

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-73

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 36, THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT

WHEREAS: While Prop 47 achieved notable success in making California's criminal justice system more equitable, Prop 47 has also led to unintended consequences over the past decade.

WHEREAS: Prop 47 has contributed to increases in repeat and often organized retail theft as well as difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health treatment.

WHEREAS: These unintended consequences can only be corrected by the voters at the ballot box with modest amendments to Prop 47.

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

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.

WHEREAS: Cities are partnering with the state to advance solutions that help reduce crime and provide more support to residents struggling with substance abuse, while avoiding a return to the days of mass incarceration.

WHEREAS: Prop 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.

WHEREAS: Breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes of retail theft.

WHEREAS: Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act allows critical 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.

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 by the City of Grass Valley, that the City Council formally expresses support for Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act and the benefit that it provides for our community's safety.

ADOPTED as a resolution of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of October 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney

Taylor Whittingslow, Deputy City Clerk