



Support of Proposition 36 “Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes” on November 5, 2024 State General Election Ballot

October 21, 2024





Recommendation

- It is recommended that the City Council:
 - > Find that the proposed action is exempt from CEQA
 - > Support Proposition 36 on the November 5, 2024 state ballot



Background

- City Council adopted 2024 State Legislative Platform
- Elements of Proposition 36 align with City's state legislative platform
- October 1 Legislative Policy Committee
 - No recommendation from Committee
 - Requested full City Council for discussion and decision



Background

- YES vote on this measure means:
 - People convicted of certain drug or theft crimes could receive increased punishment, such as longer prison sentences. In certain cases, people who possess illegal drugs would be required to complete treatment or serve up to three years in prison.
- NO vote on this measure means:
 - Punishment for drug and theft crimes would remain the same.



Support of Proposition 36

- Recommend support to help ensure desired reforms
- Some misdemeanors may be filed as felonies by LA County District Attorney. If so,
 - > City Prosecutor's Office would see decline in cases referred
 - > City Prosecutor's Office could devote more time and resources to more serious misdemeanors in Pasadena such as DUIs and domestic violence cases
- Greater consequences may lead to incentives to obtain treatment instead of misdemeanor prosecution