

YES **ON** 36

Californians for Safer Communities

Smash-and-Grab Thefts. Skyrocketing Drug Addiction. More Dangerous Communities.

Whether it's rampant retail theft causing neighborhood store closures and higher prices for working families, or the growing epidemic of fentanyl overdoses, Californians can't afford half-measures when it comes to addressing these pressing issues.

Passed in 2014, Prop 47 achieved notable success in making California's criminal justice system more equitable. However, it led to unintended consequences over the past decade — repeat and often organized retail theft, inner-city store closings, and difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health treatment — that can only be corrected by the voters at the ballot box with modest amendments to Prop 47.

It's time for meaningful reforms to our justice system, including to Prop 47, that ensure our communities are safe.

Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act

This bi-partisan measure provides commonsense, targeted reforms to Prop 47 that legislative proposals alone are unable to deliver.

Addresses Organized and Serial Retail Theft

Rampant retail theft is harming businesses and residents in California because those who commit these crimes know they'll get away with it, even if they're caught. Prop 36 will hold repeat offenders accountable for the safety of our communities, rather than putting them back on the streets.

- Classifies repeated theft as a felony for individuals who steal less than \$950 if they have two or more prior theft-related convictions
- Allows stolen property values from multiple thefts to be combined so repeat offenders can be charged with a felony if the total exceeds \$950, countering tactics by career criminals to avoid harsher penalties
- Authorizes judges to impose an enhanced penalty when an offender steals, damages, or destroys property by participating in organized theft with two or more offenders or by causing losses of \$50,000 or more

Confronts the Fentanyl Crisis in Our Communities

The fentanyl crisis has reached alarming levels, and is now responsible for 20 percent of youth deaths in California. Prop 36 will define fentanyl as a hard drug, hold individuals convicted of trafficking fentanyl accountable, and grant judges greater discretion in sentencing drug traffickers.

- Adds fentanyl to the list of hard drugs — such as heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine — that are illegal to possess with a firearm and authorizes greater consequences for selling deadly quantities
- Enables stricter penalties for dealers whose trafficking causes death or serious injury, and warns traffickers of potential murder charges if continued drug trafficking results in fatalities

**We All Agree:
YES on Prop 36**



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Prioritizes Mental Health and Drug Treatment

Breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes of retail theft. Prop 36 provides critical mental health, drug treatment services, and job training within our justice system for people who are homeless and suffering from mental illness or struggling with substance abuse.

- Enacts a new class of crime called a “treatment-mandated felony” where offenders with multiple hard drug possession convictions would be given the option of participating in drug and mental health treatment in lieu of incarceration
- Allows offenders who successfully complete drug and mental health treatment to avoid jail time and have the charge fully expunged

“The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act will make targeted but **impactful changes** to our laws around fentanyl and help us tackle the chronic retail theft that hurts our retailers, our workers, and our cities. I fully support the initiative and know it will make a meaningful difference for cities across California.”

~ Mayor London Breed, San Francisco

“Small businesses are some of the biggest victims of rampant retail theft driving community businesses out of neighborhoods across California. **We need commonsense reforms** to ensure repeat criminals are held accountable and small businesses do not continue to pay the price for inaction.”

**~ Julian Canete, President and CEO
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce**

“Retail theft disproportionately affects communities of color, exacerbating economic disparities and hindering progress. **Prop 36** is about restoring commonsense accountability measures that will make our streets safer and **stop the rampant retail theft** that has plagued too many neighborhoods across California.”

**~ Joe Coto, President
United Latinos Action**

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