



## International Union of Police Associations

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### **Press Release: Keep Public Safety in Mind as You Vote**

Sam A. Cabral, President of the International Union of Police Associations asks voters to consider public safety as they vote. He stated, “Public safety should be foremost in voter’s minds as they cast their ballots in this year’s elections.”

Cabral continued, “Retail establishments are being looted openly and brazenly, over and over again. Many are closing their doors, depriving inner cities of their services. Some District and City Attorneys are picking and choosing which laws to enforce, completely ignoring legally enacted statutes with which they disagree.”

President Cabral stated, “Police are being demeaned and villainized by feckless politicians catering to loud and marginalized fringe groups. They are being ambushed and shot, defunded and demoralized and are leaving the profession in droves, leaving our communities without the protections they need and merit. Emergency call responses are delayed, resulting in further harm to these communities.”

Cabral continued, “This has to change and it can. Elections have consequences and our votes can reverse this dangerous trend. We must keep public safety in mind, not just in our votes for national and state offices, but down ballot choices – mayors, city council members, school board members, and judges. **Vote for public safety and those who support it.** The future of our nation, states, and communities is at stake. It is too important to ignore.”

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*NOTE:*

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** is the only chartered labor union that exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The I.U.P.A. represents active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel nationwide – including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The I.U.P.A.’s mission is to protect and advance officers’ wages, benefits, and work conditions. Membership includes officers from agencies throughout the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. More information is available at [www.iupa.org](http://www.iupa.org).*