



CONSUMER ATTORNEYS OF CALIFORNIA

*Seeking Justice for All*

## CAOC statement on rejection of police injustice bill

Group's president challenges police to stop protecting violent brethren

**SACRAMENTO (September 1, 2020)** – After the failure of the California Legislature to pass Senate Bill 731 to address civil rights abuses and racial injustice by police, Consumer Attorneys of California President Micha Star Liberty had the following statement:

“This is very disappointing, to say the least. If a state like California cannot muster the political fortitude at a time like this to do the right thing, I worry what the future holds for our increasingly diversified state and nation. Even as they worked for the defeat of SB 731, the law enforcement community paid lip service to working with civil rights advocates toward reforms next year. But the proof will be in the doing. We shall see in 2021 whether California police want to walk the walk toward truth and justice or just talk the talk and protect their most violence-prone brethren.”

Background: Senate Bill 731 would have made California the 46<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a decertification process for bad cops and also bolstered the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act to ensure better law enforcement accountability and act as a deterrent to continued acts of racial injustice. The bill was sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union and Black Lives Matter, and supported by CAOC and scores of other civil rights organizations. [More information](#)

**For more information:**

**J.G. Preston, CAOC Press Secretary, 916-600-9692, [jgpreston@caoc.org](mailto:jgpreston@caoc.org)**  
**Eric Bailey, CAOC Communications Director, 916-201-4849, [ebailey@caoc.org](mailto:ebailey@caoc.org)**