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March 16, 2023

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly, District 66
1021 O Street, Room 5610
Sacramento, CA 94249

Cameron Smyth
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi:

SUBJECT: AB 23 (Muratsuchi): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 23, relating to Proposition 47 (2014) and shoplifting. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 14, 2023.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

As public safety is not bound within local or regional boundaries, it is imperative that statewide measures aimed to reform criminal justice are not done at the cost of deteriorating public wellbeing and safety. With the passage of Proposition 47 (2014) and the preemption of local prosecutorial authority, many communities throughout California, including the City of Santa Clarita, experienced an increase in Part I crimes and equally alarming, an increase in repeat offenders.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

As recent data shows, repeat offenders, of which many are serial shoplifters or affiliated with organized shoplifting rings, were over a third of all arrests made by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station in 2022. This legislation establishes appropriate consequences that will support local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to mitigate and deter repeat or organized shoplifting.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 23. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our



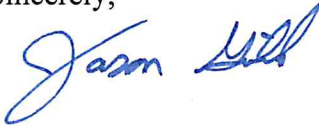
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position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

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Jason Gibbs
Mayor

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