



RESOLUTION NO. 122-2024

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Whereas, Governments are instituted of the people, by the people, and for the people; and,

Whereas, the County of El Dorado places the utmost priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

Whereas, the County of El Dorado has a history of supporting legislation and ballot initiatives that increase public safety and protect the community; and

Whereas, the County of El Dorado emphasizes supporting public safety policies to prevent and reduce criminal activities; and

Whereas, Proposition 47 reclassified certain crimes, like illegal drug possession and nonviolent theft of less than \$950, as misdemeanors, rather than felonies as they had previously been categorized, resulting in an upsurge of property crimes, reversing the decades long statewide trend of decreasing crime; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the positive intentions of Proposition 47 in addressing criminal justice issues with the commendable goal of reducing the prison population and reallocating resources to education and mental health programs; and

Whereas, passage of Proposition 47 resulted in an increase of recidivism due to reduced penalties, reversing the decades long statewide trend of decreasing crime and leading to a surge in homelessness, drug addiction, mental illness, and a strain on community safety; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors has thoroughly reviewed and considered the proposed HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT ballot initiative seeking to amend California Proposition 47 and refine the reclassification of certain offenses, implement graduated penalties for repeat offenders, and allocate additional resources for drug treatment programs and community policing, thus improving community safety; and

Whereas, the proposed ballot initiative will hold those who are committing repeated retail theft and fentanyl sales crimes accountable, for the safety and health of our communities, no longer allowing them to escape consequences; and

Whereas, the proposed ballot initiative will bring back incentives and accountability that are needed for individuals to get into necessary drug treatment and job training programs, helping them begin new lives; and

Whereas, the proposed initiative collected enough signatures to be eligible for the November 2024 ballot.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado:

Section 1: Supports the proposed ballot initiative to amend California Proposition 47, recognizing the need for targeted modifications to address challenges and enhance the effectiveness of criminal justice policies.

Section 2: Endorses the refinement of the reclassification of certain offenses, the implementation of graduated penalties for repeat offenders, and the allocation of additional resources for drug treatment programs and community policing initiatives outlined in the proposed amendment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 25th day of June, 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: *Michelle Hayden*
Deputy Clerk

Ayes: Thomas, Hidahl, Turnboo, Parlin Laine

Noes: None

Absent: None

Wendy Thomas
Wendy Thomas, Chair, Board of Supervisors