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February 11, 2022

Laurene Weste
Mayor

The Honorable Kevin Kiley
California State Assembly, District 6
1021 O Street, Room 4530
Sacramento, CA 95814

Jason Gibbs
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Kiley:

SUBJECT: AB 1599 (KILEY): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 1599, relating to the repeal of Proposition 47 (2014). The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on February 8, 2022.

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 in November 2014 and the preemption of local prosecutorial authority, many communities throughout the State, including the City of Santa Clarita, experienced an increase in Part I crimes and equally alarming an increase in repeat offenders.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

Furthermore, as Proposition 47 (2014) reduced many wobbler crimes to misdemeanors, many individuals who require rehabilitation and treatment in order to reenter their communities as productive members of society do not receive those needed services and instead, forgo any opportunity to better themselves and as a result, continue to commit crimes. Proposition 47 (2014) exclusively focused on reducing the State's incarceration population with no regard to the potential impacts the measure would have on victims of crime and general public wellbeing.

As recent data shows, repeat offenders were over a third of all arrests made by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station in 2021. To provide even greater detail on the severity of repeat offenders, two individuals have been arrested more than twenty times and over thirty-five individuals have been arrested ten or more times since March 2020.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1599. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Laurene Weste
Mayor

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