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March 28, 2022

Laurene Weste  
Mayor

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate, District 36  
1021 O Street, Room 7130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Jason Gibbs  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Bates:

SUBJECT: SB 1108 (BATES): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Senate Bill 1108, relating to Proposition 47 (2014) and repeat offenders. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 22, 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

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 by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station.

It is critical that law enforcement and emergency resources are available to adequately and promptly respond to calls for service, especially as many law enforcement agencies are experiencing staffing shortages across the State. This makes it even more dire to pass AB 1597 and mitigate some of the unintended consequences created by Proposition 47 (2014).

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 1108. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position

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on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst  
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Sincerely,



Laurene Weste  
Mayor

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