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Subject:

FW: In support of Prop 47

From: Kris Ockershauser <kmopas@earthlink.net>
Date: September 24, 2014 at 11:50:45 AM PDT
To: "Robinson, Jacque" <jacquerobinson@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: In support of Prop 47

Dear Jacque:

I am writing in support of Prop 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, under consideration today in the Legislative Committee.

The ACLU, League of Women Voters, John Van de Kamp, Rev. Ed Bacon, California Teachers Assn., SEIU California, and a host of other organizations and leaders who see the waste and damage done by over incarceration support Prop 47. (see <http://www.safetyandschools.com/who-supports-reform/>)

Prop 47 is a cutting edge proposal to end felony sentencing for drug possession and petty theft crimes. The initiative will permanently reduce incarceration and shift one billion dollars over the next five years alone from state corrections to K-12 school programs and mental health and drug treatment.

As a recent L A Times Op Ed noted.... Contributing to the growth in the number of prisoners and in prison spending has been a dramatic expansion in the number of felonies. In addition, mandatory minimum sentences have been applied to an increasing number of crimes. These policies have combined to drive up the prison population, as more prisoners serve longer sentences. On top of that, California has an alarmingly high recidivism rate: Six out of 10 people exiting California prisons return within three years.

It makes no sense to send nonserious, nonviolent offenders to a place filled with hardened criminals and a poor record of rehabilitation — and still expect them to come out better than they went in. Studies show that placing low-risk offenders in prison makes them more dangerous when they are released.

Over-incarceration makes no fiscal sense. California spends \$62,396 per prisoner each year, and \$10 billion overall, on its corrections system. That is larger than the entire state budget of 12 other states. This expenditure might be worth it if we were safer

because of it. But with so many offenders returning to prison, we clearly aren't getting as much public safety — or rehabilitation — as we should for this large expenditure.

Meanwhile, California spends only \$9,200 per K-12 student, and the average salary for a new teacher is \$41,926. And as California built 22 prisons in 30 years, it built only one public university....

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Thank you,

Kris Ockershauser

ACLU SoCal Pasadena/Foothills Chapter

Jomsky, Mark

From: Monica Hubbard <mhubbard@caltech.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 11:10 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Robinson, Jacque; McAustin, Margaret; John Kennedy-D3; Gene Masuda-D4; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: City Council Agenda Item 4: Proposition 47 - Urging Your Support

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of City Council,

I have just been advised that City Council is poised to oppose Proposition 47. I hope that is not the case.

Below are positions supporting Prop 47 from two highly-regarded state-wide organizations -- League of Women Voters of California and the California Council of Churches IMPACT. The latter position statement was just distributed this morning. Additional organizations are also copied below.

Please join with these other organizations in supporting Proposition 47.

Monica Hubbard
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League of Women Voters of California Position on Proposition 47

Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act--Prop 47 will ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses and will maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crime. The savings generated will be invested in prevention and support programs in K-12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. Prop 47 will change low-level nonviolent crimes such as simple drug possession and petty theft from felonies to misdemeanors; sentences for people convicted of dangerous crimes like rape, murder, and child molestation will not be changed. The League believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime.

The chief basis of our support for this measure is the League's Sentencing Policy position adopted in 2012. The growing costs of incarceration and the impact on budget decisions have been a concern for several years. Prop 47 reduces the penalty for certain nonviolent offenses, including simple drug possession and petty theft, to a misdemeanor. One of the major upsides of this is avoiding incarceration of nonviolent first offenders with hardened criminals. Counseling, community supervision and community service increase the possibility of rehabilitation and lower the risk of recidivism.

Savings from this proposal, which could easily be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, will be directed to a new fund, the "Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund," where they can be devoted to prevention and early intervention programs as well as mental health and drug treatment, all areas that are strongly supported by the LWVC.

There will also be savings to county governments as fewer people are sentenced to jail time or community supervision. While not a part of the "Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund," this will free more local dollars to help tight county budgets.

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California Council of Churches IMPACT position on Proposition 47

PROPOSITION 47: Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute.

Recommendation: SUPPORT

This is perhaps the single biggest opportunity to end the ‘cradle to prison’ pipeline and the horrific increase in our prison population.

This proposition converts all non-violent offenses specified (shoplifting, low-level drug possession, petty theft, etc.) to misdemeanors rather than felonies. It assures that anyone convicted of violent crimes such as murder, rape, child molestation, will not be included in this alteration of sentencing. Sentences of those convicted of misdemeanors will serve time in county jails rather than prisons with money from the prison system directed to those jails.

This is consistent with our support of changes in the ‘three strikes’ law; it upholds the intent of Prop. 36 drug diversion courts, and is a sensible alternative to the prison industry that has grown out of all proportion over the past 40 years. It would level the incarceration discrepancies between races by keeping all such offenses for non-violent offenders as misdemeanors rather than subjecting people of color to the kinds of discretionary sentences for minor crimes that lead to long felony records.

The proposition also creates the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund by diverting existing funds in the Department of Education and mental health funds toward crime prevention and victim support programs all of which has been long needed. This may be the alteration in justice we have long awaited. It has the support of many organizations including those in criminal justice systems and virtually no opposition.

Additional organizations and individuals supporting Proposition 47

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

- Hon. George Gascón, City & County of San Francisco District Attorney
- Hon. Paul Gallegos, Humboldt County District Attorney
- Hon. Jeff Rosen, Santa Clara County District Attorney
- Chief Bill Lansdowne, City of San Diego Police Department (Ret.)
- Dionne Wilson, Survivor Outreach Coordinator at Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
- President of San Francisco Police Commission Suzy Loftus, City & County of San Francisco
- Deputy Chief Norm Stamper (Ret.), City of San Diego, and Chief (Ret.) of Seattle, WA Police Department
- Chief Wayne Tucker, City of Oakland Police Department (Ret.)
- Deputy Chief Stephen Downing, City of Los Angeles Police Department (Ret.)
- Tinetta Thompson, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- ADA Patrick Nightingale, former Prosecutor, Allegheny County District Attorney, Pittsburgh
- Rosemary Chavez, Los Angeles City Attorney prosecutor (Ret.)
- Thomas A. Blake, former California Deputy Attorney General
- Michael Cindrich, former San Diego County Deputy District Attorney
- Alex Bastian, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- Michael Troncoso, former Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- Rebecca Prozan, former Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- Horatio Petty, Oakland Police Officer (Ret.)
- Bill Fazio, former Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- Nate Bradley, former Sutter County Deputy Sheriff
- Capt. Barry Goldstein, former Orange County Sheriff’s Department Reserve
- James Anthony, former City of Oakland Community Prosecutor
- Lieutenant Diane Goldstein, former Redondo Beach Police Department

- Ofc. Kyle Kazan, former City of Torrance Police Department
- Dep. Nick Morrow, former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Detective
- Fernando Perez, Probation Officer, LA County; President, Mexican American Correctional Officers Association (Ret.)
- Sherriff Lance Bucholtz, Green Lake County, WI (Ret.)
- Chief Larry Kirk, Chief of Police, Missouri
- Jeff Kaufman, former Police Officer, NYPD
- Russell Jones, Narcotics Detective, San Jose Police Department (Ret.)
- Andrea Ordin, Former United States Attorney, Central District of California; Former Commissioner, Los Angeles Police Commission; California Chief Assistant Attorney General (Ret.)
- John Van de Kamp, California Attorney General (former)
- Miriam Krinsky, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Heidi Rummel, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- James W. Spertus, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Tammy Spertus, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Seth Steward, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- Ed Weiss, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Joe Miller, Police Officer, Deputy Probation Officer, (City) (ret.)
- Eugene Groassman,
- Professor Keith Humphreys, White House Commission on Drug Free Communities under President G.W. Bush(former); Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy under President Obama(former); Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University
- Professor Gerald Uelman, Executive Director, the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice (2006); Asst. U.S. Attorney, Central Dist. of CA. (Los Angeles) (former); President, California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (former); Professor, Santa Clara Univ. School of Law
- Terry J. Collins, Director, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (2006-2010), Assistant Director (1977-2006)
- Doug Dretke, Executive Director, Correctional Management Institute of Texas
- Charles Terrell, Chairman, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (1987-1990)
- Dr. Reginald Wilkinson, Director (Ret.), Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) (1991-2006); President, American Correctional Association; Vice Chair for North America, International Corrections and Prison Association; President, Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association; Founder, Ohio chapter, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.
- Charles Kreindler, former Assistant U.S. Attorney

Judicial Officers

- Hon. George Eskin, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. James Gray, Orange County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. Harlan Grossman, Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. Eugene Hyman, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. Terry Friedman, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge (Ret.), California Assemblymember (Ret.)
- Judge LaDoris Cordell, Santa Clara County Superior Court

Elected Political Officials and Organizations

- Congressman Tony Cardenas, United States Congress, CA 29
- State Senator Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem
- State Senator Loni Hancock, Chair, Public Safety Committee
- State Senator Mark Leno, Chair, Budget Committee
- State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair, Judiciary Committee
- Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Chair Committee on Public Safety
- Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair, Legislative Women's Caucus
- Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, Public Safety and Budget Committee
- Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski, Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
- Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- Jessica Jackson, Mill Valley City Councilmember
- Carmen RamÁrez, Mayor Pro Tem, Oxnard City Council
- Susan K. Lacey, Ventura County Board of Supervisor (Ret.)
- Laura Chick, Los Angeles City Controller (ret.)
- California Democratic Party
- Fresno County Democratic Womenâ€™s Club
- Oakland United Democratic Campaign
- The League of Women Voters of California
- Potrero Hill Democratic Club
- CSUN Young Democrats

Education

- Tom Amato, Stockton School District
- Sam Frankel, Berkley School District (Ret.)
- Robert Gordh, Santa Monica
- Randal Mitchell, Past President, Evergreen Teacherâ€™s Association, and Trustee, Pajaro Valley Unified School District
- Heidi Rummel, Clinical Professor of Law, USC Gould School of Law
- Edward Steinman, Professor, Santa Clara Law
- Dale Sky Jones, Executive Chancellor, Oaksterdam University
- Esau Herrera, California Latino School Board Member Association, Past President
- Yolanda Estremera, Former Community College Trustee, San Jose Evergreen
- Dolores Marquez, School Board Trustee
- Professor David Ball, Law Professor, Santa Clara Univ. School of Law

Faith Community

- Bishop Charles Blake, Pastor West Angeles Church of God in Christ
- Bishop Noel Jones, Pastor, City of Refuge, Los Angeles
- Minister Willie Douglas, Stockton
- Pastor Michael McBride, PICO National Lifelines to Healing Campaign
- Reverend Ed Bacon, Rector, All Saints Church, Pasadena
- Reverend Jethro Moore, President of San Jose Chapter of NAACP
- Reverend Mitra Rahnema, Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach
- Bishop Jaime Soto, Diocese of Sacramento
- Reverend Chip Murray, Reverend, First AME Church (Ret.)

- Bishop Stephen Blaire, Diocese of Stockton
- Bishop Robert Vasa, Diocese of Santa Rosa
- Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Edward Clark, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Alexander Salazar, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Oscar Solis, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Bishop William Justice, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Bishop Robert McElroy, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, Diocese of Fresno
- Bishop Richard Garcia, Diocese of Monterey
- Bishop Michael Barber, Diocese of Oakland
- Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Diocese of Orange
- Bishop Dominic Luong, Diocese of Orange
- Bishop Myron Cotta, Diocese of Sacramento
- Bishop Gerald Barnes, Diocese of San Bernadino
- Bishop Rutilio del Riego, Diocese of San Bernadino
- Bishop Cirilo Flores, Diocese of San Diego
- Bishop Emeritus Robert Brom, Diocese of San Diego
- Bishop Patrick McGrath, Diocese of San Jose
- Bishop Thomas Daly, Diocese of San Jose
- Rev. Br. Richard Helmer, Our Savior, Mill Valley
- Rev. Scott Richardson, St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco
- Rev. Davidson Bidwell-Waite, Transfiguration, San Mateo
- Rev. Richard Smith, St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco
- Rev. Tommy Dillon, St. Aidan's, San Francisco
- Rev. Elizabeth Sherman, St. Francis, San Francisco
- Rev. Dr. Paul Fromberg, St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco
- Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson,
- Alan Murray, Grace Cathedral
- Rev. Matthew Woodward, Transfiguration, San Mateo
- Rev. Dana Corsello, St. Luke's, San Francisco
- First Christian Church of Garden Grove (Disciples of Christ)
- Friends Committee on Legislation of California
- IKAR-LA
- Justice Fellowship
- Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches
- PICO California
- Pomona First Baptist/Purpose Church
- Progressive Christians Uniting
- Serving California
- Social Justice Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach
- Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
- Sacramento Area Congregations Together
- Placer People of Faith Together
- San Francisco Organizing Project/Peninsula Interfaith Action
- Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization
- Oakland Community Organizations
- Congregations Organizing for Renewal
- Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action
- People Acting in Community Together: Santa Clara County

- People Acting in Community Together: San Joaquin County
- Congregations Building Community
- Merced Organizing Project
- Faith in Community (Fresno County)
- Faith in Action (Kern County)
- Faith in the Central Valley
- Inland Congregations United for Change
- LA Voice
- Orange County Congregation Community Organization
- San Diego Organizing Project
- California Catholic Conference of Bishops
- Episcopal Diocese of California
- United Church of Christ Southern California Conference

Organized Labor

- AFL-CIO
- AFSCME
- AFSCME 3299
- California Federation of Teachers (CFT)
- California Labor Federation
- California Teachers Association (CTA)
- Service Employees International Union California (SEIU)
- Unite Here, Local 49
- United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW)

Victims of Crime

- Bay Area Crime Survivors of Safety and Justice Network
- Bridget's Dream
- Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
- Fresno Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
- Life After Uncivil Ruthless Acts (LAURA)
- Los Angeles Victims/Survivors Network
- Sacramento Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice Network
- San Diego Victims/Survivors Network

Community Organizations

- A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)
- A New Way of Life
- Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus
- Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment
- American Civil Liberties Union of California

- Amity Foundation
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
- Bend The Arc
- Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach
- California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.
- California Coalition of Community Mental Health Agencies
- California Partnership
- California School-Based Health Alliance
- California Urban Partnership
- Californians for Justice
- Canvass for a Cause
- Careering Responsible Opportunity Programs (CROP)
- Centro CHA Inc. (Long Beach Community Hispanic Association)
- Children's Defense Fund of California
- Christie's Place
- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
- Community Coalition
- Democratic Volunteer Center
- East Bay Immigrant Youth Coalition
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Employee Rights Center
- Equal Voice for Southern California Families Alliance
- Family's First
- Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
- Global Grind
- Homeboy Industries
- Housing California
- Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Coalition
- Justice League NYC
- Justice Not Jails
- Khmer Girls in Action
- LA Chamber of Commerce
- Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
- Latino Health Access
- Law Students for Sensible Drug Policy at UC Irvine
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- Los Angeles Regional Re-entry Partnership
- My.Anti.Gang
- NAACP – San Diego Branch
- NAACP – San Jose Branch
- National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
- National Employment Law Project
- Oakland Rising
- Our Rightful Place
- Prevention Institute
- San Francisco Human Services Network
- Santa Ana Collaborative for Responsible Development (SACReD)
- SCOPE
- Seringueiro Social Justice Resources
- Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)
- Serving California
- Social Justice Learning Institute

- St. Anthony Foundation (San Francisco)
- Straight Talk Program, Inc.
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- The Advancement Project
- The Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC)
- The League of Women Voters of California
- The Sentencing Project
- The Women's Foundation
- Violence Prevention Coalition (VPC)
- Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Santa Cruz
- Working Partnerships USA
- Youth Justice Coalition

Individuals

- Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*
- Wayne Hughes, Jr., Investor and Philanthropist
- Hon. Carol Ruth Silver, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, SF Sheriff's Department Prisoner Legal Services (Ret.)
- John Amabile, former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General
- Mark Kleiman, Department of Justice, Criminal Division (former), Professor UCLA, Author
- Dr. Jake Caputo, former Cook County, Ill. Sheriff's Inspector
- James Doherty, former Corrections Officer and Prosecutor
- Major Neill Franklin, former Maryland State and Baltimore Police Department
- Capt. Leigh Maddox, former Maryland State Police Department
- Dr. Inge Fryklund, former Cook County, Ill. Assistant Attorney
- Special Agent Jamie Haase, former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special
- Patrick Heintz, former Hampden County, Mass. Sheriff's Department Corrections Officer/Substance Abuse Counselor
- Tom Hoffman, former Adult Parole Director, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Dr. Richard Kennedy, former CIA Analyst
- Dr. Cristina Lanata, University of California, San Francisco
- Dep. Leo Laurence, former Missouri Sheriff
- Special Agent David Long, former U. S. Department of Labor
- Lieut. Det. Paul R. MacLean, former New Hampshire State Police Department
- Major Richard Newton, former U.S. Customs and Border Protection Drug Interdiction Aviation Pilot
- Lieut. Tony Ryan, City of Denver, CO Police Department (Ret.)
- Ofc. Andr   Rosedale, Connecticut Municipal Police Department
- Finn Selander, DEA Special Agent (Ret.)
- Lieutenant Jay Hall, Houston Police Department (Ret.)
- Peter Moskos, former Police Officer, Baltimore Police Department
- Matthew Fong, Chief Deputy US Federal Marshal (Ret.)
- Lieutenant James Nolan, Wilmington Police Department, DE (Ret.)
- Dwayne Sessom, Corrections Officer, Comanche County, OK, Deputy Sheriff, Comanche
- Jason Thomas, former Deputy Marshal and County Detention Officer, Prowers County, CO
- John Baeza, former Detective, New York City Police Department
- Sean McAllister, former Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Attorney General's Office
- Mike Farrell, Community Leader

Jomsky, Mark

From: Bogaard, Bill
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 11:59 AM
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Franci Levine-Grater <francilg@gmail.com>
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Subject: prop 47

please vote in support of prop 47 to follow the advice of many respected law enforcement and legal experts, use our limited resources more wisely, and do a better job of securing justice in our communities. the people of Pasadena will support you. yes on 47!

sent from my mobile
626-644-7523

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Juliana <juliana_serrano@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 12:08 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Thyret, Pam
Cc: Bogaard, Bill; Stewart, Jana; district1; Robinson, Jacque; twilliams@cityofpasadena.net; Morales, Margo; McAustin, Margaret; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); jkennedy@cityofpasadena.net; West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Masuda, Gene; De La Cuba, Vannia; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Suzuki, Takako; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: 10/6/14 City Council Meeting Agenda Item - Prop 47
Attachments: Prop47Support.pdf
Importance: High

October 6, 2014

Councilmember Terry Tornek
District 7
Pasadena City Hall
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Dear Councilmember Tornek:

I write you as a Pasadena resident of Council District 7 and I urge you to reject the staff recommendation regarding California State Proposition 47 – the California Safe Schools and Neighborhoods Act, and request that the Pasadena City Council support this ballot initiative.

California prisons and jails are in crisis with overcrowding, inadequate funds and service capacity to manage the hundreds of thousands of convictions made by our state criminal justice system. Something must be done to address this crisis, and our state legislature has been inadequate in its response. We now need to make changes in our criminal court sentencing policies and Prop 47 would do just that.

By reducing penalties for certain offenders of non-violent crimes, Prop 47 will reduce jail population size, reduce government spending and waste, and dedicate hundreds of millions to service programs in the areas of mental health, drug treatment, education (K-12), and crime victim assistance – all while improving public safety and the way by which our state justice system operates.

At present, the six low level, non-violent crimes specified by Prop 47 – drug possession, fraudulent and forged checks (under \$950), petty theft (under \$950), possession of stolen property and shoplifting (\$950), can be sentenced at the discretion of the DA's office as felonies, misdemeanors, or wobblers. Prop 47 prioritizes serious and violent crimes by reducing

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the sentencing for the aforementioned crimes, ensuring that they can only be sentenced as misdemeanors.

In the Pasadena City Council Legislative Policy Committee hearing held on September 24th, members of the committee made several comments that revealed to me that the staff recommendation provided by the Pasadena Police Department was insufficient in providing details of the proposition, and in fact, perpetuated false information about the effects of the measure. I would like to take this opportunity to address some of those details.

As a community leader who is passionate about gun safety and cares deeply about the amount of firearms present in our community, I support Prop 47 because I understand that it will not eliminate automatic prosecution for stealing or possessing a stolen gun. Prop 47 maintains California's strict gun laws, enabling felony prosecution for any and all criminal activity related to guns. This includes gun theft, regardless of the value. Gun crimes are serious crimes and should be prosecuted as such and dozens of felony provisions related to guns will be maintained by Prop 47.

Prop 47 does not require the automatic release of anyone. The measure includes strict protections for public safety and makes sure that rapists, murderers and molesters, and many other types of dangerous criminals, do not benefit from the sentencing reduction or reclassification. The reduced sentencing would be limited to those who have not committed severe and violent crimes such as murder, and certain sex and gun crimes. In addition, the reduced sentencing would exclude offenders who have previously committed three forgery related crimes, or if the offender commits identify theft in connection with forging a check. Therefore repeat offenders can be sentenced severely according to the totality of their repeat misdemeanor offenses. Judges will be able to keep dangerous criminals blocked from early release.

It is estimated that approximately 10,000 non-violent inmates will be eligible for early release under Prop 47, and that approximately 40,000 low-level offenders, annually, will be affected by the measure. This is significantly less than the figures reported by the opposition position, coupled with the notion that these inmates are dangerous and violent. The six crimes covered by Prop 47 are non-violent offenses. The measure states that the court will not be required to resentence or release an offender that is currently serving a felony sentence if the court determines that the offender is likely to commit a specified severe crime again. Instead, offenders of low level offenses would simply serve less time in jail, and require less community supervision.

Due to state policies such as realignment, our state parole and probation systems are stressed. Over time, the proposed reduction in sentencing would have positive effects on our county jail and community supervision systems. When offenders are sentenced with misdemeanors as opposed to felonies, there will be fewer offenders under supervision and a decrease in the community supervision time. Therefore, within a few years, it is estimated that the county could experience a significant reduction in caseloads. In addition, the criminal court system will save

hundreds of millions of dollars over time, given that misdemeanors take less processing time and fewer resources in court than felonies. All the savings will then go back to the community through mental health treatment, drug treatment, truancy, crime prevention and victim support programs – which make us all safer and healthier.

Finally, I want to add that neither in my professional or personal life, have I even been compelled to quote New Gingrich. And in his September 17th Op-Ed in the *LA Times*, he states the reality of what has become of our incarceration only policies. He said “Prisons are for people we are afraid of, but we have been filling them with many folks we are just mad at.” I agree. I believe there should be harsh punishment for dangerous and violent criminals, but I don’t believe that is what California is doing anymore – and our jail and prison population indicates that fact, and our recidivism rate indicates that our justice system’s severe punishment of offenders isn’t preventing them from harming individuals and our communities time and time again.

It is time for change in California, and it can begin with Prop 47. The City of Pasadena has a unique opportunity to be part of this change, in complete alignment with the City’s value of being a leader in innovative solutions to problems, community health and safety, and compassion. I urge you live into that leadership, and step into this occasion with thoughtfulness and commitment to progress. Please reject the staff recommendation of an opposition position on Proposition 47, and say yes to a measure that is widely supported by law enforcement, crime victims, educators, business leaders, faith leaders, and Pasadena residents, like me.

Sincerely,

Juliana Serrano

cc: Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor, Jacque Robinson, District 1
Councilmember Margaret McAustin, District 2
Councilmember John Kennedy, District 3
Councilmember Gene Masuda, District 4
 Councilmember Victor Gordo, District 5
 Councilmember Steve Madison, District 6
 City Clerk, Mark Jomsky

Jomsky, Mark

From: Bogaard, Bill
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 11:58 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Support Proposition 47

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeanette Mann <jxmann@earthlink.net>
Date: October 6, 2014 at 11:53:17 AM PDT
To: <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: **Support Proposition 47**

Dear Bill,

I am writing to urge you to support Proposition 47 (Safe Neighbors and Schools Act of 2014). Proposition 47 is the first step in prison reform; it changes the lowest level nonviolent drug possession and petty theft crimes from felonies to simple misdemeanors. In addition, by releasing prisoners currently incarcerated for such crimes who are not a risk to safety, it would free funds which would be re-allocated to K-12 school programs, victim services and mental health and drug treatment.

You are very familiar with my work with foster children and youth in our community. An estimated 10 to 20 percent of children in foster care have a parent who is incarcerated, the majority for low-level drug crimes or non-violent minor offenses. Passage of this proposition could bring many of these parents home so they could care for their children.

Proposition 47 brings together law enforcement leaders, crime victims, business leaders, faith leaders, rehabilitation experts, and civil rights leaders. Proposition 47 has been endorsed by:

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

- Hon. George Gascón, City & County of San Francisco District Attorney
- Hon. Paul Gallegos, Humboldt County District Attorney
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- Fernando Perez, Probation Officer, LA County; President, Mexican American Correctional Officers Association (Ret.)
- Sherriff Lance Bucholtz, Green Lake County, WI (Ret.)
- Chief Larry Kirk, Chief of Police, Missouri
- Jeff Kaufman, former Police Officer, NYPD
- Russell Jones, Narcotics Detective, San Jose Police Department (Ret.)
- Andrea Ordin, Former United States Attorney, Central District of California; Former Commissioner, Los Angeles Police Commission; California Chief Assistant Attorney General (Ret.)
- John Van de Kamp, California Attorney General (former)
- Miriam Krinsky, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Heidi Rummel, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- James W. Spertus, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Tammy Spertus, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Seth Steward, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco
- Ed Weiss, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California
- Joe Miller, Police Officer, Deputy Probation Officer, (City) (ret.)
- Eugene Groassman,
- Professor Keith Humphreys, White House Commission on Drug Free Communities under President G.W. Bush(former); Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy under President Obama(former); Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University
- Professor Gerald Uelman, Executive Director, the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice (2006); Asst. U.S. Attorney, Central Dist. of CA. (Los Angeles) (former); President, California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (former); Professor, Santa Clara Univ. School of Law
- Terry J. Collins, Director, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (2006-2010), Assistant Director (1977-2006)
- Doug Dretke, Executive Director, Correctional Management Institute of Texas
- Charles Terrell, Chairman, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (1987-1990)
- Dr. Reginald Wilkinson, Director (Ret.), Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) (1991-2006); President, American Correctional Association; Vice Chair for North America, International Corrections and Prison Association; President, Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association; Founder, Ohio chapter, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.
- Charles Kreindler, former Assistant U.S. Attorney

Judicial Officers

- Hon. George Eskin, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. James Gray, Orange County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. Harlan Grossman, Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. Eugene Hyman, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge (Ret.)
- Hon. Terry Friedman, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge (Ret.), California Assemblymember (Ret.)
- Judge LaDoris Cordell, Santa Clara County Superior Court

Elected Political Officials and Organizations

- Congressman Tony Cardenas, United States Congress, CA 29
- State Senator Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem
- State Senator Loni Hancock, Chair, Public Safety Committee
- State Senator Mark Leno, Chair, Budget Committee
- State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair, Judiciary Committee
- Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Chair Committee on Public Safety
- Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair, Legislative Women's Caucus
- Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, Public Safety and Budget Committee
- Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski, Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
- Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- Jessica Jackson, Mill Valley City Councilmember
- Carmen Ramirez, Mayor Pro Tem, Oxnard City Council
- Susan K. Lacey, Ventura County Board of Supervisor (Ret.)
- Laura Chick, Los Angeles City Controller (ret.)
- California Democratic Party
- Fresno County Democratic Women's Club
- Oakland United Democratic Campaign
- The League of Women Voters of California
- Potrero Hill Democratic Club
- CSUN Young Democrats

Education

- Tom Amato, Stockton School District
- Sam Frankel, Berkley School District (Ret.)
- Robert Gordh, Santa Monica
- Randal Mitchell, Past President, Evergreen Teacher's Association, and Trustee, Pajaro Valley Unified School District
- Heidi Rummel, Clinical Professor of Law, USC Gould School of Law
- Edward Steinman, Professor, Santa Clara Law
- Dale Sky Jones, Executive Chancellor, Oaksterdam University
- Esau Herrera, California Latino School Board Member Association, Past President
- Yolanda Estremera, Former Community College Trustee, San Jose Evergreen
- Dolores Marquez, School Board Trustee
- Professor David Ball, Law Professor, Santa Clara Univ. School of Law

Faith Community

- Bishop Charles Blake, Pastor West Angeles Church of God in Christ
- Bishop Noel Jones, Pastor, City of Refuge, Los Angeles
- Minister Willie Douglas, Stockton
- Pastor Michael McBride, PICO National Lifelines to Healing Campaign
- Reverend Ed Bacon, Rector, All Saints Church, Pasadena
- Reverend Jethro Moore, President of San Jose Chapter of NAACP
- Reverend Mitra Rahnema, Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach
- Bishop Jaime Soto, Diocese of Sacramento
- Reverend Chip Murray, Reverend, First AME Church (Ret.)
- Bishop Stephen Blaire, Diocese of Stockton
- Bishop Robert Vasa, Diocese of Santa Rosa
- Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Edward Clark, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Alexander Salazar, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Oscar Solis, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

- Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Bishop William Justice, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Bishop Robert McElroy, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, Diocese of Fresno
- Bishop Richard Garcia, Diocese of Monterey
- Bishop Michael Barber, Diocese of Oakland
- Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Diocese of Orange
- Bishop Dominic Luong, Diocese of Orange
- Bishop Myron Cotta, Diocese of Sacramento
- Bishop Gerald Barnes, Diocese of San Bernadino
- Bishop Rutilio del Riego, Diocese of San Bernadino
- Bishop Cirilo Flores, Diocese of San Diego
- Bishop Emeritus Robert Brom, Diocese of San Diego
- Bishop Patrick McGrath, Diocese of San Jose
- Bishop Thomas Daly, Diocese of San Jose
- Rev. Br. Richard Helmer, Our Savior, Mill Valley
- Rev. Scott Richardson, St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco
- Rev. Davidson Bidwell-Waite, Transfiguration, San Mateo
- Rev. Richard Smith, St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco
- Rev. Tommy Dillon, St. Aidan's, San Francisco
- Rev. Elizabeth Sherman, St. Francis, San Francisco
- Rev. Dr. Paul Fromberg, St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco
- Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson,
- Alan Murray, Grace Cathedral
- Rev. Matthew Woodward, Transfiguration, San Mateo
- Rev. Dana Corsello, St. Luke's, San Francisco
- First Christian Church of Garden Grove (Disciples of Christ)
- Friends Committee on Legislation of California
- IKAR-LA
- Justice Fellowship
- Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches
- PICO California
- Pomona First Baptist/Purpose Church
- Progressive Christians Uniting
- Serving California
- Social Justice Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach
- Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
- Sacramento Area Congregations Together
- Placer People of Faith Together
- San Francisco Organizing Project/Peninsula Interfaith Action
- Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization
- Oakland Community Organizations
- Congregations Organizing for Renewal
- Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action
- People Acting in Community Together: Santa Clara County
- People Acting in Community Together: San Joaquin County
- Congregations Building Community
- Merced Organizing Project
- Faith in Community (Fresno County)
- Faith in Action (Kern County)
- Faith in the Central Valley
- Inland Congregations United for Change
- LA Voice

- Orange County Congregation Community Organization
- San Diego Organizing Project
- California Catholic Conference of Bishops
- Episcopal Diocese of California
- United Church of Christ Southern California Conference

Organized Labor

- AFL-CIO
- AFSCME
- AFSCME 3299
- California Federation of Teachers (CFT)
- California Labor Federation
- California Teachers Association (CTA)
- Service Employees International Union California (SEIU)
- Unite Here, Local 49
- United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW)

Victims of Crime

- Bay Area Crime Survivors of Safety and Justice Network
- Bridget's Dream
- Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
- Fresno Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
- Life After Uncivil Ruthless Acts (LAURA)
- Los Angeles Victims/Survivors Network
- Sacramento Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice Network
- San Diego Victims/Survivors Network

Community Organizations

- A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)
- A New Way of Life
- Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus
- Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment
- American Civil Liberties Union of California
- Amity Foundation
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
- Bend The Arc
- Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach
- California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.
- California Coalition of Community Mental Health Agencies
- California Partnership
- California School-Based Health Alliance
- California Urban Partnership
- Californians for Justice
- Canvass for a Cause
- Careering Responsible Opportunity Programs (CROP)
- Centro CHA Inc. (Long Beach Community Hispanic Association)
- Children's Defense Fund of California
- Christie's Place
- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
- Community Coalition
- Democratic Volunteer Center
- East Bay Immigrant Youth Coalition
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

- Employee Rights Center
- Equal Voice for Southern California Families Alliance
- Family's First
- Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
- Global Grind
- Homeboy Industries
- Housing California
- Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Coalition
- Justice League NYC
- Justice Not Jails
- Khmer Girls in Action
- LA Chamber of Commerce
- Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
- Latino Health Access
- Law Students for Sensible Drug Policy at UC Irvine
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- Los Angeles Regional Re-entry Partnership
- My.Anti.Gang
- NAACP – San Diego Branch
- NAACP – San Jose Branch
- National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
- National Employment Law Project
- Oakland Rising
- Our Rightful Place
- Prevention Institute
- San Francisco Human Services Network
- Santa Ana Collaborative for Responsible Development (SACReD)
- SCOPE
- Seringueiro Social Justice Resources
- Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)
- Serving California
- Social Justice Learning Institute
- St. Anthony Foundation (San Francisco)
- Straight Talk Program, Inc.
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- The Advancement Project
- The Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC)
- The League of Women Voters of California
- The Sentencing Project
- The Women's Foundation
- Violence Prevention Coalition (VPC)
- Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Santa Cruz
- Working Partnerships USA
- Youth Justice Coalition

Individuals

- Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*
- Wayne Hughes, Jr., Investor and Philanthropist
- Hon. Carol Ruth Silver, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, SF Sheriff's Department Prisoner Legal Services (Ret.)
- John Amabile, former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General
- Mark Kleiman, Department of Justice, Criminal Division (former), Professor UCLA, Author

- Dr. Jake Caputo, former Cook County, Ill. Sheriff's Inspector
- James Doherty, former Corrections Officer and Prosecutor
- Major Neill Franklin, former Maryland State and Baltimore Police Department
- Capt. Leigh Maddox, former Maryland State Police Department
- Dr. Inge Fryklund, former Cook County, Ill. Assistant Attorney
- Special Agent Jamie Haase, former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special
- Patrick Heintz, former Hampden County, Mass. Sheriff's Department Corrections Officer/Substance Abuse Counselor
- Tom Hoffman, former Adult Parole Director, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Dr. Richard Kennedy, former CIA Analyst
- Dr. Cristina Lanata, University of California, San Francisco
- Dep. Leo Laurence, former Missouri Sheriff
- Special Agent David Long, former U. S. Department of Labor
- Lieut. Det. Paul R. MacLean, former New Hampshire State Police Department
- Major Richard Newton, former U.S. Customs and Border Protection Drug Interdiction Aviation Pilot
- Lieut. Tony Ryan, City of Denver, CO Police Department (Ret.)
- Ofc. André Rosedale, Connecticut Municipal Police Department
- Finn Selander, DEA Special Agent (Ret.)
- Lieutenant Jay Hall, Houston Police Department (Ret.)
- Peter Moskos, former Police Officer, Baltimore Police Department
- Matthew Fong, Chief Deputy US Federal Marshal (Ret.)
- Lieutenant James Nolan, Wilmington Police Department, DE (Ret.)
- Dwayne Sessom, Corrections Officer, Comanche County, OK, Deputy Sherriff, Comanche
- Jason Thomas, former Deputy Marshal and County Detention Officer, Prowers County, CO
- John Baeza, former Detective, New York City Police Department
- Sean McAllister, former Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Attorney General's Office
- Mike Farrell, Community Leader

Please cast your vote for the children and young people on our community. Vote to support Proposition 47.

Jeanette

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Proposition 47

Dear Council Member Masuda,

Please support Proposition 47 in November. Proposition 47 will revise sentencing for low-level, non-violent offenses such as simple drug possession and petty theft (under \$950) from a felony to a misdemeanor. The money saved from incarcerating such an offender will be over \$750 million in just five years. This money will be redirected to mental health services, drug treatment programs, schools, and victims' services.

It is a sensible and civil improvement in our criminal justice system, that disproportionately imprisons the poor and people of color. It gives people who have made a mistake a real second chance at life.

Please note that currently, any person with a felony record cannot receive federal assistance for housing, food, or education. And it is difficult or near to impossible to get a job when a person has a felony conviction to declare.

Thank you for helping make our City safer by elevating justice and compassion.

Sincerely,

Alastair L Greeves

10/06/2014

Item 4

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Prop 47 please forward

Dear Council Members; I strongly urge you to support Prop 47. This will affect the lives of so many dear family and friends in my community. It is a simple act of humane outreach. Don't buy into the fear that would have you reject giving non violent offenders a second chance. They deserve as you would walking in their shoes. The money saved is a no brainer. The services for the money saved attends to the much needed education and mental health repair we can no longer sanely live without. Do the just thing. Vote YES in support of PROP 47. Your community is crying out. Thank you in advance. Hilda Boulware