



**July 09, 2026**

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

On behalf of the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Mr. Todd Blanche to serve as Attorney General of the United States.

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association proudly represents public safety professionals serving the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Riverside County Probation Department, Welfare Fraud Investigations Unit, and the Val Verde Unified School District Police Department. Our members work every day on the front lines of public safety, and we understand the importance of having principled, experienced, and law-enforcement-focused leadership at the United States Department of Justice.

Mr. Blanche's record reflects a clear and demonstrated commitment to public safety, the rule of law, and the men and women who protect our communities. His prior service as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, including his work in the Violent Crime Unit, gave him firsthand experience prosecuting serious criminal offenses and working alongside law enforcement to hold violent offenders accountable. That background is critically important. The Attorney General must understand not only the legal system, but also the operational realities faced by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers every day.

In his more recent service as Deputy Attorney General and Acting Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Blanche has continued to demonstrate the leadership necessary to strengthen public safety nationwide. He has shown a strong commitment to officer safety, officer wellness, and improved coordination between federal agencies and local law enforcement partners. At a time when law enforcement agencies across the country continue to face staffing shortages, rising operational demands, and increasingly complex public safety challenges, the Department of Justice must be led by someone who understands that effective public safety requires meaningful support, not unnecessary bureaucracy.

We are particularly encouraged by Mr. Blanche's focus on ensuring that critical Department of Justice programs remain aligned with the real needs of law enforcement agencies. Programs such

as the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program are essential tools for local agencies working to reduce crime, improve officer safety, invest in training, and strengthen community protection. These programs must remain practical, accessible, and responsive to the public safety challenges facing communities across the nation.

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association believes Mr. Blanche has the experience, judgment, and resolve necessary to lead the Department of Justice with integrity and purpose. His background as a federal prosecutor, his understanding of violent crime enforcement, and his demonstrated support for law enforcement make him exceptionally well qualified to serve as Attorney General of the United States.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to favorably report and advance Mr. Blanche's nomination for confirmation. We appreciate your consideration of our views and thank you for your continued commitment to public safety, the rule of law, and the men and women who serve and protect the American people.

Respectfully,

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Jose Santos, President  
Riverside Sheriffs' Association