



**CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT**  
**MEETING DATE: October 15, 2024**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Pete Carr, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act of 2024  
(Proposition 36)

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Staff encourages adoption of a resolution which will indicate the Orland City Council's formal support for Prop 36 -- the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act of 2024.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

California faces ongoing issues with crime and the trafficking of dangerous drugs like fentanyl, partly due to a lack of stringent consequences for offenders. Proposition 47, passed in 2014, aimed to reform the justice system by reducing penalties for theft and drug possession. However, it led to unintended consequences, including a rise in repeat retail theft and challenges in getting individuals to seek drug and mental health treatment. To address these concerns, Proposition 36 proposes measures to increase accountability for repeat offenders and enhance public safety.

Proposition 36 offers a balanced approach to dealing with both organized retail theft and fentanyl trafficking.

- It seeks to impose tougher penalties for serial retail theft and smash-and-grab crimes, while also introducing stricter measures against fentanyl traffickers, especially those whose actions result in serious injury or death.
- Prop 36 aims to support individuals struggling with addiction by restoring incentives for drug court participation, allowing treatment in lieu of jail time for repeat drug possession offenders, and offering the possibility of record expungement upon successful treatment completion.

The measure has garnered support from a broad coalition of political groups, small businesses, law enforcement, and advocates for crime victims and drug recovery. The California Police Chiefs Association and Chief Vlach encourage support for Prop 36.

Attachments: Proposed Resolution in Support of Prop 36, Yes on 36 Fact Sheet

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt proposed resolution to support the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act of 2024 (Proposition 36), authorize Mayor Dobbs to sign it.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:** None.