

**From:** [Salazar, Maykent L](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] ASDMF Opposition to Proposition 36  
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Hello,

Sharing this letter that district 1 received for Prop 36.

Thank you,  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:56 PM  
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**Subject:** [External] ASDMF Opposition to Proposition 36

Good Evening,

Please see Alliance San Diego Mobilization Fund's Position regarding Proposition 36, below.

Dear Chairwoman Vargas,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Jessie Schmitte, and I am reaching out on behalf of the Alliance San Diego Mobilization Fund to voice our opposition to California Ballot Proposition 36.

Our organization remains **firmly** opposed to Prop 36 due to its potential to undo years of criminal justice reform, which has emphasized rehabilitation over incarceration for individuals. These reforms have significantly impacted communities of color, particularly in Southeast San Diego and South Bay, which have historically faced inequities within the criminal justice system. Prop 36 threatens to roll back these hard-earned gains and return us to an era where punitive measures disproportionately harm our communities.

Furthermore, I would like to address the fiscal impact of Prop 36. If passed, San Diego taxpayers will be left to foot an estimated \$145 million bill, a cost that could otherwise be avoided by continuing to focus on more effective, equitable, and compassionate approaches to addressing our cities public safety concerns. We would also like to draw attention to the fact that the San Diego Police Department just this year, noted a 5% decrease in burglary and theft crimes. As well as a 13.5% drop in crimes against people.

Regardless of the magnitude of the ongoing costs created by Prop 36, the result would be the same: our elected officials would continue facing difficult decisions about how to accommodate these new unfunded costs in their budgets. Such choices could end up further marginalizing our communities who work day in and day out to uplift one another through programming and services. These decisions could come at a time when our state and local leaders are already struggling to keep balanced budgets.

We encourage the Board to consider both the financial burden and the devastating social consequences this proposition would disproportionately impose on our communities. By standing against Prop 36, we can continue to support a future where justice reform is guided by principles of equity, rehabilitation, and fact-based solutions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to addressing you in person during the upcoming meeting.

Best regards,

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