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March 4, 2024

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer  
California State Assembly, District 57  
1021 O Street, Suite 6320  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill Miranda  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

SUBJECT: AB 1802 (JONES-SAWYER): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 1802, relating to extending the sunset date for special sentences for organized retail theft and the California Highway Patrol Organized Retail Crime Task Force (Task Force). The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on February 27, 2024.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

As public safety is not bound within local or regional boundaries, it is imperative that statewide measures aimed to reform criminal justice prioritize 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 organized retail theft.

Laurene Weste  
Councilmember

The Task Force has proven to be an effective tool in combatting criminal networks, conducting 1,850 retail crime investigations, arresting over 1,250 individuals, and recovering \$30.7 million in stolen merchandise. Assembly Bill 1802 is a critical piece of legislation that continues to support law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat and deter organized retail theft.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1802. 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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