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Western States Sheriffs' Association

Resolution 22-1

Border Security Committee Resolution

Submitted by Committee Chair Sheriff Mark J. Dannels

Unanimous Vote of Support by Committee Membership on 03/07/2022

No Confidence in Vice President Kamala Harris

Whereas, the Western States Sheriffs Association represents Sheriffs from 17 states. Our membership continues to work together to assist our nation's southern border Sheriffs in the ongoing crisis at the border. Over the past 12 months we have witnessed the continued breach of the border by illegal Immigrants who seek to find refuge in the United States. Many are hoping to reach our homeland in search of a life of freedom. Many will come here with a debt owed to the transnational criminal cartels of Mexico and South America. For some, reaching the United States marks the beginning of years of drug distribution, modern-day slavery, and sex trafficking in order to pay back the criminal cartels for the privilege of being smuggled into the United States And,

Whereas, this is not a new phenomenon. This has been occurring for decades. This is the reason our dedicated Officers and Agents from Customs and Border Patrol and our Nation's Sheriffs coming together to share a common mission to secure our borders and communities. A collective effort to deter the northward flow of illegal immigrants and drugs continues to be a priority for these enforcement professionals. Over the last year, the problem at our southern border continues to get worse with an increase in illicit smuggling and criminal violence challenging every community within our nation And,

Whereas, Today, we are witnessing a complete and total breakdown of policies compared to past years. Over a 379% increase of border encounters compared to the previous fiscal year. The getaway numbers are staggering resulting in dangerous criminals flowing into our communities leaving innocent Americans vulnerable. What is significantly concerning is the fact that these are individuals from over 160+ countries and some from countries of special interest with terrorist ties. The Vice President, Kamala Harris was appointed and sworn into her position under her Oath of Office to protect the Rule of Law and Americans. As our nation's Vice President, she is responsible for carrying out those public safety responsibilities delegated to the United States. Since her appointment, we have seen her policies enacted that are focused on her personal and political ideologies that only serve to dismantle the security of our country and the enforcement efforts of the hard-working federal officers assigned to an extremely difficult task And,

Whereas, America's Sheriffs have watched in disbelief as the southern border has turned into an invisible line in the sand. Border Patrol agents have been relegated to daycare supervisors at housing units and when they do attempt to act, they are scrutinized, placed on administrative leave and investigated for political gain. The tragedy of an invisible border is being realized across the United States. Massive amounts of drugs are moving across the interstate highways and small rural roads to a town near you. American citizens continue to die from overdoses in this country at an alarming rate each and every day. Current statistics show that more people have died in the United States from fentanyl overdoses than from COVID in the past 20 months. Fentanyl is coming across our southern border and into the interior of the United States at an alarming and unacceptable rate. Violent crime is increasing throughout the United States and examples of the atrocities carried out by illegal immigrants are beginning to surface in the media.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION,

After witnessing this disaster over the past year and listening to the continued rhetoric and intellectual dishonesty from Vice President Harris, The Western States Sheriffs' Association, and its membership must emphatically state our position of having **NO** confidence in the ability of Vice President Kamala Harris, and her leadership within the office of Vice President, to affect any positive outcome on this matter.

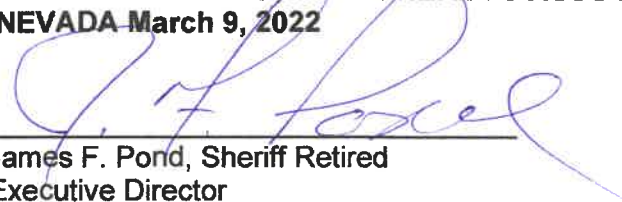
Furthermore, we call on President Joe Biden to take the appropriate steps to remove Vice President Kamala Harris from her leadership position and appoint a new leader who can recognize, respect, and enforce the rule of law for the safety and security of our nation along with the southern and northern borders. We demand, and America deserves, a leader who will work collectively with our nation's Sheriffs and the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to regain control of our nation's southern border.

Finally, A decision to make this change must come immediately. If there is a legitimate "matter of National Security" for this nation, at this time, this is certainly one. America's Western Sheriffs, and specifically our southwest border Sheriffs, stand united and ready to work with our federal administration to restore security and safety on our nation's southern border.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION AT THE 2022 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING, RENO NEVADA March 9, 2022



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