



April 2, 2026

The Honorable Isaac Bryan
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5630
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1537 (Bryan) Peace Officers: Secondary Employment
Notice of Opposition – City of Upland**

Dear Assemblymember Bryan,

I write on behalf of the City of Upland in respectful opposition to AB 1537. This bill would prohibit California peace officers from engaging in secondary employment with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or any entity that assists with immigration enforcement. As currently drafted, the bill's language is overly broad and could undermine public safety, limit experienced officers' career opportunities, and disrupt essential collaboration between local law enforcement and federal agencies. These significant unintended consequences could adversely affect our community.

Section 1(f)(1) is of particular concern. By prohibiting peace officers from secondary employment with DHS or any entity assisting in immigration enforcement, the provision introduces two key risks: first, the vague and broad language may unintentionally include military reservists; second, peace officers serving as reservists, due to routine coordination between the U.S. military and DHS, may face the difficult choice between their law enforcement careers and military service. Both risks are unintended and concerning.

The bill may also unintentionally prevent peace officers from participating in disaster response efforts. DHS coordinates emergency response through FEMA. Under the current bill language, peace officers would be prohibited from assisting with disaster response activities coordinated by DHS. This would limit emergency response capacity during critical times.

Peace officers are essential to public safety and should not be forced to choose between serving their communities and their country. The City understands and respects the intent to address concerns about secondary employment in immigration enforcement. However, the bill's broad language could risk reduced police staffing, delayed emergency response times, and disruption to coordinated disaster relief across California.

For these reasons, the City of Upland respectfully opposes AB 1537.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Velto".

Bill Velto
Mayor, City of Upland