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March 4, 2024

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

The Honorable Jacqui Irwin  
California State Assembly, District 42  
1021 O Street, Suite 6220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill Miranda  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Irwin:

SUBJECT: AB 1779 (IRWIN): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 1779, related to expanding the jurisdictional authority of local prosecutors. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on February 27, 2024.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

As public safety transcends local and regional boundaries, it is crucial that statewide initiatives aimed to reform the criminal justice system prioritize public wellbeing and safety. Following the enactment of Proposition 47 (2014) and the centralization of prosecutorial authority, communities throughout California, including the City of Santa Clarita, experienced an increase in Part I crimes and equally alarming, an increase in organized retail theft spanning across county lines.

Laurene Weste  
Councilmember

This legislation is critical in empowering local prosecutors with the ability to fully prosecute criminal networks that are often operating in multiple counties.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1779. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our



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position on this bill, please contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Masis Hagobian, at (661) 286-4057 or [mhagobian@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

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