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February 11, 2022

Laurene Weste
Mayor

The Honorable Rudy Salas
California State Assembly, District 32
1021 O Street, Room 4610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Jason Gibbs
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Salas:

SUBJECT: AB 1603 (SALAS): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 1603, relating to 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 (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

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 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.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1603. 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.



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Sincerely,



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