public safety

Senate Bill 443 jeopardizes $2,197,212 in funding for law enforcement agencies that operate in Assembly District 19.

By changing the way that asset forfeiture proceeds are distributed, Senate Bill 443 will put all California law enforcement agencies out of compliance with federal asset forfeiture guidelines. The US Department of Justice and the US Department of the Treasury have advised California law enforcement agencies that if SB 443 becomes law, all California agencies will be decertified from participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program.

In FY 2014[1], law enforcement agencies in Assembly District 19 received the following federal funding for their shared participation in task forces and joint investigation with federal law enforcement partners:

Agency Name[2]	Agency Type	Total	Member
Daly City Police Department	Local	$75,005	Ting
San Francisco Police Department	Local	$1,565,637	Ting
San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force	Task Force	$556,570	Ting
		$2,197,212	

These law enforcement agencies, and others throughout the state, utilize asset forfeiture as a tool to combat large drug trafficking organizations through proven federal, state, and local task force efforts. The combined resources and efforts of these partnerships provide a public safety benefit to the people of California. SB 443 will devastate those successful efforts by triggering an immediate and tangible response from our federal partners.

Vote NO on Senate Bill 443.

[1] http://www.justice.gov/afp/reports-congress/fy2014-california

[2] Law enforcement agencies and task forces that operate in all or part of this Assembly district, which also received funding through the Federal Equitable Sharing Program in 2014.