

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS

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Greetings from your Executive Director:

I have received several requests for “talking points” regarding I-940 as it goes, by itself, to the ballot this fall. Let me first explain our requirements and limitations on our communications, and then will also provide some information you can use if you wish:

First, as an association that receives public funds for our programs, we have restrictions on any involvement in a public campaign. The bottom line is that we cannot, and will not actively “campaign” for or against any initiative. We can, however, express the position of our Board and explain ramifications of policy changes. So, any communication from WASPC would be to express the direction of our Board and to discuss policy and potential problems or benefits of those proposed changes.

**At our recent Board meeting, the Board reaffirmed our respectful opposition to the language of I-940 as written. We also reaffirmed our strong support for HB 3003, the agreed-upon improved language, and our commitment to make sure that becomes law no matter what happens with the initiative.**

In your individual capacities as Chiefs and Sheriffs, you are, of course, free to take any position you chose within the parameters of your position. Also be aware that we have members of WASPC who have publicly expressed support for I-940. In any case, I hope we can all agree that our common goal, whether supporting or opposing I-940 as written, will be the improved language of HB 3003 and that it be enacted by the legislature.

Hope that makes sense - I have attached a “[talking points](#)” memo along with an explanation of our limitations on communication in a campaign, along with the reasons for our opposition to I-940 when it came up as a bill.

Thanks again for your patience and attention to this issue - we will continue our diligence on this important policy and I appreciate your help!

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