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## **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT COMMITMENT TO REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME STEMMING FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice today announced that, in order to be selected for participation in the Department’s Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program, local jurisdictions must show a commitment to reducing crime stemming from illegal immigration.

In making the announcement, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said:

“By protecting criminals from immigration enforcement, cities and states with so-called 'sanctuary' policies make all of us less safe. We saw that just last week, when an illegal alien who had been deported twenty times and was wanted by immigration authorities allegedly sexually assaulted an elderly woman in Portland, a city that refuses to cooperate with immigration enforcement.

"By forcing police to go into more dangerous situations to re-arrest the same criminals, these policies endanger law enforcement officers more than anyone. The Department of Justice is committed to supporting our law enforcement at every level, and that’s why we're asking 'sanctuary' jurisdictions to stop making their jobs harder. By taking simple, common-sense considerations into account, we are encouraging every jurisdiction in this country to cooperate with federal law enforcement. That’s what 80 percent of the American people want them to do, and that will ultimately make all of us safer—especially law enforcement on our streets.

“These policies are driven by politics and do not protect their citizens. We will fight them with every lawful tool available.”

The PSP program was announced in June and is a training and technical assistance program designed to enhance the capacity of local jurisdictions to address violent crime in their communities. Twelve locations were initially selected and the Department may announce additional sites later this year.

In determining which jurisdictions to select, the Department will ask interested jurisdictions the following questions:

- (1) Does your jurisdiction have a statute, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure that U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) personnel have access to

any correctional or detention facility in order to meet with an alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States?

- (2) Does your jurisdiction have a statute, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure that your correctional and detention facilities provide at least 48 hours advance notice, where possible, to DHS regarding the scheduled release date and time of an alien in the jurisdiction's custody when DHS requests such notice in order to take custody of the alien?
- (3) Does your jurisdiction have a statute, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure that your correctional and detention facilities will honor a written request from DHS to hold a foreign national for up to 48 hours beyond the scheduled release date, in order to permit DHS to take custody of the foreign national?

In the attached letters, the Justice Department today formally requested that information from the following four local jurisdictions interested in the PSP program: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; San Bernardino, California; and Stockton, California.

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*Washington, D.C. 20531*

August 3, 2017

Chief Gorden Eden Jr.  
Albuquerque Police Department  
400 Roma NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Dear Chief Eden:

The Department of Justice recently launched the Public Safety Partnership (“PSP”), a training and technical assistance program designed to enhance the capacity of local jurisdictions to address violent crime in their communities. Through this partnership, which is funded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, the Department works closely with local jurisdictions to provide strategic, focused, and results-driven assistance. The Department initially selected twelve sites to receive this assistance, and it may announce additional sites later this year.

In determining which sites to select, the Department considered both quantitative and qualitative measures, in consultation with United States Attorneys and Department law enforcement partners. To be considered for selection, a site must: (1) demonstrate a complete commitment to reducing violent crime; (2) have sustained levels of violence that exceed the national average; and (3) be ready to receive the intensive training and technical assistance offered by the Department.

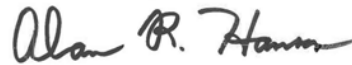
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The Department is reviewing your jurisdiction’s commitment to reducing violent crime stemming from illegal immigration. To aid the Department in its review, please respond to the following questions no later than August 18, 2017.

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Commissioner Kevin Davis  
Baltimore Police Department  
601 East Fayette Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

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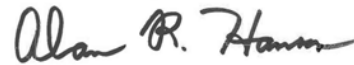
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Chief Jarrod Burguan  
San Bernardino Police Department  
710 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92401

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Stockton Police  
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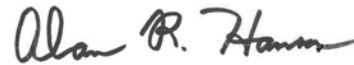
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