

RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
2 CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 36, THE HOMELESSNESS,
3 DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT WHICH, IF PASSED,
4 WOULD MAKE TARGETED REFORMS TO PROPOSITION 47 PASSED IN
2014.

5 WHEREAS, while Proposition 47 (“Prop 47”) achieved notable success in making
6 California’s criminal justice system more equitable, Prop 47 has also led to unintended
7 consequences over the past decade; and

8 WHEREAS, unintended consequences of Prop 47 include repeat and often organized retail
9 theft, inner-city store closings, and difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health
10 treatment; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Proposition 36 (“Prop 36”), the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft
14 Reduction Act, is a bi-partisan measure that provides targeted reforms to Prop 47; and

15 WHEREAS, rampant retail theft is harming businesses and residents in California because
16 those who commit these crimes know they’ll get away with it, even if they are caught; and

17 WHEREAS, Prop 36 will hold repeat offenders accountable for the safety of our
18 communities, rather than putting them back on the streets; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Prop 36 will define fentanyl as a hard drug, hold individuals convicted of
22 trafficking fentanyl accountable, and grant judges greater discretion in sentencing drug traffickers;
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24 WHEREAS, breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes
25 of retail theft; and
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WHEREAS, Prop 36 provides critical mental health, drug treatment services, and job training within our justice system for people who are homeless and suffering from mental illness or struggling with substance abuse; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, as follows:

Section 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The City of Riverside supports Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, and the benefit that it provides to our community's safety.

ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Abstain:
- Absent:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside