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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Republican Party Cops Out on Law Enforcement**

**Chino, CA** – The California Republican Party, at its state convention in Anaheim on September 27th, refused to allow a resolution in support of law enforcement officers to be heard.

The resolution called upon Republicans to support HR 6367, introduced by Congressman Kevin Brady of Texas, a bill currently pending in the Congress that protects peace officers from prosecutorial abuse. HR 6367 is supported by law enforcement organizations across the country, including various lodges of the Fraternal Order of Police.

But there was never a chance to even discuss the resolution, why it was needed, or who supported it, as the resolutions committee refused to even discuss it. The author met all submission requirements and deadlines.

Republicans like to talk about their support for the men and women of law enforcement, especially before an election, but there's a disconnection between what they say and what they do. Republican candidates may have pictures of police officers, and claim to support Border Patrol agents prominently featured on their campaign brochures and websites but those pictures aren't real, they're staged.

Men and women in law enforcement throughout this country deserve something better than campaign gimmicks; they deserve to be heard and must be supported.

America's peace officers are under attack, not just from criminals on the street but also from political cronies in smoke filled rooms. Their safety and their ability to do their job are both threatened. They need the public's help but they won't get that help unless they find a new voice to carry their message.

FOBPs Andy Ramirez attended the committee hearing as an observer. Upon entering the room and greeting committee leaders, which included Robert Philobosian, the committee chairman and former Los Angeles County District Attorney, Ramirez was informed the resolution was not going to pass out of committee for final approval by convention delegates. This was decided in advance without public discussion of the resolution, and without debate. Who decided this and when? These are the processes found in Mexico, not America.

It's clear why so many Americans have changed registration, or are so skeptical of Republicans for this is not the party of Ronald Reagan, it is the party of backroom deals, silence, and exclusion from the American process. The party of Reagan stood for less government, lower taxes, public safety, and a strong national defense, unlike the party of today, which panders to ethnocentric groups, bends to Wall Street, China, and Mexico, and compromises security along America's borders, coastlines, and ports of entry.

America's peace officers can't depend on the Republicans anymore; Republicans have become part of the problem. How? When law enforcement needs relief and support, the party will not stand up in support when it may expose bad Republican leaders.

Ronald Reagan would not recognize the Republican Party of today. However, he always understood what many did not with words that are even truer today than during the era in which he first stated them, "Government isn't the solution to our problems, government is the problem."

American's peace officers must heed those words and take action by going directly to the people, working through their own grass roots organizations. Future elections may be determined by the "swing votes" of hundreds of thousands of peace officers and their families."

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