

FACTS AND STATS

Between 1999 and 2006, the national homicide rate declined, however, California's murder rate increased, making California the 10th worst among all the states.

Between 1999 and 2006, California vehicle thefts increased by more than 40 percent totaling more than Texas, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania combined.

During the last ten years, L.A. County has experienced 5,752 gang related homicides. Between 2004 and 2007, residents reported an average of 166 gang shootings and 252 gang robberies each month. There is estimated to be 80,000 gang members vastly outnumber the 20,000 law enforcement officers who protect the cities of L.A. County.

New York City has 2 million fewer residents than L.A. County, but averages 3 times as many police officers per capita as the state of California.

Convicted felons and gang members with firearms commit the vast majority of gun crimes, including the killing of peace officers.

In 2003, the federal government estimated that California prisons held 32,000 illegal alien felons the majority of which are gang member. Without this burden on California's penal system the state prison incarceration rate (per 100,000) would fall below the national average.

California's meth production is no longer a mom and pop shop, but has been taken over by the California's street gangs and drug-trafficking gangs from Mexico who are now involved in major meth labs in California's rural and urban areas.

Increasingly, the alarming growth in I.D theft has been linked by police to meth users and gangs.

Offenders in some counties serve 10 percent or less of their sentences because California has opened only one new prison during the past 10 years and 32 counties, many with inadequate jails, are under federal court ordered or locally imposed population caps because of overcrowding.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS act: STOP Gang, Gun, and Street Crime



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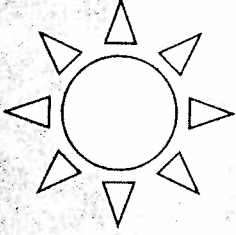
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SUMMARY

The Safe Neighborhoods Act is a comprehensive criminal penalty and public safety funding initiative that targets criminal street gangs, felons with guns, and drug dealers with focused penalties, and provides sustainable funding to our local police, sheriffs, and prosecutors. It also increases public accountability for gang intervention and prevention programs.

Public Accountability:

- Creates an early intervention accountability commission to evaluate early intervention and rehabilitation programs for gangs to emphasize what programs are effectively spending public funds, and what programs are wasting tax dollars.
- Taxpayers deserve this type of accountability.



Section 8 Housing Compliance:

- The Safe Neighborhoods Act ensures that anyone receiving public housing benefits (Section 8) who is caught buying or selling drugs, who is involved in gang activity, or illegally in possession of firearms will lose their public housing benefits. It requires an annual criminal background check as a condition of housing benefits.



Criminal Penalties for Illegal Guns:

- Strengthens the 10-20-Life law to penalize not only offenders who personally use firearms in the commission of certain felonies but their accomplices as well.
- Goes after cop-killers by adding 10 years to dangerous felons who carry loaded or concealed firearms in public.



Criminal Penalties on Gangs:

- 10-year penalty increase on violent gang members.
- Requires convicted gang members to register with local law enforcement.
- Streamlines civil gang injunction process and increases penalties for violations.
- Increases penalties for multiple acts of gang-related graffiti.

Dangerous Illegal Immigrants:

- Prohibits illegal immigrants, who are arrested for violent felonies or gang crimes, from being released on bail or on their own recognizance without a judicial hearing.



Intervention and Rehabilitation

- The measure provides funding for local law enforcement-run after school programs.
- Creates a mentoring and job training program to help parolees succeed upon release.



Victim Protection:

- Protects children from gang predators by increasing penalties for gang recruitment of juveniles.
- Authorizes admission of sworn statements by witnesses to gang crimes who die or are unavailable to testify at the time of prosecution because of flight or intimidation.
- Establishes statewide reimbursement program for information leading to arrest or conviction of criminal offenders.



Community Policing:

- The Safe Neighborhoods Act provides the programs and resources essential to community-based policing.
- Expands Neighborhoods Watch programs statewide.
- Informs and involves citizens in public safety through multi-media education.

Public Safety Funding:

- Provides funding for GPS tracking equipment for monitoring gang offenders, sex offenders, and violent offenders.
- Funding for county sheriffs for jails and gang enforcement.
- Enhanced city police enforcement targeting gangs and violent crime.
- Multi-agency gang taskforces and gang enforcement training for peace officers.
- Resources to county probation targeting high-risk probationers with weapons and caseload ratios.

