in a nutshell: When the Administration eliminated CPOST as part of its Reorganization Plan, it eliminated the apprenticeship program — thus violating our contract. We'll keep you posted.

**Inspector General Report Criticizes Inmate Placement.** Inspector General Matthew Cate released a report this month citing “significant problems” in five of six prisons it surveyed, where 66 maximum-custody inmates were mistakenly placed in general population. What’s worse, these are not new problems — the department knew about them more than a year ago, because it was an “incorrectly housed” inmate that stabbed Correctional Officer Manuel Gonzalez to death at CIM last January. As usual, the CDCR sent a letter to the IG this month saying it’s “taking immediate steps to address and correct the deficiencies noted.” Yeah, we’ve all heard that one before.

**CCPOA Sets the Record Straight with So Cal Paper.** After the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin printed a ludicrous editorial portraying CCPOA as only (self-) interested in increasing the prison population to protect its jobs, we just had to set the record straight. Here are excerpts from our letter to the editor:

- Contrary to your claims, CCPOA has ... supported increased funding for inmate education and repeatedly called for parole reform — although we did not support Schwarzenegger’s proposal to keep convicted rapists and murderers on our streets. That’s not self-interest, it’s public safety.

- As for our “constructing so many tough-on-crime policies,” I disagree. With rare exception, we typically take no position whatsoever on sentencing legislation.

- And next time you want to talk about self-interest, perhaps you should look in the mirror, since it appears you’ll write just about anything — true or not — to sell papers.

**PAC Interviews Continue.** CCPOA finished its second week of Political Action Committee (PAC) interviews with candidates running for a variety of elected offices across the state. In addition to these personal interviews, CCPOA also carefully reviews candidates’ past voting records (when applicable), as well as their responses to 13 key questions regarding issues important to our profession — from working conditions to public safety. CCPOA’s PAC is comprised of your elected Executive Council (EC) and several local area representatives and members. CCPOA will announce its endorsements in the coming weeks — stay tuned.