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May 19, 2017

The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5097
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 362 (Galgiani): Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality
As introduced February 14, 2017
Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Previous Legislative Support**

Dear Senator Galgiani:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for your SB 362, a measure that seeks to protect code enforcement officers and others by prohibiting the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from disclosing their home addresses. The County of Riverside strongly supports additional protections for our code enforcement personnel and believes they should be afforded a certain level of protection from harm following them home.

The profession of code enforcement is inherently dangerous. Code enforcement personnel enforce state and local laws that potentially impact the businesses and individuals involved. These laws involve health and safety, building violations, business regulations, property nuisances, and poor housing conditions. Additionally, code enforcement personnel may enforce various codes that are typically not handled by law enforcement professionals as they involve land use, housing related violations, or specific local ordinances. Examples of those codes include but are not limited to; enforcement of marijuana grows linked to cartels, abatement of honey oil labs or meth labs, human trafficking as it relates to prostitution in the cover of massage establishments, rental inspection, multi-family housing in gang-ridden or drug-ridden areas, etc. Enforcing such regulations may expose officers to disgruntled property owners, mentally unstable people, or criminal organizations, which hinder an officer's ability to perform their duties without the fear of retaliation and can expose an officer to unsafe conditions in and out of the workplace.



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The Code Enforcement profession parallels the majority of professions already authorized for DMV confidentiality. For these reasons, we strongly support SB 362. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee