

Police Law in California

LEGAL UPDATES: 2021

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Police Reform as Focus for Sacramento

Pre George Floyd legislation re use of force standards, transparency

Post George Floyd: A new era of expectation and standards



Today's Presentation

A range of new laws with resonance from 2020 protests and reform movement

Use of Force

Accountability

Policing Standards



Protests/Demonstrations

AB 48: Restrictive new standards for use of munitions in crowd control

SB 98: Reinforcement of journalist access



Militarized Police

California AB 481: Requires authorization before purchase and clearly defined policy before use



Excessive Force: New Measures to Address It

AB 26:

Duty to Intercede

Obligation to Report

Prohibition Against Retaliation



New OIS Investigation Protocol

AB 1506

Effective July 1, 2021

State Attorney General will take jurisdiction over any officer-involved shooting involving the death of an “unarmed civilian”



“Positional Asphyxia”: New Preventive Measures

AB 490 (“Angelo Quinto Act”)

New law extends recent prohibition against neck restraint to further emphasize respiratory safety



Certification Issues and Oversight

SB2

“De-certifying” of officers after termination?

How it works (advisory panel)

Why it matters...



Increased Age Requirement

AB 89

From 18 to 21 as minimum eligibility for officers



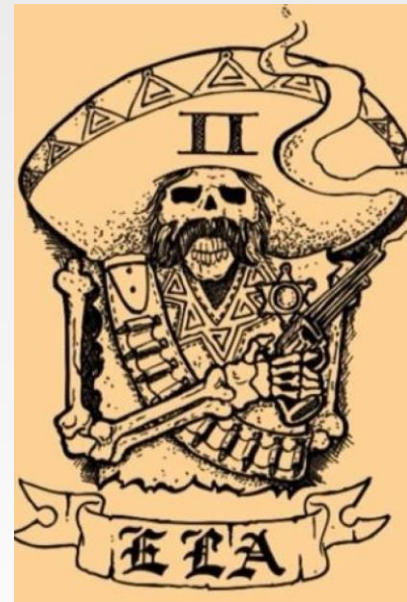
Transparency and Policing

- SB 16
- Expanded Public Access to Police Personnel Records
 - Sustained allegations of excessive force
 - Sustained allegations of bias



Law Enforcement “Gangs”

- AB 958”. “Unlawful or unethical on-duty behavior”
- Participation as grounds for termination
- Disclosure to future agencies



Questions/Discussion



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