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# District Attorney Calls for Formalization of Sex Offender Management Group

## *DA Joins Sheriff, Board of Supervisors in Support of New Ordinance*

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) today joined San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob and San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore in calling for a draft ordinance that would formally establish the [San Diego Sex Offender Management Council \(SOMC\)](#) in the County. The San Diego Board of Supervisors voted unanimously today to direct staff to draft such an ordinance.

“Through our collaborative efforts, San Diego County has become a model for sex offender management,” said DA Dumanis. “The District Attorney’s Office is proud to join Sheriff Gore and Supervisor Jacob in supporting the formalization of this critical public safety resource on sex offender management.”

“Our county is constantly finding new ways to better protect residents from convicted sex offenders, said Supervisor Jacob. “Formalizing the SOMC will keep us at that forefront. Whether it’s providing moms and dads with easier access to the Megan’s Law database or pushing for closer monitoring of offenders, our county is committed to saying vigilant.”

The SOMC was informally established about 10 years ago and has been voluntarily providing training, supervision standards and community education programs focused around sex offender issues. Formalization of the SOMC by ordinance will facilitate seeking grants to enable further outreach and partnering with key community and treatment partners.

Recently, Governor Jerry Brown removed Department of Justice personnel assigned to the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force. In supporting today’s board letter, the District Attorney noted that now, more than ever, there is a need for a collaborative local effort to address the ongoing issues related to sex offenders in the County.

One of the main objectives of the SOMC is continuing education and outreach into schools and communities regarding sex offender prevention, warning signs, issues and policies. More information about the Sex Offender Management Council can be found [here](#).

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