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El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson Joins El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors In Opposition to Proposition 47

Today, El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson joined El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini, Placerville Police Chief Scott Heller and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in their opposition to Proposition 47.

Proposition 47, titled by its supporters as "The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act" (hereinafter "the Act"), unfairly misleads the public into believing that the Act will strengthen criminal laws to protect neighborhoods and schools. In fact, the exact opposite is true. Contrary to the claims of its supporters, the Act is crafted to weaken criminal laws, reduce a multitude of crimes to misdemeanors from felonies (including theft of most hand guns), release currently imprisoned felons with serious or violent criminal records and impose an impossibly demanding standard of proof in resentencings, including the three strikes resentencings enacted in 2012's Proposition 36. This Act also proposes that any savings will be directed into prevention and support programs in K-12 schools, victim services and treatment. However, it ignores the costs to the criminal justice system for the proposed "resentencings", costs to business owners and costs of recidivism to the community. Nothing in this Act translates to safer neighborhoods or to safer schools.

Sheriff D'Agostini stated "As the Sheriff of El Dorado County, I cannot stand by and allow such a travesty of our criminal justice system run through the process without expressing my strong opposition to Proposition 47."

For further information on Proposition 47 please visit [www.californiansagainst47.com](http://www.californiansagainst47.com)