



## **New Crime Wave Task Force Needed “Citizens Need To Feel and Be Safe”**

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A coalition of law enforcement agencies and our citizens need to join in cooperation to stop our unacceptable crime wave. We should provide all necessary resources and use our modern-day technology to stop this daily assault on citizens. All of our families, Individuals, and specifically our children deserve to feel and be safe in their own cities and neighborhoods. I believe these assaults on citizens, just trying to live their lives, are not coincidental but organized, and it will take an organized coalition of law enforcement and concerned citizens working together to stop them.

As a Member of the Assembly, I led the effort to rescue our children from Human Traffickers while passing many laws in that regard. My coalition of support at that time, was community-based organizations, law enforcement departments, Oakland’s Human Trafficking Unit, the State Attorney General’s office, and District Attorney offices in our State. Our laws promoted wrap-around services for the victims of Human Trafficking our children, and give Law enforcement and the District Attorney offices in our State the tools necessary to arrest, prosecute and convict those that are guilty of victimizing our children. We passed many laws that are available for you to read on my website, [www.sandreswanson.net](http://www.sandreswanson.net).

Our communities in Northern California are the hub for Human Trafficking, the epicenter of this insidious criminal activity. Human Trafficking is not only victimizing our children, it is also funding an underground economy of crime, that must be stopped. Citizens should not fear going shopping; driving home from work and being hijacked; Asian American seniors and other seniors must not be victims of random assaults; our children victimized by indiscriminate gunfire; parents afraid to let their children play in their front yards or at the park; our businesses afraid to open their doors and having to change to early operating hours only; and our children today are increasingly becoming victims of kidnapping. This all must stop. It is time for all of us to help and build a cooperative working relationship between law enforcement and our citizens with a safe community environment being our goal.

These organized assaults on our community deserve an organized, comprehensive, and well-funded response. I support and call for a comprehensive “Crime Task Force” that would include

Homeland Security (DHS), FBI, our local Police Departments, County Sheriff's Offices, State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the State Attorney General's office, District Attorney's Offices, the Governor's office, and community-based citizen advisers to end our current crime wave.

Note: Former Assemblymember Sandré R Swanson, who has lived in this community all of his life, represented the cities of Oakland, Alameda, and Piedmont in the State Assembly; he is the former Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Barbara Lee; former District Director for Congressman Ronald V. Dellums and a current candidate for the California State Senate.

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