



**CITY of CALABASAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**FROM: ANNIE KRDILYAN, MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST**

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1929, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 36, THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT**

**MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2024**

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 2024-1929, supporting Proposition 36, The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.

**BACKGROUND:**

Proposition 36, formally known as Initiative 23-0017A1, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, will be voted on by California voters later this year. The California District Attorneys Association, along with a coalition that includes crime victims, business owners, and public safety leaders, collected over 900,000 signatures for the measure from March through May of this year. On June 11, 2024, the California Secretary of the State announced that Initiative 23-0017A1, had sufficient signatures to qualify for the November 2024 General Election ballot. This initiative was introduced in response to the growing concerns about homelessness, drug addiction, and related crimes such as theft in California communities. The proposition seeks to address these issues through a combination of enhanced penalties for repeat offenders, expanded treatment options, and increased support for law enforcement efforts.

This measure will amend Proposition 47, approved by voters in 2014. Ten years ago, Proposition 47 reclassified all drug possessions (including cocaine, heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamine) along with all theft offenses where the value was under \$950, as misdemeanors. It also created the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund to support rehabilitation programs and fund drug and mental health treatment.

### **Key Provisions of Proposition 36:**

- **Harsher Penalties for Repeat Offenders:**

Proposition 36 proposes stricter sentencing for individuals convicted of multiple theft-related offenses, particularly those with a history of drug addiction. The measure would impose mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders, aimed at deterring theft and related crimes.

- **Increased Funding for Treatment Programs:**

Recognizing the role of addiction in fueling crime, the proposition allocates additional state funds for the expansion of drug treatment programs. This includes both in-patient and out-patient facilities, as well as programs tailored to individuals at risk of homelessness.

- **Homelessness Prevention and Support:**

The initiative includes provisions for expanding housing assistance and mental health services for individuals struggling with addiction and at risk of homelessness. The goal is to provide a safety net that can prevent these individuals from engaging in criminal activities as a means of survival.

Support for Law Enforcement:

Proposition 36 allocates additional resources to law enforcement agencies to improve their ability to address crimes related to drug addiction and homelessness. This includes funding for specialized units focused on these issues, as well as training programs for officers.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Proposition 36 (2024) represents a multifaceted approach to the pressing issues of homelessness, drug addiction, and theft in California. The City of Calabasas supports this initiative because it balances the need for enhanced public safety with measures aimed at rehabilitation and prevention. By voting in favor of Proposition 36, the City affirms its commitment to addressing these complex

challenges in a way that benefits both individuals in need and the broader community.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Resolution No. 2024-1929 (Attachment A), if approved and adopted, would convey the City's support of Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Resolution No. 2024-1929