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L. A. Airport Peace Officers Support Steve Cooley for State Attorney General

Los Angeles, CA – The Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association announced today an endorsement for Steve Cooley’s candidacy for Attorney General in June 2010.

“District Attorney Cooley is a professional prosecutor—not a politician. As Los Angeles District Attorney, he has challenged the status quo, cracked down on government fraud, corruption and abuse of power. He is the only candidate for Attorney General with experience as a police officer and prosecutor who has personally put criminals behind bars. He has also led the national effort to bring escaped murderers back from Mexico who fled to escape justice,” said Marshall McClain, President of the L.A. Airport Peace Officers Association.

Steve Cooley co-authored Proposition 69, California’s all-felon DNA database law and he created the Criminal Justice Institute to showcase experts from the DA’s office who provide high quality training programs to justice system professionals. For the families of murder victims whose killers fled to Mexico, Cooley and his staff launched a massive campaign to pressure Mexican authorities to change a 2001 Mexican Supreme Court decision that barred the extradition of killers facing life sentences in the United States. In 2005, the Mexican Supreme Court overturned the previous decision and allowed criminals facing life terms to be extradited, including the killer of Sheriff’s Deputy David March. “As DA for the past 10 years Cooley has made the county safer without a doubt. His commitment to law enforcement has been unwavering,” added McClain.

The Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association represents more than 425 sworn police officers and firefighters of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department assigned to protect and serve Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY). Its Mission is to maintain a leadership role in organizing, empowering and representing the interests of all current and retired members.

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