

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
FORMALLY EXPRESSING THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 36, THE
HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT ON THE NOVEMBER
5, 2024 STATEWIDE BALLOT

WHEREAS, proponents of the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act submitted over 900,000 signatures in favor of this ballot measure; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024, the California Secretary of State announced that the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act" qualified for the November 5, 2024, statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, this ballot measure has been brought forward to address adverse impacts resulting from the 2014 approval of Proposition 47, including a statewide increase in homelessness, certain categories of crimes and untreated mental health and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act will enact a new "treatment-mandated felony" class of crime to provide prosecutors with the discretion to charge a felony for certain hard drug possessions while providing offenders with an option to participate in drug and mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, this ballot measure would add fentanyl to existing laws that prohibit individuals from possessing hard drugs while armed with a firearm or when trafficking large quantities of hard drugs; and

WHEREAS, this ballot measure would permit judges to use their discretion in sentencing drug dealers to state prison or county jail; and

WHEREAS, this ballot measure would warn and reinstate penalties for drug dealers whose trafficking results in the death or serious injury of the drug user; and

WHEREAS, this ballot measure would increase penalties for people who engage in theft repeatedly and add new laws to address "smash and grab" thefts;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors support Proposition 36, "The Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act" on the November 5, 2024 statewide ballot.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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