

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 36, THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, California voters passed Proposition 47; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 generally (a) changed certain theft and drug possession offenses from felonies to misdemeanors (except for persons with certain prior convictions), (b) authorized defendants currently serving sentences for felony offenses that would have qualified as misdemeanors under the proposition to petition courts for resentencing under the new misdemeanor provisions, and (c) authorized defendants who had completed their sentences for felony convictions that would have qualified as misdemeanors under the proposition to apply to reclassify those convictions to misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, while Proposition 47 achieved notable success in making California's criminal justice system more equitable, Proposition 47 has also led to unintended consequences over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, many believe that the unintended consequences of Proposition 47 include repeat and often organized retail theft, inner-city store closings, and difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, these unintended consequences can only be corrected by the voters at the ballot box with modest amendments to Proposition 47; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act," is a bipartisan measure that provides common sense, targeted reforms to Proposition 47 that legislative proposals alone are unable to deliver; and

WHEREAS, rampant retail theft harms businesses and California residents because those who commit these crimes know they will get away with it, even if caught; and

WHEREAS, this measure will hold repeat offenders accountable for the safety of our communities rather than putting them back on the streets; and

WHEREAS, the fentanyl crisis has reached alarming levels and is now responsible for 20 percent of youth deaths in California; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, will define fentanyl as a hard drug, hold individuals convicted of

trafficking fentanyl accountable, and grant judges greater discretion in sentencing drug traffickers; and

WHEREAS, breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes of retail theft; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36, the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act," provides critical mental health, drug treatment services, and job training within our justice system for people who are homeless and suffering from mental illness or struggling with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is time for meaningful reforms to our justice system that ensure our communities are safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby resolve to support Proposition 36, the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act," and the benefits that it provides for our community's safety.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brentwood at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of September 2024 by the following vote: