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L.A. Police, Sheriffs, Fire and Probation Associations Endorse Mark Ridley-Thomas for the LA County Board of Supervisors 2nd District Race

(Los Angeles) – Several dozen public safety professionals representing the interests of local police, county Sheriffs fire and probation employees held a press conference today to officially announce their endorsement of Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas in the June 3rd race to replace current Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite–Burke. Burke announced her retirement last year.

"Today we stand together not just as sheriffs, firefighters, police or probation officers, but as the men and women who have made it their life's work to keep the citizens of Los Angeles County safe," said Steve Remige, President of the Association for L.A. Deputy Sheriff's (ALADS). "That's why it's important to us that the next county supervisor be a sound leader who will give us the tools to keep the community safe. That leader is Mark Ridley-Thomas."

In endorsing Ridley-Thomas, public safety professionals have committed to combine their resources with the rest of the Los Angeles Labor Movement to help elect Mark Ridley-Thomas. The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO endorsed him last December.

"When firefighters, probation officers, sheriffs, homecare workers or any other worker says they are behind a candidate, we just don't mean it on paper. We mean we will hit the streets to turn-out out the vote." said Dave Gillotte, President of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1014. "Come June 3rd, the entire labor movement will work together to ensure that Mark Ridley-Thomas gets elected because this election isn't just about fighting for our fair share as workers, but about keeping our communities safe."

Mark Ridley Thomas currently serves as Senator in the California State Senate and served three terms in the California State Assembly. During his tenure on the Los Angeles City Council, Ridley-Thomas led efforts to enforce and improve curfew laws. He also chaired the council's Ad Hoc committee on Gangs and Juvenile Justice and secured funding for anti-gang programs. While in the State Senate he proposed increasing penalties for gang violence against other ethnicities and authored legislation to extend the statute of limitations for sex crimes against children.

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