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***California's Historic Police Reform and Civil Rights Legislation
Passes Significant Test on the Senate Floor***

***SB 2 Ends Immunities for Bad Cops and Creates a Process to Decertify
Rogue Police 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), earned broad support in a vote on the Senate floor this morning. With 26 ayes and 9 noes, the most important civil rights and racial justice bill before the state legislature this year now heads to policy committees in the Assembly for consideration.

“California should not be in the business of picking winners and losers when it comes to protecting civil rights, which is why decertifying and ending immunities for violent, rogue police officers is so critical to the cause of justice,” said **Julia Yoo, CAOC Board Member and President of the National Police Accountability Project**. “With SB 2, California is turning years of talk about holding police accountable for serious misconduct into real action. We are grateful to the Senate, and especially to Senator Bradford as the champion of this bill, for advancing the most critical civil rights and racial justice legislation before them today; and we urge the Assembly to take swift action to send SB 2 to Governor Newsom’s desk.”

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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