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**LARGEST STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL IN THE NATION  
ENDORSES JERRY BROWN FOR GOVERNOR IN 2010**

**OAKLAND, CA** – The Brown for Governor Campaign today announced that the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) has endorsed Attorney General Jerry Brown for Governor. PORAC, incorporated in 1953, represents more than 890 associations and more than 62,000 public safety personnel, making it the largest public safety organization in California and the largest statewide public safety association in the nation.

“Jerry Brown is a proven crime fighter with the experience and the dedication to get California working again and keep our neighborhoods safe,” said Ron Cottingham, President of PORAC. “That’s why PORAC is totally committed to doing everything we can to ensure Californians elect Jerry Brown our next Governor.”

“In 2006, PORAC proudly endorsed Jerry Brown for Attorney General,” added Cottingham. “We did so because of his incredibly strong record of fighting crime as Governor and Mayor of Oakland. Now, as California’s Top Cop, Attorney General Jerry Brown is continuing to deliver for public safety personnel and our local communities.”

“I am honored to have earned the support of the Peace Officers Research Association of California,” said Attorney General Brown. “The 62,000 public safety personnel who constitute PORAC know that I have been there, and will always be there, in the fight against crime, to protect victims, and to keep our communities safe.”

As Governor, Jerry Brown signed hundreds of tough anti-crime measures, including laws compelling criminals to pay their victims restitution, the ‘Use A Gun Go To Prison’ Law, and mandatory sentences for rape, sale of heroin, violent crimes against the elderly, child molestation and selling PCP. Brown also established and funded the Career Criminal Prosecution Program, the Career Criminal Apprehension Program and the Crime Resistance Task Force.

As Mayor of Oakland, Jerry Brown was a leader in the campaign to defeat Proposition 66, an attempt to dismantle California's three strikes law. Mayor Brown also implemented a variety of innovative crime-fighting strategies, including a curfew for parolees to prevent late-night

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violence. By the time he left office, Oakland's police force was 803 strong, a 25 percent increase over 1998, and crime had dropped by more than 13% overall.

As Attorney General, Jerry Brown has made California safer by aggressively prosecuting drug dealers, gang members and corporate criminals - all while reducing his operating budget by almost 10%. Attorney General Brown's office has arrested more than 6,000 criminals, recovered 5,800 guns, closed 400 meth labs, and doubled the DNA database. Brown's office is also cracking down on fraudulent home loan practices, loan modification companies, and investment rating firms. The Attorney General is going after companies profiting from the mortgage crisis and labor law violators, and has recovered more than half a billion dollars in Medi-Cal fraud and elder abuse cases. Brown's office even successfully thwarted the Bush Administration's attempt to gut California's robust environmental laws. For more information Jerry Brown's work as Attorney General, please visit: <http://bit.ly/cL2y1k>

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