

SB 517 TALKING POINTS

1. Identify self as a Code Enforcement Officer
2. Talk about the dangers facing Code Enforcement Officers
3. Some Code Enforcement Officers, but not all, have their home address information sealed from public access.
 - a. Code Enforcement Officers who are associated with a public safety department are protected.
 - b. Code Enforcement Officers who do parking control for a city or who do vehicle abatement are protected
4. Other Code Enforcement Officers are not, with no rational basis for distinguishing those who are not protected from those who are.
 - a. Code Enforcement Officers doing slumlord enforcement are not protected
 - b. Code Enforcement Officers doing public nuisance enforcement are not
 - c. Code Enforcement Officers doing business enforcement are not.
5. SB 517 will protect all Code Enforcement Officers.
 - a. The Senate Committee on Public Safety unanimously approved this bill.
 - b. The bill has language in it that protects against any increase in costs if SB 517 should be enacted. The bill provides that all who would be protected after January 1, 2020 (which is everyone impacted by the bill) would have to pay an application fee to cover the costs of processing their inclusion into the protections of the bill.
6. Despite this provision, the staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations has put this bill on their Suspense File, for no sustainable reason. Bills are placed on the Suspense File are bills that incur costs above a certain threshold, but this bill does not.
7. I am asking that Senator _____ vote to remove this bill from the Suspense File and allow all Senators to consider it on the floor. There is no defensible reason for this bill to be on the Committee's Suspense File.

