

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
Santa Ana, California



TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: *Sandra Hutchens*  
Sheriff Sandra Hutchens  
DATE: May 5, 2011  
RE: Waivers for Sex Offenders in County Parks

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As the Sheriff, I recognize the importance of protecting all citizens of Orange County, especially our children. As such, I fully support Orange County Ordinance 3-18-1, et seq., "to protect children from registered sex offenders by restricting sex offenders' access to location where children regularly gather." Additionally, I recognize, as does the Board of Supervisors, that Orange County Parks are locations where children regularly gather.

Also, as the Sheriff of Orange County, I have pledged to uphold the law without favor. The ordinance does not provide any specifics as to permissions, exceptions or waivers that would be appropriate. Accordingly, my duty as Sheriff is to provide public safety and apply all laws without prejudice.

As such, I will support this ordinance and its intent to protect children who frequent our parks, harbors, beaches and recreational areas. To support this ordinance, and its intent, I do not foresee any circumstance under which I would grant permission for registered sex offenders to enter county parks.