

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1929

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 36, THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT

WHEREAS, while Proposition 47 achieved notable success in making California's criminal justice system more equitable, Proposition 47 has also led to unintended consequences over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 has contributed to increases in repeat and often organized retail theft, the shuttering of local businesses, and difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 23-0017A1, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act (Proposition 36), has submitted more than 910,000 signatures to qualify for the 2024 November General Election; and

WHEREAS, these unintended consequences can only be corrected by the voters at the ballot box with modest amendments to Proposition 47; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act is a bi-partisan measure that provides common sense, targeted reforms to Proposition 47 that, with the recently adopted legislative Retail Theft Package, provide more tools to increase safety in our communities; and

WHEREAS, spikes in retail theft, violent smash-and-grab robberies, fentanyl deaths and illicit drug use, as well as strained social services, are creating challenges beyond the capacity of local governments; and

WHEREAS, the fentanyl crisis has reached alarming levels and is now responsible for 20 percent of youth deaths in California; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act will define fentanyl as a hard drug, hold individuals convicted of trafficking fentanyl accountable, and grant judges greater discretion in sentencing drug traffickers; and

WHEREAS, breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes of retail theft; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act provides critical mental and behavioral health services, drug treatment, and job training within our justice system for people who are homeless and suffering from mental illness or struggling with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, it's time for meaningful and tailored reforms to our justice system to ensure the safety of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Calabasas formally expresses support for Proposition 36, The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act and the benefit it provides for our community's safety.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October 2024.

Alicia Weintraub, Mayor

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