



Joseph Tessari  
Mayor

April 18, 2017

Clint Lorimore  
Mayor Pro Tem

Brandon Plott  
Council Member

Todd Rigby  
Council Member

Adam Rush  
Council Member

Michele Nissen  
City Manager

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety  
State Capitol, Room 2031  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 75 (Bates) – Violent Felonies – Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the City of Eastvale, I am pleased to announce our support of Senate Bill 75 (Bates).

This measure will clarify that a host of offenses, including solicitation of murder, child abuse, domestic violence, rape, sodomy, vehicular manslaughter, human trafficking, assault, battery, discharging a firearm at an occupied dwelling or vehicle, and arson, are to be classified under the Penal Code as violent felonies.

The current scope of the statute defining violent felonies is disturbingly finite. Crimes of the nature listed above are all either directly violent, intended to bring about a violent result, or at a minimum, carry a significant risk of grievous bodily injury. The California Penal Code should reflect a realistic assessment of what offenses are and are not violent. It is therefore entirely appropriate that the Legislature consider these facts in any discussion relating to codifying “violent offenses.”

The City of Eastvale applauds the leadership of Senator Bates in bringing this measure forward.

Sincerely,

Joseph Tessari  
Mayor  
City of Eastvale