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ORANGE, Calif., Jan. 29, 2007 – Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona will face off against Garden Grove Chief of Police Joseph Polisar in the second of a series of three debates focusing on “Immigration Reform: Hard Choices Facing America” at the Chapman University School of Law, Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. The event takes place in Kennedy Hall on the Chapman campus. The topic of the evening’s debate will be “Should Local Police Enforce Federal Law?”

The event is open to the public; general admission at the door is \$20 (or free with Chapman student, faculty or staff I.D.). The debate series is presented by the Chapman School of Law and the Anti-Defamation League of Orange County. For more information, the public can call (714) 979-4733.

For this segment of the three-part series, Orange County’s sheriff will debate one of the county’s leading police chiefs on the issue of local enforcement of federal law. Does local enforcement of federal immigration law affect relationships with immigrant communities? Some police chiefs believe this goes beyond the limits of local policing, while others believe it is an important tool to fight crime. This event marks the first time these two top law enforcement officials have met to debate this crucial topic in public.

The three-part “Immigration Reform” debate series presented by the Chapman School of Law and the ADL began with a debate on December 14, 2006 between the Hon. Richard Lamm, former governor of Colorado, and the Hon. Jeffrey Davidow, former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, on the topic “Can America Find an Effective and Fair Immigration Policy?” That first debate was sold out and resulted in extensive media coverage.

The third debate of the Immigration Reform series – “Solutions: Where Do We Go From Here?” – will be presented at the Chapman School of Law on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m., and will feature Dr. Wayne Cornelius, Gildred Professor of Political Science and U.S.-Mexican Relations and director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UC San Diego; Dr. Frank Bean, Chancellor’s Professor in the School of Social Sciences and director of the Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy at UCI; and David Hirson, Esq., of Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, past chair of the State Bar of California, International Law Section and the State Bar’s Immigration Law subcommittee.

Each debate has been approved by the State Bar of California for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit in the amount of 2 hours per debate.