



# The Short of It

## PPOACCC Quarterly Newsletter

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### Check This Out!

- Political Endorsements
- Committee Action
- Becoming Involved
- Message from the E-Board
- Upcoming Events
- Remembering Probation Officer John Canty

### Questions or Concerns?

#### Executive Board

**John Ebrahimi**-  
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**Cassandra Latula**-  
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**Laurie Griffith** and  
**Greg Quesada**-  
Juvenile Hall

### A Message From Your Executive Board

E-Board President, John Ebrahimi

It seems like time is flying. I have been working as the President of our Association for five months now, and have collaborated with the E-Board and members to make our organization stronger, through training, meeting with the Board of Supervisors, and by supporting local politicians. The Executive Board had a solid foundation prior to my arrival and I plan to continue to build upon it as my term progresses.

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and experience to

help organize committees, put together the PPOACCC Newsletter, and to motivate other members to become active in their Association. I also appreciate members taking the time to review the information sent out by the Executive Board. If you are not currently getting minutes and other important emails from the Association, please contact Rich Berkery.

I welcome any suggestions, comments or assistance any one is willing to offer. Please feel free to come by or contact me via email at [jjebrahimi@att.net](mailto:jjebrahimi@att.net).

### Did you know?

The PPOACCC is endorsing:

Karen Mitchoff for County Supervisor, District 4  
John Gioia County Supervisor, District 1  
Susan Bonilla State Assembly, District 11  
and Dan O'Malley for County District Attorney



### In case you missed it...

Deputy Probation Officer Kristie Schultz attended her first meeting on May 5, 2010, and has become involved in the Safety Committee. Kristie described the atmosphere of the meeting as "comfortable" and she "felt that people were able to ask questions in an open forum about displacements, personnel issues and generally anything else that they were con-

cerned about." She added that the Executive Board was "knowledgeable about what is going on in the department and are working in the best interest of the Probation Counselors and Probation Officers".

All in attendance of the Cinco de Mayo meeting enjoyed a Mexican feast prepared by Chavinda Mexican Food.

May 5, 2010, General

Membership Meeting Minutes are posted on the Association board at your work site.

### Don't miss the next General Membership Meeting!!

August 4, 2010, at 5:30pm  
at the DSA Hall in Martinez.

A delicious dinner will be again be provided...any suggestions?



***"I've learned  
that people  
will forget  
what you said,  
people will  
forget what  
you did, but  
people will  
never forget  
how you made  
them feel."  
-Maya Angelou***

## Now...

The Goodwill Committee was recently formed to organize events and activities for Association members to promote camaraderie, and member involvement. The Committee plans to continue the annual PPOACCC member's picnic this year and is discussing a crab feed, appreciation breakfasts at each site and other fun events for members and their families. Anyone interested in helping to organize events, promote goodwill, all while having a little fun, contact Cristina Hernandez. The next meeting will be in June 2010.

## ...And Later

The Association is getting a member recognition program up and running and Peers Recognizing Outstanding Probation Service (P.R.O.P.S.), is now accepting nominations!

If you would like to nominate a fellow PPOACCC member for recognition, submit the Association member's name, with a brief explanation of their outstanding probation work, to an E-Board member or drop it in the suggestion box. One member will be selected by the E-Board and recognized quarterly.

## Member Spotlight

Let's remember Deputy Probation Officer John Canty who recently passed. Services were held on March 27, 2010, in Oakland and were an inspiration for all who attended.

John was a Deputy Probation Officer with Contra Costa County for nearly eight years. Prior to his employment with this county, John worked in several different capacities serving the homeless population and working with delinquent youth. John volunteered his time with the Big Brothers Program and was involved in the church.

The PPOACCC donated \$1000, association members contributed \$1000 and SCOPO donated \$500 to John Canty's family. Members also presented a plaque and a live plant to the family.

Probation staff wrote personal messages to John, on a poster that remains displayed outside his office in Martinez.

John, you will be missed.

## Odds and Ends

**Keep your address confidential!**

The PPOACCC recommends that all Probation Peace Officers consider obtaining a DMV Request for Confidentiality of Home Address from the Department. Also, Confidential Election Information is also available to members. Check the association information board at your site for applications. If you reside outside of CCC, contact the Election's Department in your County of residence.

**Make sure the Association has your email address so you can stay informed on what's going on with negotiations, E-board meetings and upcoming Association activities and events.**

**If you would like to contribute to the PPOACCC Quarterly Newsletter, please contact Mindy Jarrett or an Association representative.**

