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The Honorable Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins
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Re: AB 847 (Sharp-Collins), as amended 05/22/25

Dear Assemblymember Sharp-Collins,

San Diego County's Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) offers support to AB 847, which provides Sheriff Oversight Boards and Inspectors General have the same access to confidential officer personnel files that attorneys general, district attorneys, and grand juries currently enjoy.

San Diego County voters established CLERB in 1990 to independently and impartially investigate citizen complaints against San Diego County Sheriff's deputies and probation officers. The County's Charter charges the Review Board with receiving, reviewing, and investigating complaints about the conduct of peace officers performing their duties while employed by the Sheriff's Department or the Probation Department. CLERB also has jurisdiction over specified incidents including in-custody deaths, officer-involved shootings, use of force resulting in great bodily injury and use of force and 1st Amendment protests.

Pursuant to Rule 16.2 of CLERB's Rules and Regulations states: "A finding of "Sustained" should include an explanation of the finding of improper conduct and may include recommendations relating to: (a) the imposition of discipline, including the facts relied on in making such recommendations; (b) any trends in regard to employees involved in Complaints." CLERB has rarely, if ever, recommended imposition of discipline due to the fact CLERB has never had access to officer personnel files which would provide guidance on the processes and discipline imposed by the Sheriff.

CLERB's mission is to "increase public confidence in and accountability of peace officers employed by the Sheriff's Department or the Probation Department by conducting independent, thorough, timely, and impartial reviews..." Only with the same access to confidential information as other oversight bodies, will Sheriff Oversight Boards be able to provide the increased transparency into the policies and practices of sheriff departments that the public was promised with their creation. This bill is critical to ensure the public that law

enforcement leaders and officers are held accountable for misconduct, including insuring personnel are timely and appropriately investigated and, where warranted, disciplined.

For these reasons, CLERB voted to support AB 847.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

MaryAnne Pintar

Chair of Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board

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