

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ) RESOLUTION NO.  
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF )  
FRESNO IN SUPPORT OF SB 230 AND )  
IN OPPOSITION TO AB 392 )**

**WHEREAS**, California's law enforcement is charged with a vital role in protecting our communities and keeping people safe; and

**WHEREAS**, we expect our law enforcement officers to engage with the public in a safe and respectful manner at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, peace officers rely on their training to guide interactions with the public and split-second decisions in often tense and life-threatening situations; and

**WHEREAS**, California's policies with regard to the use of force need to be updated; and

**WHEREAS**, California's use of force training policies need to be standardized across all 500 law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, there are evidence-based best practices based on sound research and community input that are proven methods to effectively reduce the use of force; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court has established case law and reaffirmed a reasonable and enforceable threshold for the use of force as well as strict and objective criteria upon which to judge use of force interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 230 would modernize and update California's use of force policies, and align the standards with the U.S. Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 230 would mandate that all California law enforcement agencies adopt comprehensive training requirements based on best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 230 would provide California's law enforcement communities with the tools and resources needed to minimize the use of force through rigorous training and education; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 230 would ensure California's peace officers will be able to continue to serve their communities and keep them safe; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 230 would establish the most comprehensive use of force policies and guidelines in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the state's best interest for all California law enforcement officers to undergo the best use of force training possible; and

1       **WHEREAS**, AB 392 would criminalize law enforcement actions in life-threatening situations by  
2       creating an unclear, arbitrary, subjective standard for use of force; and

3       **WHEREAS**, AB 392 is a dangerous and disingenuous approach—lacking in collaboration—that  
4       will only serve to leave communities unpoliced and less safe by creating a disastrous disincentive for  
5       law enforcement officers to engage; and

6       **WHEREAS**, AB 392 does not improve training standards nor does it incorporate best practices;  
7       and

8       **WHEREAS**, AB 392 would criminalize California's first responders for doing their jobs; and

9       **WHEREAS**, SB 230 goes further than any other policy anywhere in the country; and

10       **WHEREAS**, SB 230 sets a new national precedent in establishing use of force policy  
11       requirements for all departments, and mandates robust, standardized training for all California public  
12       safety officers on force scenarios, including de-escalation, intervention and medical-aid; and

13       **WHEREAS**, SB 230 would tangibly minimize the use of force and AB 392 would not.

14       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno  
15       hereby SUPPORTS SB 230 and OPPOSES AB 392.  
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1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of April, 2019,  
to wit:

3 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

4 NOES: None

5 ABSENT: None

6 ABSTAINED: None



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8 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Fresno

9 **ATTEST:**

10 Bernice E. Seidel  
11 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

12 By: Susan Bishop

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