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***Senate Judiciary Committee Passes Senate Bill 2, Which Would End Law Enforcement Immunity and Decertify Officers for Serious Misconduct***

**Sacramento, CA** – [Senate Bill 2](#), legislation authored by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) and Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), passed through its second policy committee hearing this evening. SB 2 represents the most significant police accountability bill before the California Legislature this year. In a 7-2 vote, the Senate Judiciary Committee advanced the bill to its next hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

“To the violence and misconduct perpetrated by law enforcement officers in our communities, California must respond with justice,” said **Carl Douglas, a CAOC Board Member** who testified in support of SB 2 today. “No law enforcement officer, sworn to protect our civil rights, should be immune from the consequences of violating our civil rights. We are deeply grateful to the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for hearing the voices of those who have suffered great loss at the hands of rogue officers, and for voting yes to finally hold those individuals accountable.”

The *Kenneth Ross Jr. Police Decertification Act of 2021* (SB 2) is named for an unarmed man who was shot and killed as he ran from Gardena police officers. Sergeant Michael Robbins, who used an AR-15, was the last officer to arrive at the scene – yet he was the first officer to draw his weapon. Kenneth Ross was Sergeant Robbins’ **fourth victim**; Sgt. Robbins remains a police officer to this day, and has faced no accountability for his actions.

SB 2 would create a process by which officers like Sgt. Robbins could be permanently removed from active duty for serious misconduct, and would end judicially-created law enforcement immunities to allow the victims of police brutality and their families to hold officers accountable in court when their civil rights have been violated.

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