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Community Impact Statement

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RE: State Senate Bill 310, Session Year: 2019-2020

To the City of Los Angeles, State of California, and stakeholders:

Contact your elected officials as SB 310 is a disservice to the citizens of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, and the State of California. Please voice opposition to SB 310 as declared so by the Arleta Neighborhood Council.

Background:

1. SB 310. This bill would delete the prohibition relative to persons who have been convicted of a felony from being qualified to be a trial juror, and instead, prohibit persons while they are incarcerated in any prison or jail. The bill expands the sources of data utilized by superior courts for trial jury selections to include state tax filers.

Findings and justifications:

1. SB 310 makes no distinction between violent and non-violent offenders, nor whether they are on parole or on probation, or if they have a life-long sexual predator status, yet those former inmates would still be eligible for serving on a civil or criminal jury.
2. SB 310 does not require that former convicts disclose their periods of incarceration or past convictions thus jeopardizing the integrity of the judicial process.
3. SB 310 does not guarantee that early release offenders will not commit another offense.

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