



September 7, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Signature – SB 1421 (Skinner)**

Dear Governor Brown,

The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) is pleased to support Senate Bill 1421.

SB 1421 would require disclosure of records relating to investigations of serious police misconduct, including officer-involved shootings and instances where police officers have lied under oath. Unfortunately California is the most secretive state when it comes to information about police use of force and serious and confirmed misconduct by police. The public has a right to know about cases in which officers have been found guilty of committing sexual assault or deceit during the investigation, reporting, or prosecution of crimes. Law enforcement has abused its power for far too long. Over the decades we have witnessed a combination of bad law, unanticipated court rulings and political submission to police unions.

We at Hollywood NOW are not only human rights advocates but also we are also taxpayers and know next to nothing about most of the hundreds of cases of 2017 in which California law enforcement officers on our payroll killed people without an explanation. This bill should advance the state's use-of-force standards. No other class of public employees is shielded from oversight and this bill is a huge step forward in making sure the public know what happens when police use – and abuse – their powers.

For these reasons, we support SB 1421 and urge you to support this bill.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (323) 596-7389.

Sincerely,

John Erickson  
President,  
Hollywood NOW