# SB2: HOLDING OFFICERS ACCOUNTABLE

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# **SB2:** The Kenneth Ross, Jr. Police Decertification Act of 2021

SB 2 establishes a statewide system to decertify or suspend officers who committed serious misconduct.

The public can report police officers to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

If you've had a negative or abusive interaction with a police officer, we encourage you to use the new law to report the situation.

What counts as serious misconduct under SB 2?

Dishonesty

Abuse of power

Physical abuse

Sexual assault

Demonstrating bias

Acts that violate the law

Participation in a law enforcement gang

Failure to cooperate with an investigation

Failure to intercede

# POST complaint process and areas for clarification

- 10-day requirement & penalties for compliance
- Complaints received by POST
- Inadequate agency investigations



#### **Peace Officer Decertification Workflow**

#### Allegations of Serious Misconduct

- Reported to POST by employing agency within 10 days
- Citizen complaint made to POST
- POST initiated case

**Agency Investigation** 

- Disciplinary investigation completed by agency
- Agency forwards completed investigation to POST for decertification investigation

**POST Investigation** 

- POST reviews agency investigation
- POST conducts further investigation, if necessary
- POST determines if serious misconduct occured

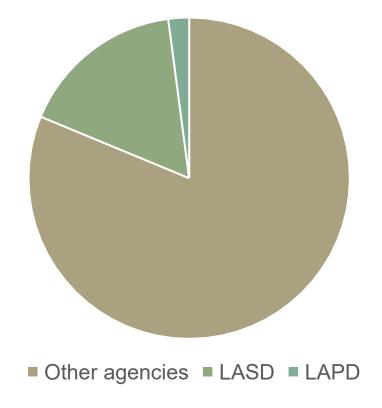
POST Recommendation

- If serious misconduct did not occur, POST notifies peace officer and closes case with no further action taken
- If serious misconduct did occur, POST makes recommendation to decertify peace officer

<sup>\*</sup>Chart appears on Peace Officer Decertification Workflow, https://post.ca.gov/portals/0/post\_docs/resources/sb2/Peace\_Officer\_Decertification\_Workflow.pdf

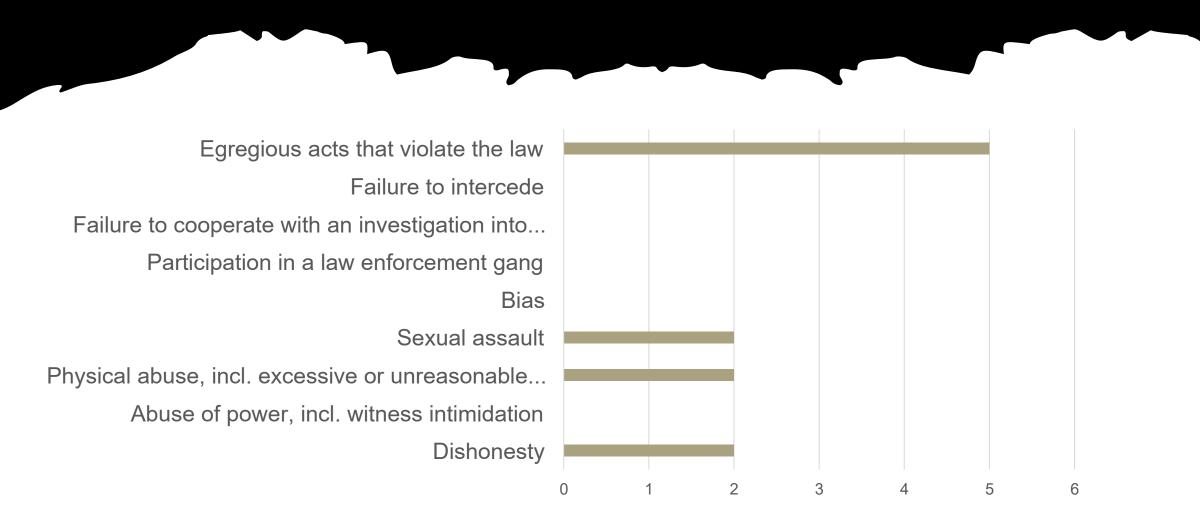
## LASD Officer Decertification Statistics

**LASD Officers on POST List\*** 



Basis	LASD Officers	Outcome
Ineligible pursuant to GC § 1029	5	Ineligible
Egregious or Repeated Acts that Violate the Law	5	Temporary Suspension
Physical Abuse/Excessive or Unreasonable Use of Force	2	Temporary Suspension
Dishonesty + PA/EoUUoF	1	Temporary Suspension
Dishonesty	1	Temporary Suspension
Sexual Assault + EoRAVL	1	Temporary Suspension
Sexual Assault	1	Temporary Suspension

### Categories for Decertification: What's Missing?



## Family harassment & deputy gangs

 Paul Rea's family: harassed by LASD for more than a year after Paul was killed

 Anthony Vargas: family harassed for at least 3 years after Anthony was killed by LASD

2000 Boys
3000 Boys
Banditos
Cavemen
Cowboys
Executioners
Grim Reapers
Jump Out Boys
Little Devils
Spartans, Regulators
Rattlesnakes,
Pirates
Vikings
Wayside Whities

#### **Resources / Take Action**

- ACLU fact sheet on SB2
   https://www.aclunc.org/campaign/police-decertification-california-how-it-works
- Online POST complaint form: <a href="https://post.ca.gov/public-complaint-form">https://post.ca.gov/public-complaint-form</a>.
- Paper copy of complaint form:
   https://post.ca.gov/Portals/0/post\_docs/forms/2-354.pdf.

#### POST Meeting in LA

- Thursday, Sept. 21
- Los Angeles at the Museum of Tolerance
- https://post.ca.gov/Upc oming-Commission-Meetings
- Attend & Provide Public Comment