



RESOLUTION No. 188-2014
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
In Opposition to Proposition 47

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, California voters will be asked to consider Proposition 47, the “Safe Communities and Schools Act,” which purports to make neighborhoods safer, reduce prison and jail populations, make schools safer, reduce government waste, help find jobs and housing for offenders and protect public safety; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 will reduce the penalties for numerous criminal offenses from felonies to misdemeanors for specified crimes that include commercial burglary, grand theft, receipt of stolen property, forgery, fraud and drug possession; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 will allow offenders currently serving felony sentences for the specified crimes to apply to have their felony sentences reduced to misdemeanor sentences; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 will increase the burden on the local criminal justice system as misdemeanants are sentenced at the county level and will serve time in the already overcrowded county jails; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 provides no reimbursement to counties for the additional costs of housing misdemeanor inmates; and,

WHEREAS, law enforcement and local government leaders from across the state firmly believe that the measure will have unintended consequences that will place communities at significant and unnecessary risk, and that there are a number of unanswered questions regarding the measure’s purported cost savings; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby oppose Proposition 47 and encourages California’s voters to reject this measure as it will weaken the state’s criminal justice system and result in serious threats to public safety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 21st day of October, 2014, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest :
James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: James S. Mitrison, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Date: _____