



Cal Cities Action Alert

Support \$400 Million Funding Request for Proposition 36 Implementation

Action requested: [Submit a letter](#) and call your legislator urging support of a \$400 million budget request to fully fund Proposition 36.

Why is this budget request important for cities:

- California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, in 2024. This measure created a new Treatment-Mandated Felony to address the surge in retail theft and shoplifting.
- Last year, the Legislature provided approximately \$100 million to begin Prop. 36 implementation, but no funding was provided for probation — a key factor to ensuring offenders are held accountable and receive treatment.
- This \$400 million budget request addresses the investments needed to expand service capacity, secure in-custody treatment, and allow for individualized planning and monitoring for those in our communities.

Additional background: Cal Cities is [urging](#) lawmakers to approve a \$400 million request from [Asm. Stephanie Nguyen and Sen. Catherine Blakespear](#) for probation, accountability, and assessment. Cal Cities also testified in support of the funding during an Assembly Budget subcommittee in mid-March.

Links and attachments: [Cal Cities support letter for the \\$400 million request](#) and a [sample city letter](#).

Where to send letters: Please send your letter to the staffer for [Senate Budget Subcommittee #5 members](#) (see below), your legislator, cityletters@calcities.org, and Lvarela@calcities.org

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