

# CRA LOCAL RETAIL CRIME ADVOCACY



CRA is active at the local level, across the state, fostering connections between retailers, local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol Organized Retail Crime Task Forces (CHP ORCTF). The CHP currently has task forces in three field divisions: Golden Gate Division encompassing the greater Bay Area, Southern Division encompassing the greater Los Angeles region and Border Division encompassing Orange and San Diego counties. With CRA's advocacy in collaboration with the Newsom Administration, the State Budget now includes resources for the CHP to set up two additional task forces covering the Central Valley and Northern California.



## CITY OF FRESNO

CRA worked with Fresno Councilmember Mike Karbassi to organize a retail theft summit, bringing together CRA members, other local retailers, the Fresno County District Attorney, City of Fresno Chief of Police and the CHP. This summit was the first step to formally connect CRA members with local law enforcement in the region as the CHP ORCTF expands into the Central Valley. Similar meetings are being planned in the future to continue the momentum.



## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

CRA regularly attends SF Bay Area Organized Retail Crime Association (ORCA) meetings held throughout the Bay Area. With the Bay Area being a national "hot spot" for retail theft, these well-organized meetings serve as a vital conduit for connecting key players and information sharing to solve current and future ORC cases spanning various jurisdictions across the state. CRA is able share our work at the state level and discuss changes in state law that can help their efforts. CRA is closely involved with retail theft legislation at the local level in San Francisco working with the City of San Francisco Mayor's Office, San Francisco County Supervisor Ahsha Safai and the San Francisco Police Department. Various ORC-related ordinances have been passed as a result, including expansion of off-duty sheriffs at retail locations, a permitting process for street vendors to stem the sale of stolen items and assistance with video surveillance.



## LOS ANGELES

CRA attended the first quarterly meeting organized by the CHP ORCTF Southern Division in Los Angeles. Discussion covered organized retail crime cases, crime trends and ways both law enforcement and retailers can assist each other. The all-day event was a great first step to organize efforts in the Greater LA area.