

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 36: THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT

**WHEREAS**, While Prop 47 achieved notable success in making California's criminal justice system more equitable, Prop 47 has also led to unintended consequences over the past decade.

**WHEREAS**, Unintended consequences of Prop 47 include repeat and often organized retail theft, inner-city store closings, and difficulty convincing people to seek drug and mental health treatment.

**WHEREAS**, these unintended consequences can only be corrected by the voters at the ballot box with modest amendments to Prop 47.

**WHEREAS**, Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act is a bi-partisan measure that provides common sense, targeted reforms to Prop 47 that legislative proposals alone are unable to deliver.

**WHEREAS**, Rampant retail theft harms businesses and California residents because those who commit these crimes know they'll get away with it, even if caught.

**WHEREAS**, This measure will hold repeat offenders accountable for the safety of our communities rather than putting them back on the streets.

**WHEREAS**, The fentanyl crisis has reached alarming levels and is now responsible for 20 percent of youth deaths in California.

**WHEREAS**, Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, will define fentanyl as a hard drug, hold individuals convicted of trafficking fentanyl accountable, and grant judges greater discretion in sentencing drug traffickers.

**WHEREAS**, Breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes of retail theft.

**WHEREAS**, Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, provides critical mental health, drug treatment services, and job training within our justice system for people who are experiencing homelessness and suffering from mental illness or struggling with substance abuse.

**WHEREAS**, It is time for meaningful reforms to our justice system that ensure our communities are safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Visalia, that the City Council formally expressed support for Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act and the benefit that it provides for our community's safety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: October 7, 2024    LESLIE B. CAVIGLIA, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
COUNTY OF TULARE    ) ss.  
CITY OF VISALIA        )

I, Leslie B. Caviglia, City Clerk of the City of Visalia, certify the foregoing is the full and true Resolution 2024-56 passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Visalia at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2024.

Dated: October 8, 2024

LESLIE B. CAVIGLIA, CITY CLERK

By Jennifer Gomez, Chief Deputy City Clerk