

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.9
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Tuesday, May 12, 2020

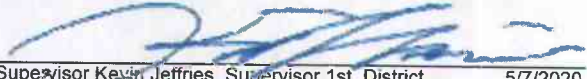
FROM : SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND District Attorney :

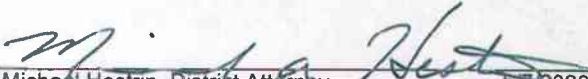
SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE HESTRIN:
Potential Endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of
2020" (Continued from May 5, 2020)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. Endorse the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020"

ACTION:Policy

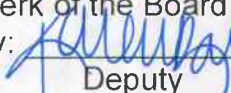

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District 5/7/2020


Michael Hestrin, District Attorney 5/7/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried, IT
WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Hewitt
Nays: Perez
Absent: None
Date: May 12, 2020
xc: Supvr. Jeffries, DA

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND:

While recent criminal justice reform ballot initiatives in California (Propositions 47 and 57) were passed with good intentions, they have resulted in many unintended consequences that make it very difficult for Riverside County's law enforcement and Behavioral Health professionals to do their jobs to keep our residents safe. Misclassifying serious crimes as non-violent has led to many dangerous criminals being let out on the street, and reducing the thresholds for felony theft and prohibiting the consideration of lifetimes of criminal conduct in the sentencing of certain offenders has led to a revolving door of justice that puts serial career criminals on the street, and prevents judges and prosecutors from forcing addicts and the mentally ill into treatment programs as an alternative to incarceration.

The "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020" initiative on this November's ballot in California fixes some serious loopholes created by those recent criminal justice changes that now allow the early release of serious and violent offenders, including child molesters and sexual predators, and have resulted in a sharp increases in car break-ins, retail theft, neighborhood property crimes and illegal drug use. This important initiative:

- Prevents the early release of violent felons by reclassifying more than two dozen "non-violent" crimes as "violent," including rape of an unconscious person, pimping a child, domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon - crimes not now considered "violent" under California law.
- Restores accountability for serial theft by making a third theft over \$250 in value a felony. (Under current law, stealing property worth \$950 or less is only a misdemeanor for each act of theft - with no limit on the number of thefts that can be committed.)
- Restores DNA collection for certain crimes that were reduced to misdemeanors as part of Prop. 47 - which will help solve more serious crimes like rape and murder.
- Considers an inmate's entire criminal history when deciding parole, not just his or her most recent offense, ensuring those with long histories of serious and violent crimes will not qualify for early release.

Supervisor Jeffries and District Attorney Mike Hestrin recommend that Riverside County join law enforcement professionals and public agencies throughout the state in endorsing this initiative.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Citizens and Businesses have suffered from the early release of serious criminals and repeat offenders who repeatedly steal from their homes and businesses. Passage of this initiative will give our District Attorney, Sheriff, and local police agencies tools they need to protect our communities.

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(17-0044.) RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Imposes restrictions on parole program for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term for their primary offense. Expands list of offenses that disqualify an inmate from this parole program. Changes standards and requirements governing parole decisions under this program. Authorizes felony charges for specified theft crimes currently chargeable only as misdemeanors, including some theft crimes where the value is between \$250 and \$950. Requires persons convicted of specified misdemeanors to submit to collection of DNA samples for state database. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increased state and local correctional costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, primarily related to increases in penalties for certain theft-related crimes and the changes to the nonviolent offender release consideration process. Increased state and local court-related costs of around a few million dollars annually related to processing probation revocations and additional felony theft filings. Increased state and local law enforcement costs not likely to exceed a couple million dollars annually related to collecting and processing DNA samples from additional offenders.

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the County (or City and County) referenced on the signature page of this petition, hereby propose amendments to the California Penal Code relating to parole, serial theft, and DNA collection from convicted criminals, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or as otherwise provided by law. The proposed statutory amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

SEC. 1. TITLE

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES

This measure will fix three related problems created by recent laws that have threatened the public safety of Californians and their children from violent criminals. This measure will:

- A. Reform the parole system so violent felons are not released early from prison, strengthen oversight of post release community supervision and tighten penalties for violations of terms of post release community supervision;
- B. Reform theft laws to restore accountability for serial thieves and organized theft rings; and
- C. Expand DNA collection from persons convicted of drug, theft and domestic violence related crimes to help solve violent crimes and exonerate the innocent.

SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

A. Prevent Early Release of Violent Felons

1. Protecting every person in our state, including our most vulnerable children, from violent crime is of the utmost importance. Murderers, rapists, child molesters and other violent criminals should not be released early from prison.

2. Since 2014, California has had a larger increase in violent crime than the rest of the United States. Since 2013, violent crime in Los Angeles has increased 69.5%. Violent crime in Sacramento rose faster during the first six months of 2015 than in any of the 25 largest U.S. cities tracked by the FBI.

3. Recent changes to parole laws allowed the early release of dangerous criminals by the law's failure to define certain crimes as "violent." These changes allowed individuals convicted of sex trafficking of children, rape of an unconscious person, felony assault with a deadly

violent criminals. This measure reforms the law to define such crimes as "violent felonies" for purposes of early release.

10. Nothing in this act is intended to create additional "strike" offenses which would increase the state prison population.

11. Nothing in this act is intended to affect the ability of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award educational and merit credits.

B. Restore Accountability for Serial Theft and Organized Theft Rings

1. Recent changes to California law allow individuals who steal repeatedly to face few consequences, regardless of their criminal record or how many times they steal.

2. As a result, between 2014 and 2016, California had the 2nd highest increase in theft and property crimes in the United States, while most states have seen a steady decline. According to the California Department of Justice, the value of property stolen in 2015 was \$2.5 billion with an increase of 13 percent since 2014, the largest single-year increase in at least ten years.

3. Individuals who repeatedly steal often do so to support their drug habit. Recent changes to California law have reduced judges' ability to order individuals convicted of repeated theft crimes into effective drug treatment programs.

4. California needs stronger laws for those who are repeatedly convicted of theft related crimes, which will encourage those who repeatedly steal to support their drug problem to enter into existing drug treatment programs. This measure enacts such reforms.

C. Restore DNA Collection to Solve Violent Crime

1. Collecting DNA from criminals is essential to solving violent crimes. Over 450 violent crimes including murder, rape and robbery have gone unsolved because DNA is being collected from fewer criminals.

2. DNA collected in 2015 from a convicted child molester solved the rape-murders of two six-year-old boys that occurred three decades ago in Los Angeles County. DNA collected in 2016 from an individual caught driving a stolen car solved the 2012 San Francisco Bay Area rape-murder of an 83-year-old woman.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an inmate who is released on parole or postrelease supervision as provided by Title 2.05 (commencing with Section 3450) shall be returned to the county that was the last legal residence of the inmate prior to his or her incarceration. For purposes of this subdivision, "last legal residence" shall not be construed to mean the county wherein the inmate committed an offense while confined in a state prison or local jail facility or while confined for treatment in a state hospital.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an inmate may be returned to another county if that would be in the best interests of the public. If the Board of Parole Hearings setting the conditions of parole for inmates sentenced pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1168, as determined by the parole consideration panel, or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation setting the conditions of parole for inmates sentenced pursuant to Section 1170, decides on a return to another county, it shall place its reasons in writing in the parolee's permanent record and include these reasons in the notice to the sheriff or chief of police pursuant to Section 3058.6. In making its decision, the paroling authority shall consider, among others, the following factors, giving the greatest weight to the protection of the victim and the safety of the community:

- (1) The need to protect the life or safety of a victim, the parolee, a witness, or any other person.
 - (2) Public concern that would reduce the chance that the inmate's parole would be successfully completed.
 - (3) The verified existence of a work offer, or an educational or vocational training program.
 - (4) The existence of family in another county with whom the inmate has maintained strong ties and whose support would increase the chance that the inmate's parole would be successfully completed.
 - (5) The lack of necessary outpatient treatment programs for parolees receiving treatment pursuant to Section 2960.
- (c) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in determining an out-of-county commitment, shall give priority to the safety of the community and any witnesses and victims.

(E) Registration status, if the inmate is required to register as a result of a controlled substance, sex, or arson offense.

(F) California Criminal Information Number, FBI number, social security number, and driver's license number.

(G) County of commitment.

(H) A description of scars, marks, and tattoos on the inmate.

(I) Offense or offenses for which the inmate was convicted that resulted in parole or postrelease community supervision in this instance.

(J) Address, including all of the following information:

(i) Street name and number. Post office box numbers are not acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph.

(ii) City and ZIP Code.

(iii) Date that the address provided pursuant to this subparagraph was proposed to be effective.

(K) Contact officer and unit, including all of the following information:

(i) Name and telephone number of each contact officer.

(ii) Contact unit type of each contact officer such as units responsible for parole, registration, or county probation.

(L) A digitized image of the photograph and at least a single digit fingerprint of the parolee.

(M) A geographic coordinate for the inmate's residence location for use with a Geographical Information System (GIS) or comparable computer program.

(N) Copies of the record of supervision during any prior period of parole.

(2) Unless the information is unavailable, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall electronically transmit to the county agency identified in subdivision (a) of Section 3451 the inmate's tuberculosis status, specific medical, mental health, and outpatient clinic needs, and any medical concerns or disabilities for the county to consider as the offender transitions onto postrelease community supervision pursuant to Section 3450, for the purpose of identifying the medical and mental health needs of the individual. All transmissions to the county agency shall be in compliance with applicable provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) (Public Law 104-191), the federal Health Information Technology for Clinical Health Act (HITECH) (Public Law 111-005), and the implementing of privacy and security regulations in Parts 160 and 164 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This paragraph shall not take effect until the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or his or her designee, determines that this provision is not preempted by HIPAA.

(3) Except for the information required by paragraph (2), the information required by this subdivision shall come from the statewide parolee database. The information obtained from each source shall be based on the same timeframe.

(4) All of the information required by this subdivision shall be provided utilizing a computer-to-computer transfer in a format usable by a desktop computer system. The transfer of this information shall be continually available to local law enforcement agencies upon request.

(5) The unauthorized release or receipt of the information described in this subdivision is a violation of Section 11143.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, ~~an inmate who is released on parole shall not be returned to a location within 35 miles of the actual residence of a victim of, or a witness to, a violent felony as defined in paragraphs (1) to (7), inclusive, and paragraph (16) of subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 or a felony in which the defendant inflicts great bodily injury on a person other than an accomplice that has been charged and proved as provided~~

shall not be placed or reside, for the duration of his or her parole, within one-half mile of a public or private school including any or all of kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

(h) Notwithstanding any other law, an inmate who is released on parole or postrelease community supervision for a stalking offense shall not be returned to a location within 35 miles of the victim's or witness' actual residence or place of employment if the victim or witness has requested additional distance in the placement of the inmate on parole or postrelease community supervision, and if the Board of Parole Hearings or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or the supervising county agency, as applicable, finds that there is a need to protect the life, safety, or well-being of the victim.

If an inmate who is released on postrelease community supervision cannot be placed in his or her county of last legal residence in compliance with this subdivision, the supervising county agency may transfer the inmate to another county upon approval of the receiving county.

(i) The authority shall give consideration to the equitable distribution of parolees and the proportion of out-of-county commitments from a county compared to the number of commitments from that county when making parole decisions.

(j) An inmate may be paroled to another state pursuant to any other law. The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall coordinate with local entities regarding the placement of inmates placed out of state on postrelease community supervision pursuant to Title 2.05 (commencing with Section 3450).

(k)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall be the agency primarily responsible for, and shall have control over, the program, resources, and staff implementing the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) in conformance with subdivision (e). County agencies supervising inmates released to postrelease community supervision pursuant to Title 2.05 (commencing with Section 3450) shall provide any information requested by the department to ensure the availability of accurate information regarding inmates released from state prison. This information may include all records of supervision, the issuance of warrants, revocations, or the termination of postrelease community supervision. On or before August 1, 2011, county agencies designated to supervise inmates released to postrelease community supervision shall notify the department that the county agencies have been designated as the local entity responsible for providing that supervision.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall be the agency primarily responsible for the proper release of information under LEADS that relates to fingerprint cards.

(l) In addition to the requirements under subdivision (k), the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall submit to the Department of Justice data to be included in the supervised release file of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) so that law enforcement can be advised through CLETS of all persons on postrelease community supervision and the county agency designated to provide supervision. The data required by this subdivision shall be provided via electronic transfer.

Section 3040.1 is added to the Penal Code to read:

(a) For purposes of early release or parole consideration under the authority of Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution, Sections 12838.4 and 12838.5 of the Government Code, Sections 3000.1, 3041.5, 3041.7, 3052, 5000, 5054, 5055, 5076.2 of this Code and the rulemaking authority granted by Section 5058 of this Code, the following shall be defined as "violent felony offenses":

subdivision (a) of Section 12022.3, or Section 12022.5 or 12022.55;

(9) Any robbery;

(10) Arson, in violation of subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 451;

(11) Sexual penetration as defined in subdivision (a) or (j) of Section 289;

(12) Attempted murder;

(13) A violation of Section 18745, 18750, or 18755;

(14) Kidnapping;

(15) Assault with the intent to commit a specified felony, in violation of Section 220;

(16) Continuous sexual abuse of a child, in violation of Section 288.5;

(17) Carjacking, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 215;

(18) Rape, spousal rape, or sexual penetration, in concert, in violation of Section 264.1;

(19) Extortion, as defined in Section 518, which would constitute a felony violation of Section 186.22;

(20) Threats to victims or witnesses, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 136.1;

(21) Any burglary of the first degree, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 460, wherein it is charged and proved that another person, other than an accomplice, was present in the residence during the commission of the burglary;

(22) Any violation of Section 12022.53;

(23) A violation of subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11418;

(24) Solicitation to commit murder;

(25) Felony assault with a firearm in violation of subsections (a)(2) and (b) of Section 245;

(26) Felony assault with a deadly weapon in violation of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 245;

(27) Felony assault with a deadly weapon upon the person of a peace officer or firefighter in violation of subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 245;

(28) Felony assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury in violation of paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 245;

(29) Assault with caustic chemicals in violation of Section 244;

(30) False imprisonment in violation of Section 210.5;

(31) Felony discharging a firearm in violation of Section 246;

(32) Discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (c) of Section 26100;

(33) Felony domestic violence resulting in a traumatic condition in violation of Section 273.5;

(34) Felony use of force or threats against a witness or victim of a crime in violation of Section 140;

(35) Felony resisting a peace officer and causing death or serious injury in violation of Section 148.10;

(36) A felony hate crime punishable pursuant to Section 422.7;

(37) Felony elder or dependent adult abuse in violation of subdivision (b) of Section 368;

(38) Rape in violation of paragraphs (1), (3), or (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 261;

(39) Rape in violation of Section 262;

(40) Sexual penetration in violation of subdivision (b), (d) or (e) of Section 289;

(41) Sodomy in violation of subdivision (f), (g), or (i) of Section 286;

(42) Oral copulation in violation of subdivision (f), (g), or (i) of Section 288a;

(43) Abduction of a minor for purposes of prostitution in violation of Section 267;

(44) Human trafficking in violation of subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of Section 236.1;

(45) Child abuse in violation of Section 273ab;

(46) Possessing, exploding, or igniting a destructive

Hearings shall consider all relevant, reliable information about the inmate.

- (b) The standard of review shall be whether the inmate will pose an unreasonable risk of creating victims as a result of felonious conduct if released from prison.
- (c) In reaching this determination, the hearing officer shall consider the following factors:
 - (1) Circumstances surrounding the current conviction;
 - (2) The inmate's criminal history, including involvement in other criminal conduct, both juvenile and adult, which is reliably documented;
 - (3) The inmate's institutional behavior including both rehabilitative programming and institutional misconduct;
 - (4) Any input from the inmate, any victim, whether registered or not at the time of the referral, and the prosecuting agency or agencies;
 - (5) The inmate's past and present mental condition as documented in records in the possession of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation;
 - (6) The inmate's past and present attitude about the crime;
 - (7) Any other information which bears on the inmate's suitability for release.
- (d) The following circumstances shall be considered by the hearing officer in determining whether the inmate is unsuitable for release:
 - (1) Multiple victims involved in the current commitment offense;
 - (2) A victim was particularly vulnerable due to age or physical or mental condition;
 - (3) The inmate took advantage of a position of trust in the commission of the crime;
 - (4) The inmate was armed with or used a firearm or other deadly weapon in the commission of the crime;
 - (5) A victim suffered great bodily injury during the commission of the crime;
 - (6) The inmate committed the crime in association with a criminal street gang;
 - (7) The inmate occupied a position of leadership or dominance over other participants in the commission of the crime, or the inmate induced others to participate in the commission of the crime;
 - (8) During the commission of the crime, the inmate had a clear opportunity to cease but instead continued;
 - (9) The inmate has engaged in other reliably documented criminal conduct which was an integral part of the crime for which the inmate is currently committed to prison;
 - (10) The manner in which the crime was committed created a potential for serious injury to persons other than the victim of the crime;
 - (11) The inmate was on probation, parole, post release community supervision, mandatory supervision or was in custody or had escaped from custody at the time of the commitment offense;
 - (12) The inmate was on any form of pre- or post-conviction release at the time of the commitment offense;
 - (13) The inmate's prior history of violence, whether as a juvenile or adult;
 - (14) The inmate has engaged in misconduct in prison or jail;
 - (15) The inmate is incarcerated for multiple cases from the same or different counties or jurisdictions.
- (e) The following circumstances shall be considered by the hearing officer in determining whether the inmate is suitable for release:
 - (1) The inmate does not have a juvenile record of assaulting others or committing crimes with a potential of harm to victims;
 - (2) The inmate lacks any history of violent crime;
 - (3) The inmate has demonstrated remorse;
 - (4) The inmate's present age reduces the risk of recidivism;
 - (5) The inmate has made realistic plans if released or has

Section 667.5 or 3040.1 shall be deemed a violent offender for purposes of Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution.

- (b) An inmate whose current commitment includes an indeterminate sentence shall be deemed a violent offender for purposes of Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution.
- (c) An inmate whose current commitment includes any enhancement which makes the underlying offense violent pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 shall be deemed a violent offender for purposes of Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution.
- (d) For purposes of Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution, the "full term" of the "primary offense" shall be calculated based only on actual days served on the commitment offense.

Section 3040.4 is added to the Penal Code to read:

Pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 28 of Article I of the Constitution, the Department shall give reasonable notice to victims of crime prior to an inmate being reviewed for early parole and release. The Department shall provide victims with the right to be heard regarding early parole consideration and to participate in the review process. The Department shall consider the safety of the victims, the victims' family, and the general public when making a determination on early release.

- (a) Prior to conducting a review for early parole, the Department shall provide notice to the prosecuting agency or agencies and to registered victims, and shall make reasonable efforts to locate and notify victims who are not registered.
- (b) The prosecuting agency shall have the right to review all information available to the hearing officer including, but not limited to the inmate's central file, documented adult and juvenile criminal history, institutional behavior including both rehabilitative programming and institutional misconduct, any input from any person or organization advocating on behalf of the inmate, and any information submitted by the public.
- (c) A victim shall have a right to submit a statement for purposes of early parole consideration, including a confidential statement.
- (d) All prosecuting agencies, any involved law enforcement agency, and all victims, whether or not registered, shall have the right to respond to the board in writing.
- (e) Responses to the Board by prosecuting agencies, law enforcement agencies, and victims must be made within 90 days of the date of notification of the inmate's eligibility for early parole review or consideration.
- (f) The Board shall notify the prosecuting agencies, law enforcement agencies, and the victims of the Nonviolent Offender Parole decision within 10 days of the decision being made.
- (g) Within 30 days of the notice of the final decision concerning Nonviolent Offender Parole Consideration, the inmate and the prosecuting agencies may request review of the decision.
- (h) If an inmate is denied early release under the Nonviolent Offender Parole provisions of Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution, the inmate shall not be eligible for early Nonviolent Offender parole consideration for two (2) calendar years from the date of the final decision of the previous denial.

Section 3041 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

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- (a)(1) In the case of any inmate sentenced pursuant to any law, other than Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 1170) of Title 7 of Part 2, the Board of Parole Hearings shall meet with each inmate during the sixth year before the inmate's minimum eligible parole date for

board shall vote to either grant or deny parole and render a statement of decision. The en banc review shall be conducted pursuant to subdivision (e).

(4) Upon a grant of parole, the inmate shall be released subject to all applicable review periods. However, an inmate shall not be released before reaching his or her minimum eligible parole date as set pursuant to Section 3046 unless the inmate is eligible for earlier release pursuant to his or her youth offender parole eligibility date or elderly parole eligibility date.

(5) At least one commissioner of the panel shall have been present at the last preceding meeting, unless it is not feasible to do so or where the last preceding meeting was the initial meeting. Any person on the hearing panel may request review of any decision regarding parole for an en banc hearing by the board. In case of a review, a majority vote in favor of parole by the board members participating in an en banc review is required to grant parole to any inmate.

(b)(1) The panel or the board, sitting en banc, shall grant parole to an inmate unless it determines that the gravity of the current convicted offense or offenses, or the timing and gravity of current or past convicted offense or offenses, is such that consideration of the public safety requires a more lengthy period of incarceration for this individual. The panel or the board, sitting en banc, shall consider the entire criminal history of the inmate, including all current or past convicted offenses, in making this determination.

(2) After July 30, 2001, any decision of the parole panel finding an inmate suitable for parole shall become final within 120 days of the date of the hearing. During that period, the board may review the panel's decision. The panel's decision shall become final pursuant to this subdivision unless the board finds that the panel made an error of law, or that the panel's decision was based on an error of fact, or that new information should be presented to the board, any of which when corrected or considered by the board has a substantial likelihood of resulting in a substantially different decision upon a rehearing. In making this determination, the board shall consult with the commissioners who conducted the parole consideration hearing.

(3) A decision of a panel shall not be disapproved and referred for rehearing except by a majority vote of the board, sitting en banc, following a public meeting.

(c) For the purpose of reviewing the suitability for parole of those inmates eligible for parole under prior law at a date earlier than that calculated under Section 1170.2, the board shall appoint panels of at least two persons to meet annually with each inmate until the time the person is released pursuant to proceedings or reaches the expiration of his or her term as calculated under Section 1170.2.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that, during times when there is no backlog of inmates awaiting parole hearings, life parole consideration hearings, or life rescission hearings, hearings will be conducted by a panel of three or more members, the majority of whom shall be commissioners. The board shall report monthly on the number of cases where an inmate has not received a completed initial or subsequent parole consideration hearing within 30 days of the hearing date required by subdivision (a) of Section 3041.5 or paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 3041.5, unless the inmate has waived the right to those timeframes. That report shall be considered the backlog of cases for purposes of this section, and shall include information on the progress toward eliminating the backlog, and on the number of inmates who have waived their right to the above timeframes. The report shall be made public at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board and a written report shall be made available to the public and

en banc review.

Section 3454 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

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(a) Each supervising county agency, as established by the county board of supervisors pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3451, shall establish a review process for assessing and refining a person's program of postrelease supervision. Any additional postrelease supervision conditions shall be reasonably related to the underlying offense for which the offender spent time in prison, or to the offender's risk of recidivism, and be otherwise consistent with law.

(b) Each county agency responsible for postrelease supervision, as established by the county board of supervisors pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3451, may determine additional appropriate conditions of supervision listed in Section 3453 consistent with public safety, including the use of continuous electronic monitoring as defined in Section 1210.7, order the provision of appropriate rehabilitation and treatment services, determine appropriate incentives, and determine and order appropriate responses to alleged violations, which can include, but shall not be limited to, immediate, structured, and intermediate sanctions up to and including referral to a reentry court pursuant to Section 3015, or flash incarceration in a city or county jail. Periods of flash incarceration are encouraged as one method of punishment for violations of an offender's condition of postrelease supervision.

(c) As used in this title, "flash incarceration" is a period of detention in a city or county jail due to a violation of an offender's conditions of postrelease supervision. The length of the detention period can range between one and 10 consecutive days. Flash incarceration is a tool that may be used by each county agency responsible for postrelease supervision. Shorter, but if necessary more frequent, periods of detention for violations of an offender's postrelease supervision conditions shall appropriately punish an offender while preventing the disruption in a work or home establishment that typically arises from longer term revocations.

(d) Upon a decision to impose a period of flash incarceration, the probation department shall notify the court, public defender, district attorney, and sheriff of each imposition of flash incarceration.

Section 3455 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

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(a) If the supervising county agency has determined, following application of its assessment processes, that intermediate sanctions as authorized in subdivision (b) of Section 3454 are not appropriate, or if the supervised person has violated the terms of his or her release for a third time, the supervising county agency shall petition the court pursuant to Section 1203.2 to revoke, modify, or terminate postrelease community supervision. At any point during the process initiated pursuant to this section, a person may waive, in writing, his or her right to counsel, admit the violation of his or her postrelease community supervision, waive a court hearing, and accept the proposed modification of his or her postrelease community supervision. The petition shall include a written report that contains additional information regarding the petition, including the relevant terms and conditions of postrelease community supervision, the circumstances of the alleged underlying violation, the history and background of the violator, and any recommendations. The Judicial Council shall adopt

person subject to postrelease community supervision is violating any term or condition of his or her release, or has failed to appear at a hearing pursuant to Section 1203.2 to revoke, modify, or terminate postrelease community supervision, the officer may, without a warrant or other process, arrest the person and bring him or her before the supervising county agency established by the county board of supervisors pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3451. Additionally, an officer employed by the supervising county agency may seek a warrant and a court or its designated hearing officer appointed pursuant to Section 71622.5 of the Government Code shall have the authority to issue a warrant for that person's arrest.

(2) The court or its designated hearing officer shall have the authority to issue a warrant for a person who is the subject of a petition filed under this section who has failed to appear for a hearing on the petition or for any reason in the interests of justice, or to remand to custody a person who does appear at a hearing on the petition for any reason in the interests of justice.

(3) Unless a person subject to postrelease community supervision is otherwise serving a period of flash incarceration, whenever a person who is subject to this section is arrested, with or without a warrant or the filing of a petition for revocation, the court may order the release of the person under supervision from custody under any terms and conditions the court deems appropriate.

(c) The revocation hearing shall be held within a reasonable time after the filing of the revocation petition. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), based upon a showing of a preponderance of the evidence that a person under supervision poses an unreasonable risk to public safety, or that the person may not appear if released from custody, or for any reason in the interests of justice, the supervising county agency shall have the authority to make a determination whether the person should remain in custody pending the first court appearance on a petition to revoke postrelease community supervision, and upon that determination, may order the person confined pending his or her first court appearance.

(d) Confinement pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) shall not exceed a period of 180 days in a county jail for each custodial sanction.

(e) A person shall not remain under supervision or in custody pursuant to this title on or after three years from the date of the person's initial entry onto postrelease community supervision, except when his or her supervision is tolled pursuant to Section 1203.2 or subdivision (b) of Section 3456.

SEC. 5. DNA COLLECTION

Section 296 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

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(a) The following persons shall provide buccal swab samples, right thumbprints, and a full palm print impression of each hand, and any blood specimens or other biological samples required pursuant to this chapter for law enforcement identification analysis:

(1) Any person, including any juvenile, who is convicted of or pleads guilty or no contest to any felony offense, or is found not guilty by reason of insanity of any felony offense, or any juvenile who is adjudicated under Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for committing any felony offense.

(2) Any adult person who is arrested for or charged with any of the following felony offenses:

(A) Any felony offense specified in Section 290 or attempt to commit any felony offense described in Section 290, or any felony offense that imposes upon a person the duty to register in California as a sex offender under Section 290.

punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 476a;

(D) A violation of Section 487 that is punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to Section 490.2;

(E) A violation of Section 496 that is punishable as a misdemeanor;

(F) A misdemeanor violation of subdivision (a) of Section 11350 of the Health and Safety Code;

(G) A misdemeanor violation of subdivision (a) of Section 11377 of the Health and Safety Code;

(H) A misdemeanor violation of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 243;

(I) A misdemeanor violation of Section 273.5;

(J) A misdemeanor violation of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 368;

(K) Any misdemeanor violation where the victim is defined as set forth in Section 6211 of the Family Code;

(L) A misdemeanor violation of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 647.

~~(4)(5)~~ The term "felony" as used in this subdivision includes an attempt to commit the offense.

~~(5)(6)~~ Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting collection and analysis of specimens, samples, or print impressions as a condition of a plea for a non-qualifying offense.

(b) The provisions of this chapter and its requirements for submission of specimens, samples and print impressions as soon as administratively practicable shall apply to all qualifying persons regardless of sentence imposed, including any sentence of death, life without the possibility of parole, or any life or indeterminate term, or any other disposition rendered in the case of an adult or juvenile tried as an adult, or whether the person is diverted, fined, or referred for evaluation, and regardless of disposition rendered or placement made in the case of juvenile who is found to have committed any felony offense or is adjudicated under Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(c) The provisions of this chapter and its requirements for submission of specimens, samples, and print impressions as soon as administratively practicable by qualified persons as described in subdivision (a) shall apply regardless of placement or confinement in any mental hospital or other public or private treatment facility, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following persons, including juveniles:

(1) Any person committed to a state hospital or other treatment facility as a mentally disordered sex offender under Article 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(2) Any person who has a severe mental disorder as set forth within the provisions of Article 4 (commencing with Section 2960) of Chapter 7 of Title 1 of Part 3 of the Penal Code.

(3) Any person found to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 6600) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(d) The provisions of this chapter are mandatory and apply whether or not the court advises a person, including any juvenile, that he or she must provide the data bank and database specimens, samples, and print impressions as a condition of probation, parole, or any plea of guilty, no contest, or not guilty by reason of insanity, or any admission to any of the offenses described in subdivision (a).

(e) If at any stage of court proceedings the prosecuting attorney determines that specimens, samples, and print impressions required by this chapter have not already been taken from any person, as defined under subdivision (a) of Section 296, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the court orally on the record, or in writing, and request

a juvenile shall not invalidate an arrest, plea, conviction, or disposition, or otherwise relieve a person from the requirements of this chapter.

SEC. 6. SHOPLIFTING

Section 459.5 of the Penal Code is amended to read: [language added to an existing section of law is designated in underlined type and language deleted is designated in ~~strikeout~~ type]

(a) Notwithstanding Section 459, shoplifting is defined as entering a commercial establishment with intent to ~~commit larceny~~ steal retail property or merchandise while that establishment is open during regular business hours, where the value of the property that is taken or intended to be taken does not exceed nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950). Any other entry into a commercial establishment with intent to commit larceny is burglary. Shoplifting shall be punished as a misdemeanor, except that a person with one or more prior convictions for an offense specified in clause (iv) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 667 or for an offense requiring registration pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 290 may be punished pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

(b) Any act of shoplifting as defined in subdivision (a) shall be charged as shoplifting. No person who is charged with shoplifting may also be charged with burglary or theft of the same property.

(c) "Retail property or merchandise" means any article, product, commodity, item or component intended to be sold in retail commerce.

(d) "Value" means the retail value of an item as advertised by the affected retail establishment, including applicable taxes.

(e) This section shall not apply to theft of a firearm, forgery, the unlawful sale, transfer, or conveyance of an access card pursuant to Section 484e, forgery of an access card pursuant to Section 484f, the unlawful use of an access card pursuant to Section 484g, theft from an elder pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 368, receiving stolen property, embezzlement, or identity theft pursuant to Section 530.5, or the theft or unauthorized use of a vehicle pursuant to Section 10851 of the Vehicle Code.

Section 490.2 of the Penal Code is amended to read: [language added to an existing section of law is designated in underlined type and language deleted is designated in ~~strikeout~~ type]

(a) Notwithstanding Section 487 or any other provision of law defining grand theft, obtaining any property by theft where the value of the money, labor, real or personal property taken does not exceed nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) shall be considered petty theft and shall be punished as a misdemeanor, except that such person may instead be punished pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 if that person has one or more prior convictions for an offense specified in clause (iv) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 667 or for an offense requiring registration pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 290.

(b) This section shall not be applicable to any theft that may be charged as an infraction pursuant to any other provision of law.

(c) This section shall not apply to theft of a firearm, forgery, the unlawful sale, transfer, or conveyance of an access card pursuant to Section 484e, forgery of an access card pursuant to Section 484f, the unlawful use of an access card pursuant to Section 484g, theft from an elder pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 368, receiving stolen property, embezzlement, or identity theft pursuant to Section 530.5, or the theft or unauthorized

access card pursuant to Section 484e.

(12) Forgery of an access card pursuant to Section 484f.

(13) The unlawful use of an access card pursuant to Section 484g.

(14) Identity theft pursuant to Section 530.5.

(15) The theft or unauthorized use of a vehicle pursuant to Section 10851 of the Vehicle Code.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 1170, subsections (2) and (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1170.12, subsections (2) and (4) of subdivision (c) of Section 667, any person who, having been previously convicted of two or more of the offenses specified in subdivision (a), which offenses were committed on separate occasions, and who is subsequently convicted of petty theft or shoplifting where the value of the money, labor, or real or personal property taken exceeds two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

(c) This section does not prohibit a person or persons from being charged with any violation of law arising out of the same criminal transaction that violates this section.

SEC. 8. ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

Section 490.4 is added to the Penal Code to read:

(a) "Retail property or merchandise" means any article, product, commodity, item or component intended to be sold in retail commerce.

(b) "Value" means the retail value of an item as advertised by the affected retail establishment, including applicable taxes.

(c) Any person, who, acting in concert with one or more other persons, commits two (2) or more thefts pursuant to Sections 459.5 or 490.2 of retail property or merchandise having an aggregate value exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and unlawfully takes such property during a period of one hundred eighty days (180) is guilty of organized retail theft.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 1170, subsections (2) and (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1170.12, subsections (2) and (4) of subdivision (c) of Section 667, organized retail theft shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

(e) For purposes of this section, the value of retail property stolen by persons acting in concert may be aggregated into a single count or charge, with the sum of the value of all of the retail merchandise being the values considered in determining the degree of theft.

(f) An offense under this section may be prosecuted in any county in which an underlying theft could have been prosecuted as a separate offense.

(g) This section does not prohibit a person or persons from being charged with any violation of law arising out of the same criminal transaction that violates this section.

SEC. 9. AMENDMENTS

This act shall not be amended by the Legislature except by a statute that furthers the purposes, findings and declarations of the Act and is passed in each house by roll call vote entered in the journal, three-fourths of the membership of each house concurring, or by a statute that becomes effective only when approved by the voters.

SEC. 10. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Act, or any part of any provision, or its application to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and applications which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or

measure is later held invalid, this measure shall be self-executing and given full force and effect.

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CHECK THE FACTS

“Reducing Crime & Keeping California Safe Act of 2020”

Claim #1: This initiative will repeal Propositions 47 and 57.

Fact #1: False. This initiative was carefully and narrowly drafted to fix very specific, yet serious and dangerous flaws contained in Propositions 47 and 57 — it is not a wholesale repeal of either. It fixes four specific failings in the current laws:

- Reclassifies currently “non-violent” crimes like rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child and felony domestic violence as “violent” — to prevent the early release of inmates convicted of these crimes
- Restores “teeth” to theft laws for serial thieves and organized theft gangs, which were removed under Prop. 47 leading to rampant and blatant abuse
- Reinstates DNA collection for those convicted of theft, domestic violence, drug and other serious crimes to help solve rape, murder and other violent crimes — and to exonerate those wrongly accused
- Provides increased information and communication for courts, public defenders, DAs, sheriffs and victims; requires hearing for serial parole violators; adds factors for the Board of Parole Hearings consideration

Claim #2: This ballot initiative will put thousands of people back in prison.

Fact #2: False. This initiative will not put any additional people in prison. It addresses components of Propositions 47 and 57 specific to early release and parole — not prison sentencing. Read the full initiative on the Secretary of State’s website: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/initiative-and-referendum-status/eligible-statewide-initiative-measures/>

Claim #3: This initiative will put “non-violent” offenders and “addicts” back in prison.

Fact #3: False. This initiative will not put anyone into prison. It addresses components of Propositions 47 and 57 specific to early release and parole — not prison sentencing. As to “addicts,” Proposition 47 actually removed the incentive (threat of prison) for drug offenders to attend much applauded drug court. According to the *San Diego Union Tribune* (9/15/18), “drug court participation drop(ped) four years after Proposition 47 reduced many drug crimes to misdemeanors.” This initiative provides the opportunity for addicts to complete rehabilitation programs, turn their lives around and **expunge** their criminal records through deferred entry of judgment (DEJ) — a benefit that Prop. 47 deprived them of. Under Prop. 47’s diversion programs, crimes remain on the offenders record forever.

Claim #4: Keeps non-violent people in prison.

Fact #4: The only unique group of offenders the initiative specifically lists to be excluded from early release — “out of prison” — is those who have committed one of the list of currently “non-violent” crimes that would be re-classified as violent. The crimes the initiative seeks to classify as VIOLENT for purposes of early release include:

- Human trafficking of a child
- Abducting a minor for prostitution
- Rape by intoxication
- Rape of an unconscious person
- Felony sexual penetration, sodomy, or oral copulation when drugs are used or the victim is unconscious
- Felony domestic violence
- Any crime requiring lifetime (290) sex offender registration
- Felony elder or dependent adult abuse
- Felony hate crime
- Drive by shooting, or shooting at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle
- Assault by a caregiver on a child under 8 that could result in death or coma
- Assault with a firearm
- Felony assault with a deadly weapon
- Serial arson
- Solicitation to commit murder
- Assault with caustic chemicals
- Felony assault using force likely to produce great bodily injury
- False imprisonment/taking a hostage when avoiding arrest or to use as a shield
- Assaulting a police officer with anything except a firearm
- Exploding a bomb to injure people
- Any felony where a deadly weapon is used
- Felony use of force or threats against a witness or victim of a crime

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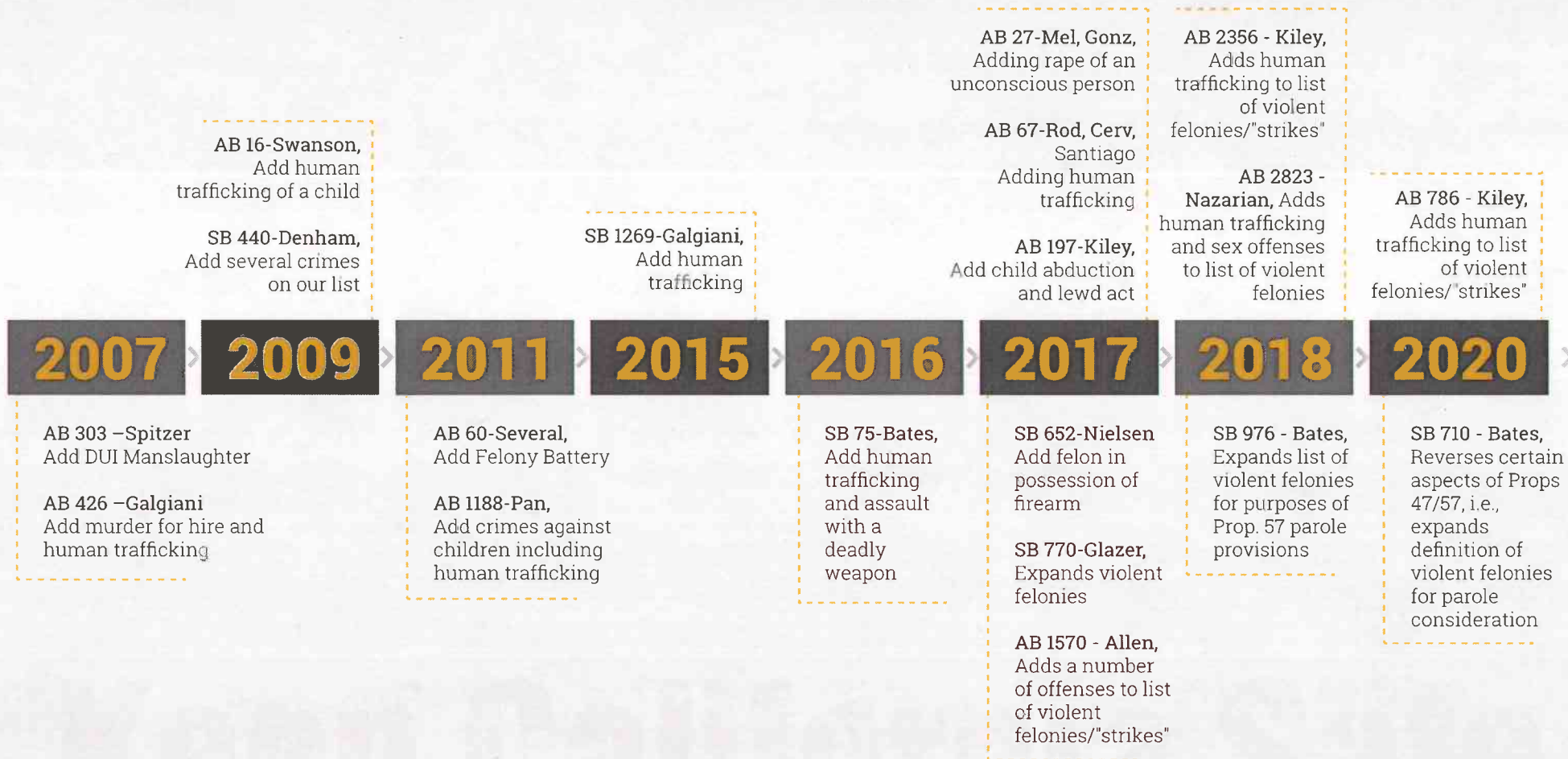
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PREVIOUS LEGISLATION ADDRESSING DEFINITION OF SERIOUS/VIOLENT CRIMES

(Bills that failed to make it out of Legislature)



Submitted by Mike Hestlin

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PREVIOUS LEGISLATION TO REFORM DNA COLLECTION

(Bills that failed to make it out of Legislature)



PREVIOUS LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS EPIDEMIC OF SERIAL THEFT

(Bills that failed to make it out of Legislature)

AB 2287 - Theft: shoplifting - Lackey, Allows aggregation of multiple thefts for felony prosecution

2016

AB 875 - Petty theft: subsequent convictions - Cooper, Allows for prosecution of theft as felony with prior convictions

AB 1899 - Criminal profiteering: theft of delivered packages - Muratsuchi, Expands definition of criminal profiteering to include porch theft not to exceed \$950

2017

AB 1326 - Petty Theft: subsequent convictions - Cooper, Allows for prosecution of theft as felony with prior theft convictions

AB 392 - Conspiracy: shoplifting - Lackey, Allows for felony prosecution of theft if engaged in organized theft rings

2018

AB 2740 - Diversion: retail theft - Kiley, Allows DAs to establish prearrest retail theft diversion programs

AB 3011 - Theft: aggregation - Chau, Allows aggregation of multiple theft charges if activated by on intention

AB 1210 - Low, Makes serial porch theft and theft by porch theft "gangs" wobbler crimes

AB 1772 - Theft: aggregation - Chau, Allows aggregation of multiple theft charges if activated by on intention

SB 710 - Crime: parole, theft and DNA Collection - Bates, Reverses certain aspects of Props 47/57, i.e. enhances penalties for serial shoplifting when third instance is over \$250

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Sell a child for sex in California. Get out of prison early.

The following crimes are not considered "violent" under current California law, allowing inmates convicted of these crimes to be released from prison early. Our initiative stops early release by making these crimes violent.

- Human trafficking of a child
- Abducting a minor for prostitution
- Rape by intoxication
- Rape of an unconscious person
- Felony sexual penetration, sodomy, or oral copulation when drugs are used or the victim is unconscious
- Drive by shooting, or shooting, at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



3.41
(MT 12519)

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and the District Attorney regarding the Potential Endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020", is continued to Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on May 5, 2020 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors
Dated: May 5, 2020
Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

(seal)

By:  Deputy

AGENDA NO.
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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.41
(ID # 12519)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 05, 2020


FROM : SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND District Attorney :


SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE HESTRIN:
Potential Endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of
2020"

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. Endorse the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020"

ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District 5/1/2020


Michael Hestrin, District Attorney 5/1/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND:

While recent criminal justice reform ballot initiatives in California (Propositions 47 and 57) were passed with good intentions, they have resulted in many unintended consequences that make it very difficult for Riverside County's law enforcement and Behavioral Health professionals to do their jobs to keep our residents safe. Misclassifying serious crimes as non-violent has led to many dangerous criminals being let out on the street, and reducing the thresholds for felony theft and prohibiting the consideration of lifetimes of criminal conduct in the sentencing of certain offenders has led to a revolving door of justice that puts serial career criminals on the street, and prevents judges and prosecutors from forcing addicts and the mentally ill into treatment programs as an alternative to incarceration.

The "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020" initiative on this November's ballot in California fixes some serious loopholes created by those recent criminal justice changes that now allow the early release of serious and violent offenders, including child molesters and sexual predators, and have resulted in a sharp increases in car break-ins, retail theft, neighborhood property crimes and illegal drug use. This important initiative:

- Prevents the early release of violent felons by reclassifying more than two dozen "non-violent" crimes as "violent," including rape of an unconscious person, pimping a child, domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon - crimes not now considered "violent" under California law.
- Restores accountability for serial theft by making a third theft over \$250 in value a felony. (Under current law, stealing property worth \$950 or less is only a misdemeanor for each act of theft - with no limit on the number of thefts that can be committed.)
- Restores DNA collection for certain crimes that were reduced to misdemeanors as part of Prop. 47 - which will help solve more serious crimes like rape and murder.
- Considers an inmate's entire criminal history when deciding parole, not just his or her most recent offense, ensuring those with long histories of serious and violent crimes will not qualify for early release.

Supervisor Jeffries and District Attorney Mike Hestrin recommend that Riverside County join law enforcement professionals and public agencies throughout the state in endorsing this initiative.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Citizens and Businesses have suffered from the early release of serious criminals and repeat offenders who repeatedly steal from their homes and businesses. Passage of this initiative will give our District Attorney, Sheriff, and local police agencies tools they need to protect our communities.

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Grace Williams

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # 3.9

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

_____ Support _____ Oppose Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

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I give my 3 minutes to: _____

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

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SPEAKER'S NAME: SHERIFF CHAD BIANCO

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # 3.9

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ 3.9 and

Date: _____ Agenda # 3.10

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Bob Livingston

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Maxwell, Sue

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Hello,
I wrote to your office and the offending supervisor's office about a violation of the California Department of Human Resources regulations on the appearance of political activity. While that office focuses on State employees, the reasonable person believes that County employees (elected, appointed, or hired) must comply with this rule or a County equivalent. I also provided documentation of Mr. Matt Maldonado of Supervisor Spiegel's office referring to Governor Newsom and/or his orders as **nuisances**. This wasn't a typo. *Nuisance* is defined as causing annoyance, being unpleasant, or obnoxious. Clearly, these suggest that said Governor and State initiatives are negative, wrong, and unhelpful. I doubt anyone would want to be referred to in such a manner.

"When determining if a State employee may engage in political activities in the workplace, management must consider on a case-by-case basis factors such as whether the employee has direct contact with the public, whether the employee's political activity gives the appearance that the Department has taken a position on a political issue, and whether the employee solicits or collects money."

https://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr_professionals/Pages/political-activities.aspx

Mr. Maldonado violated this rule based on 2 of 3 criteria. Additionally, putting the legal component aside, this behavior has contributed to a more divisive County and decreased trust in civil service workers and elected officials. This also serves to increase County liability at a time when it can ILL afford it. Related to this, by using the same or more negative verbiage, Supervisors set a poor example and a disregard for applicable rules and best practice. I'm aware that governmental entities take votes of no confidence or in opposition of certain actions. Whether legal or not, I suggest these are meaningless (non-binding) and in poor taste, whether I agree with what's being called into question or not. The County needs to be collaborative, both internally and encourage such in the neighborhoods during and after this crisis. Loosing the public trust does not achieve this.
<https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/08/coronavirus-fate-riverside-county-public-health-orders-debated-again/3099032001/>

Finally, 'our' Sheriff has lost the faith and trust of the community, including some who support him. He announced that he wouldn't enforce laws, rules, or regulations *he took an Oath* to enforce. I've read the oath. Nowhere does it say he can pick and choose which laws are to his liking and exclusively enforce those. A corollary to Equal Justice Under Law is enforcing all laws equally! To do otherwise severely weakens public trust in County government. Again, it also violates the oath of office.

Especially since most of his comments were AFTER 2 of his deputies died of the virus, citizens can't expect to be protected by a sheriff who won't work to minimize the impact of the virus that killed his officers, on the people he took an oath to serve and protect. Clearly, the virus is not a hoax, nor a political football. Also, if he didn't announce that he wouldn't enforce these laws, he wouldn't provide an INCENTIVE for people to break the law. He could have gone about his business, in what should be a very busy office, and done as he pleased, without ENCOURAGING people to flout the law.

Finally, the Sheriff went on national TV (again, is there no crime in unincorporated areas?) and portrayed our County and State in a negative light.

It is for this reason that governmental entities and Fortune 500 companies have media access and interaction policies. I suggest that no County gardener, mechanic or mental health tech can reach out to any media organization and discuss things as they see fit. The County must have a policy regarding the required process employees need to follow in order to interact with the media. This includes deferring to a Communications Department and TRAINED information officers. This leads to the avoidance of County embarrassment, belittlement, and becoming the butt of jokes nationwide. Here again, this Sheriff shows a significant (wanton?) disregard for laws, mandates, and rules. That's not law enforcement. That's dogmatic and egotistical.

If the RCSO has employees who disagree with the Sheriff's hard-line and unique stance on the issues, his performance on Fox can be construed as part of a hostile work environment, opening up the County to unnecessary liability. Is it beyond belief that demotion, separation, hiring and promotion decisions by this Sheriff could be based on political or personal preference? Also, like I wrote to him, barricade/hostage negotiators advise people to be calm, take their time, and carefully consider their actions. I've seen no time when this Sheriff has done so.

In summary:

1. What is required for there to be at least a compliance training, if not some degree of reprimand to staffers and supervisors who violate State and County law?

I am not asking for access to an individual employee's file or what may take place with a specific employee. Unlike our Board, their staff, and our Sheriff, some of us are not only aware of but appreciate the need for a modicum of law and regulation.

An existing County order was not enforced at either meeting, ON COUNTY PROPERTY, before it was rescinded. I'm hopeful it doesn't take a complaint to the County to address this as that's just not good government.

2. Is a FOIA request required to obtain the County media access and interaction policy as well as the formal process Sheriff Bianco went through prior to beating up on Dr. Kaiser (rare for a Sheriff!) and the rest of the County?

3. Will it take a FOIA request to identify the criteria for official censure or other action in response to conduct unbecoming by the Sheriff? Yes, he is a separate, elected official. However, there are limits to his authority and scope of activity. There has to be leeway for the County to take action. For example, if he beats the heck out of someone, I hope its not just up to him to decide to discipline himself.

Sincerely,
Marc

P.S. Whether one agrees with the Board's action, this was not the County's best week with regard to maintaining the public trust, adhering to best practice, and not appearing like each Department is a little fiefdom. And, I suggest more resources are devoted to intervening when families are stressed out before during and after a pandemic so one parent isn't stabbed and a child isn't thrown down a cliff. This is called Self-Sufficiency. I suggest more resources need to be devoted to preventing teen suicide. I suggest the County has a problem with guns, leading to an increase in violent crime. When property values decline at nearly a similar rate as CCW permits are approved, maybe the Board will act to attract people here and not repel them.

Marc J. Feldstein

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From: COB-Agenda <COB-Agenda@RIVCO.ORG>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:30 AM

To: Maxwell, Sue <smaxwell@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: May 12, 2020, agenda, item 3. 9 Public Comment In Support of our DA Hestrin and Keeping California Safe Act 2020

Sue,

Please include the below email with the attachments of the May 12, 2020, agenda, item 3.9.

Thank you,

Kimberly

Kimberly Rector

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From: Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District <district1@RIVCO.ORG>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:36 PM

To: COB-Agenda <COB-Agenda@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: FW: In Support of our DA Hestrin and the Keeping California Safe Act 2020

From: Ben Clymer Jr. <benjr@benclymers.com>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:34 PM

To: Ben Clymer Jr. <benjr@benclymers.com>

Subject: In Support of our DA Hestrin and the Keeping California Safe Act 2020

To the Board of Supervisors,

This e-comment is in support of agenda item# 3.9, the potential endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020" (Continued from May 5, 2020). I am in support of endorsing this ballot measure as numerous previously bills and propositions have not had their intended results of making California safer. I would encourage the Board to formally endorse this ballot measure and support our DA Mike Hestrin.

In Liberty,
Ben

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Maxwell, Sue

From: Ali Mazarei <travelzonecenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:12 PM
To: District2; District5; District3; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; COB
Subject: Support California Safe Act 2020
Attachments: image001.jpg; BOS - keep California Safe Initiative May 2020.pdf

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The hardest thing for a legislator these days seems to be admitting they screwed up. AB109, Prop 47, and Prop 57 among others were not only screw-ups but literally total disasters. Bait and switch legislation on the constituents of California. On purpose or by accident - Law Abiding individuals are painfully paying the price.

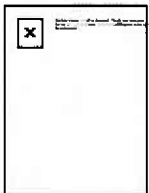
Please join me tomorrow at the County Board of Supervisors meeting to ask them to write a Resolution in support of the California Safe Act 2020. An initiative that was written to correct some of the issues that have arisen because of these policies.

This initiative is designed to fix serious and specific flaws contained in AB 109 and Propositions 47 and 57 — perhaps most importantly, reclassifying currently “non-violent” crimes like rape of an unconscious person, human trafficking and domestic violence as “violent” to prevent the early release of those convicted of these crimes.

I look forward to working with you to set this wrong, right again.

Warmest Regards

Ali



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TRAVEL ZONE

May 11, 2020

Via Email – district4@rivco.org

County Administrative Center
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Re: Support California Safe Act 2020

Dear Chairman Manuel Perez.

I would like to ask you and the rest of the Board of Supervisors today to support an Initiative on the 2020 November Ballot and submit a Resolution in Support to the State Legislators. California Safe Act of 2020. This initiative is supported and written by County District Attorneys across California, including Mike Hestrin and supported by the law enforcement community including Sheriff Chad Bianco.

We need to start holding ALL individuals accountable for their actions. This initiative is designed to fix serious and specific flaws contained in AB 109 and Propositions 47 and 57 — perhaps most importantly, reclassifying currently “non-violent” crimes like rape of an unconscious person, human trafficking and domestic violence as “violent” to prevent early release of those convicted of these crimes. The spikes in crimes, petty theft, and crime in general over the last few years are direct results of failed policies like AB109, PROP 47 and PROP 57. Please support this initiative and push for reform and repeal these bills that are putting our county at risk.

Sincerely

Ali Mazarei
Managing Member
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In Liberty,

Ben

Maxwell, Sue

From: COB
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:08 AM
To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG); Young, Alisa; COB-Agenda (COB-Agenda@rivco.org); District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (District4@RIVCO.ORG); District2; District3; District5; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org)
Subject: May 12, 2020 Item No 3.10 Public Comment Re: Keeping California Safe Act 2020 (Ben Clymer Jr)

Good morning,

Please see attached Public Comment, which will be added to Agenda Back-Up.

Thank you kindly, and please stay well,

Sue Maxwell

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From: Rodriguez, Sarah <Sarrodr@rivco.org>
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Cc: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: Re: In Support of our DA Hestrin and the Keeping California Safe Act 2020

Hello Ben,

Thank you - I have cc'd the Clerk of the Board so that they can take note of your comment.

Warm regards,

Sarah Rodriguez

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Board Assistant to

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From: Terrance Stewart <tstewart@safeandjust.org>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:04 PM

To: Harper, Kecia <KHarper@rivco.org>; COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>; Federico, Brooke <bcfederico@rivco.org>

Cc: Vonya Quarles <vonya@startingoverinc.org>; Jordanna Wong-Omshehe <jordanna@startingoverinc.org>; Husser, John <jhusser1@student.rccd.edu>; Adam Wedeking <adam@icucpico.com>; Suzanne Singer <sznsinger@gmail.com>; Erica Smith <ericas.startingover@gmail.com>; Luis Nolasco <LNolasco@aclusocal.org>; info@stpinc.org

Subject: *** Agenda item 3.9 ***

Greetings County Clerk,

We write today on behalf of our organizations regarding May 12, 2020 agenda item 3.9 for tomorrow's board of supervisors meeting. The initiative which the Board wants to vote to support does not have an initiative number nor is the text for the ballot final. For the County to vote on supporting an initiative on outdated language is irresponsible and deceptive to all Riverside County residents.

First, the County should omit the 2018 version of the initiative in this item, as it is uncertain what pieces of the initiative will be kept. Secondly, we strongly urge the County to postpone this item until official ballot language is available and there is an initiative number available.

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Terrance Stewart M.Ed.
CA State Director, Time Done Project
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Maxwell, Sue

From: Maxwell, Sue
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:33 AM
To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG); Young, Alisa; Hestrin, Michael; COB-Agenda (COB-Agenda@rivco.org); District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (District4@RIVCO.ORG); District2; District3; District5; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org)
Subject: May 12, 2020 Item No 3.9 Public Comment on Keeping CA Safe Act (Terrance Stewart)

Good morning,

Please see email below received via COB.

Thank you kindly, and please stay well,

Sue Maxwell

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Subject: RE: *** Agenda item 3.9 *** (Received)

Good morning,

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of your email related to Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act, which has been shared with the Board members and included in the public record for the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting.

Thank you for your input, and please stay well,

Sue Maxwell

Board Assistant
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Maxwell, Sue

From: Maxwell, Sue
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Hestrin, Michael
Subject: May 12, 2020 Item No 3.9 Public Comment on Keeping CA Safe Act (Starting Over Inc)

Forwarding FYI...

With best regards,

Sue Maxwell

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From: COB
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Vonya Quarles <vonya@startingoverinc.org>
Subject: RE: Public comments: 5/12/20 meeting: Oppose Agenda Item #3.9 SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE HESTRIN: Potential Endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020" (Received)

Good morning,

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From: Vonya Quarles <vonya@startingoverinc.org>

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Cc: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Re: Public comments: 5/12/20 meeting: Oppose Agenda Item #3.9 SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE HESTRIN: Potential Endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020"

Starting Over, Inc. will also oppose May 12, 2020 BOS Agenda item #3.9 for some of the reasons and concerns listed below

Prop 47 has brought hundreds of millions of dollars into California Communities to address the underlying causes of property crimes related to substance abuse, mental health, and/or homelessness. To go back now and re-classify these low level offenses to felony status will cost the state more for incarceration and result in fewer dollars being allocated to address some of the underlying causes.

Prop 47 funding has helped lower recidivism by offering housing, employment, and supportive services to what we call "low level offenders" through community based service providers at no cost to the counties. Riverside County Behavioral Health applied for and received a multi-million dollar grant in 2017, the first year in which funding was actually made available. With this funding stream left in tact, Riverside may receive future opportunities for this funding stream that may continue to assist our County

The expenses related to COVID-19 are going to be crippling enough. To add additional incarceration costs at this time by increasing felony sentencing options doesn't improve public safety and it is financial burden that gives us no return. We are going to face record numbers of homelessness and unemployment as we move into the COVID-19 Fallout. Even if this initiative was ever good, it is obvious that it is not good NOW. When we look at the totality of circumstances we are facing as a County and a State this initiative and the Board of Supervisors support of it would be problematic. A vote to support his initiative would signal that incarceration is valued above all else. You have the opportunity to demonstrate your true values and vision for Riverside County.

There is no empirical data whatsoever to substantiate claims that crime has increased as a result of prop 47 or that more theft is going on here locally because of it. The crime trends in California reflect national trends that make it even more unlikely that they are in any way related to Prop 47.

As for the Prop 57 changes, why would we as residents here pay the high cost of incarceration without wanting some rehabilitation to happen during the incarceration period? 98% of the people incarcerated are coming home, to be our neighbors, to take their places within their families. I would want them to be rehabilitated. If we are really talking about

making our communities and county safer why would we support a ballot initiative that would change this. Everyone should be encouraged to rehabilitate themselves because that is how we reduce recidivism.

There are also other troubling aspects of this ballot initiative that have to do with extending DNA collections to misdemeanors and of course the added costs of doing something so invasive or irrevocable for people with misdemeanor charges.

I appreciate you all for the work that you do. I believe that we all want a safe, inclusive, equitable and sustainable Riverside County. However, increasing law enforcement budgets only happens at the expense of other interests such as housing, education, health, and a host of other things that have to do with making our county the best it can be.

I ask that you consider opposing the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020". The name of the initiative is the only good thing about it. This is merely one last ditch effort to undo the will of the voters here in Riverside and throughout the State. I ask that you recognize what's really at stake here and see that this will impact all of us, and not just the people that will find themselves incarcerated for longer periods of time with fewer rehabilitation opportunities or incentives to change.

We shall offer a few comments at the 5/12/2020 meeting and appreciate your openness to hearing what we have to say. Should you like to receive additional data related to this topic or want to discuss before the meeting, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Vonya Quarles

Pronouns: She, hers, Ms.

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"They have learned that resistance is actually possible. The holds are beginning to slip away."

George Jackson

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 11:38 PM Maribel Nunez <maribelnunez.cap@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

This is Maribel Nunez from California Partnership. Here by oppose Agenda Item #3.9 SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE HESTRIN: Potential Endorsement of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020" that will be discussed at this Tuesday's May 12th Riverside Board of Supervisors meeting.

May 12, 2020

To:

Sup. V Manuel Perez, Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 4th District;

Sup.. Karen Spiegel, Vice Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District

Sup. Kevin Jeffries, 1st District

Sup. Chuck Washington, 3rd District

Sup. Jeff Hewitt, 5th District

Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident in Riverside County District 1 but I organize across the county. I am Executive Director of California Partnership and Coachella Valley Immigrant Dignity Coalition and represent over 35 organizations that include faith based organizations, social justice organizations, service providers and unions.

Best,

Maribel Nunez

California Partnership Executive Director

(562) 569-4051

Lewis, Tammymae

From: rdhenderson@rivco.org
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:31 AM
To: COB; eva.bitran@gmail.com
Subject: Board comments web submission

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First Name: Eva
Last Name: Bitran
Address (Street, City and Zip): 5750 Glenhaven Court
Phone: 4127190208
Email: eva.bitran@gmail.com
Agenda Date: 05/05/2020
Agenda Item # or Public Comment: 3.41

State your position below: Oppose

Comments: I wholeheartedly urge the board to oppose Agenda Item 3.41, which will make our communities less safe and harm people who are incarcerated. Passing this agenda item will prohibit people in prison from meaningfully rehabilitating themselves before release. Making certain crimes ineligible for earned time credits will undermine incarcerated people's ability to participate in rehabilitation. Increasing our prison population by incarcerating people for low-level offenses will lead to overcrowding--always dangerous, but especially so during a pandemic--and run counter to evidence-based approaches for keeping communities safe. This initiative would reduce California's threshold for felony theft to one of the lowest in the nation, wasting taxpayer dollars incarcerating people for low-level non-violent crimes. Please vote no.

Will you be dialing into the meeting or just submitting comments for the record?: Please submit my comments for the record

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Dear Sheriff Bianco and Riverside County Leadership,

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From: rdhenderson@rivco.org
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 11:39 PM
To: COB; tstew003@ucr.edu
Subject: Board comments web submission



First Name: Terrance
Last Name: Stewart
Phone: 6289995101
Email: tstew003@ucr.edu
Agenda Date: 05/05/2020
Agenda Item # or Public Comment: 3.41

State your position below: Oppose

Comments: First off, I believe that it is irresponsible to bring up this Prison Spending Initiative during the Co-Vid 19 Pandemic. Instead of worrying about DNA testing, they need to worried about Co-Vid 19 testing. It is sad, that the county would bring up this proposition before it even has a number. This initiative will have to be voted on in November, so I find it irresponsible that it would be brought up during a pandemic.

Second, California's crime rate is at a decline, the larger majority of people incarcerated will be released back into society. We would rather a person who is incarcerated to have an opportunity to become rehabilitated. The Prison Spending Initiative prohibits people in prison from rehabilitating themselves before release. Cooper's prison spending measure would make certain crimes ineligible for earned time credit and undermine rehabilitation. Also, The Prison Spending Initiative would reduce California's threshold for felony theft to one of the lowest in the nation, wasting taxpayer dollars incarcerating people for low level nonviolent crimes.

Will you be dialing into the meeting or just submitting comments for the record? I will be calling in

Attachments (Must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx): CooperPrisonSpending-Document-v5-3_Pager-20200130.pdf

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From: Jordanna Wong-Omshehe <jordanna@startingoverinc.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:27 PM

To: Gilfoy, Taylor <tbgilfoy@riversidesheriff.org>; Hestrin, Michael <MHestrin@RivCoDA.org>; Harmon, Steven <SLHarmon@RIVCO.ORG>; COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>; Felix, Margarita <MAFELIX@RIVCO.ORG>; Christensen, Karen <KCHRISTE@RIVCO.ORG>; DeArmond, Michelle <MDeArmond@RIVCO.ORG>; Justus, Kerstin <KJustus@RIVCO.ORG>; Shannon, Boomer <BShannon@rivco.org>

Cc: Vonya Quarles <vonya@startingoverinc.org>

Subject: Petition for Early Release and Responsible Reentry

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached letter and petition signatures from the Riverside Chapter of All of Us or None re COVID-19 in Riverside County jails. We have collected 369 signatures from community members in support of the early release and responsible reentry of incarcerated people in Riverside County correctional facilities. Our community demands are outlined in the letter.

If you have any further questions please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

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Jordanna Wong-Omshehe

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From: COB

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 10:07 AM

To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG) <GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG>; Young, Alisa <AYoung@RIVCO.ORG>; COB-Agenda (COB-Agenda@rivco.org) <COB-Agenda@rivco.org>; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (District4@RIVCO.ORG) <District4@RIVCO.ORG>; District2 <District2@Rivco.org>; District3 <District3@Rivco.org>; District5 <District5@Rivco.org>; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org) <district1@rivco.org>

Cc: Andrews, Ruth <randrews@riversidesheriff.org>

Subject: May 5, 2020 Public Comment Re: Petition for Early Release and Responsible Reentry (Jordanna Wong-Omshehe Starting Over Inc)

Good morning,

The attached letter and petition were received via COB email and are being added to the May 5, 2020 Agenda Item No 16 back-up for Public Comment.

Thank you, and have a nice, safe day and weekend,

Sue Maxwell

Board Assistant

Riverside County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

(951) 955-1069 Fax (951) 955-1071

cob@rivco.org

From: COB

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:54 PM

To: Jordanna Wong-Omshehe <jordanna@startingoverinc.org>; Gilfoy, Taylor <TBGilfoy@riversidesheriff.org>; Hestrin, Michael <MHestrin@RivCoDA.org>; Harmon, Steven <SLHarmon@RIVCO.ORG>; Felix, Margarita <MAFELIX@RIVCO.ORG>; Christensen, Karen <KCHRISTE@RIVCO.ORG>; DeArmond, Michelle <MDeArmond@RIVCO.ORG>; Justus, Kerstin <KJustus@RIVCO.ORG>; Shannon, Boomer <BShannon@RIVCO.ORG>

Cc: Vonya Quarles <vonya@startingoverinc.org>

Subject: RE: Petition for Early Release and Responsible Reentry (Received)

Good afternoon Ms. Wong-Omshehe,

Thank you for contacting the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors via email regarding COVID-19 affecting the prison population, which (along with your attachments) have been forwarded to the Board members and other appropriate individuals and included in the public record for the May 5, 2020 Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Sue Maxwell

Board Assistant

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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April 29, 2020

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Mike Hestrin, District Attorney
Steve Harmon, Public Defender

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Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
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Supervisor Chuck Washington
Supervisor V Manuel Perez
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt

Sent via Email

Re: COVID-19 Petition for early release and responsible reentry

Dear Riverside County Leadership,

We write to you in follow up to previous communications and community actions around the county's response to the spread of COVID-19 in Riverside County correctional facilities. Beginning mid March, we have sent letters outlining recommendations to ensure the well being and health of incarcerated people. As of April 29th we have received no response to our letters. We have been made aware of no plan for prevention and protection of people inside jails. Because of your inaction and lack of response, we have continued to push for solutions that center the well being of those most impacted during this pandemic, people housed in the jails and jail staff.

While your offices remain silent to our recommendations, the spread of the virus has impacted over 130 incarcerated individuals and taken the lives of 4 people within our county correctional system. As elected officials you have the responsibility to protect all community members during this pandemic.

Attached is a petition signed by over 300 community members calling on you to plan and implement the following:

- 1) Rapidly depopulate Riverside County Jails to allow proper social distancing. This means vastly reducing the total jail capacity to below 25% of capacity.
- 2) Identify all individuals who are deemed high risk per the CDC guidelines, and ensure their release.

- 3) Provide cleaning supplies, masks and other necessary items on a daily basis to all incarcerated people.
- 4) Research and provide community-based housing options and reentry services for all people being released from county jail in need of housing and other reentry services.
- 5) Ensure that upon release people are being properly tested, being given COVID19 education and provided with gloves and a face mask.
- 6) Create and distribute a detailed plan of action to protect people inside jails and provide information to their families.
- 7) Be transparent about the number of cases inside, fatalities of incarcerated individuals, tests administered.

A quick and prompt response is requested. Please contact Jordanna Wong-Omshehe jordanna@startingoverinc.org for any questions.

Sincerely,

Riverside Chapter of All of Us or NONE

Member Organizations:

Starting Over, Inc

ACLU, SOCAL

California Partnership

Inland Congregations United for Change, PICO

Californians for Safety and Justice, Time Done

Underground Scholars Initiative, UCR

Transitioning Minds, RCC

5C Prison Abolition Collective, Claremont Colleges

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Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:48 PM
To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Cc: Vonya Quarles <vonya@startingoverinc.org>; Riverside All of Us or None <riversideallofusornone@gmail.com>
Subject: Response to Petition

Good Afternoon,

On April 30th I emailed a petition on behalf of the Riverside Chapter of All of Us or NONE re COVID-19 in Riverside County jails. The petition included signatures from 369 community members in support of our community demands, however we have yet to receive a written response confirming the receipt of the petition from your office.

Have you received the petition?

Best,

Jordanna Wong-Omshehe

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From: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Jordanna Wong-Omshehe <jordanna@startingoverinc.org>
Subject: DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FOR FORMAL RESPONSE OF PETITION

Hello,
There is no official response from the Clerk of the Board other than "The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of your email and *attachment* regarding the COVID-19 pandemic affecting Riverside County and will be included in the public record".
If you desire an personal response, please email your District Supervisor.

Respectfully,
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From: Jordanna Wong-Omshehe <jordanna@startingoverinc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:35 PM
To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: Re: RECEIVED: COB HAS THE PETITIONS FOR MAY 5 AND MAY 8 HEARINGS Response to Petition

Hi Tammymae,
Thank you for confirming the receipt of the petition and that it has been recorded, however there was also a request for response to the petition.
What is the standard timeline for written response?

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 4:28 PM COB <COB@rivco.org> wrote:

Greetings,

Yes, the petition is combined together with the May 5, 2020 Board Meeting and tomorrow's May 8, 2020 Special Board meeting; no need to resend as it will be included in the public recorders.

Thank you, your opinion and suggestions are appreciated.

Respectfully,
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