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March 4, 2024

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The Honorable Roger Niello
California State Senate, District 6
1021 O Street, Suite 7110
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Niello:

SUBJECT: SB 928 (NIELLO): SUPPORT

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 928, relating to extending special sentences for organized retail theft indefinitely. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on February 27, 2024.

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.

Senate Bill 928 is a critical piece of legislation to support law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat and deter criminal networks and organized retail theft.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 928. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position



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

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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