

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 24-297

ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 36,))
THE DRUG AND THEFT CRIME PENALTIES AND)
TREATMENT- MANDATED FELONIES INITIATIVE)

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; and

WHEREAS, passed in 2014, Prop 47 reclassified some of the lowest-level, nonviolent crimes as misdemeanors and reduced the amount of time individuals convicted of such crimes would spend in jail, resulting in repeat and often organized retail theft, inner-city store closings, and difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and community leaders gathered 900,000 signatures to qualify the then-titled Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act for the November 2024 General Election. The initiative was qualified as Proposition 36 and retitled the Drug and Theft Crime Penalties and Treatment-Mandated Felonies Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36 is a bi-partisan measure focused on improving safety in every community and neighborhood throughout California by amending Prop 47; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36 seeks to hold individuals that are repeat offenders of retail theft accountable by creating harsher penalties rather than putting them back on the streets, as well as define fentanyl as a hard drug, hold individuals convicted of trafficking fentanyl accountable, and grant judges greater discretion in sentencing drug traffickers, while providing critical mental health and drug treatment services and job training within our justice system for those that are homeless and suffer from mental illness or struggle with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors unanimously resolved to support the initiative on May 21, 2024, and continued support of the qualified Proposition 36 is important to inform and educate Fresno County voters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby reaffirms the need for Proposition 36 to reform our justice system and ensure the safety of our communities, and encourages registered voters in Fresno County to vote YES this November.


THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 20th day of August 2024, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None


Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 
Deputy