

From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:33 PM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: SUPPORT "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018"

I encourage you to support the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 .

As a citizen I am increasingly disgusted by the ridiculously conflicted actions of government in California. The government knowingly reduced the penalty for gun crimes in Proposition 47 and 57 and then turns around and begins passing laws that make it increasingly dangerous for law abiding citizens to defend themselves with a firearm.

You cant have it both ways. If you are concerned about gun crime you can not support making it easier for criminals to use guns by reducing the penalty for doing so. At the same time you can't keep increasing the penalties on law abiding citizens for gun ownership while making it easier for criminals to engage in gun crime.

If you are concerned about common sense gun laws... here is your chance to prove it.

Mark S Towber

President

GS2AC

From: William Sherman

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 11:14 AM

To: District 10; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District5; District1; District 6

Cc: Agendadesk

Subject: Support for Placing Councilman Johnny Khamis' Memorandum of 4/26/2018 on the 5/15/2016 Council Agenda

Re: Rules Committee Agenda Item G.5. , 5/2/18 Rules Committee Hearing: Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.

I strongly recommend that this memorandum of support be brought before the Council for action.

I can add another personal example of an unintended consequence that could be resolved by this effort.

My wife and I have one granddaughter who put herself through Community College and San Jose State University, earning a B.S. in Criminal Justice. For several years she worked as a Juvenile Counselor for Santa Clara County in the South County ranch for rehabilitatable juveniles in the Juvenile Court System. Suddenly, she decided to leave for Australia to search for potential employment.

While she never stated exactly why, several more recent conversations explained her logic.

The unintended consequences stated in the memorandum are accurate. The juveniles being released to the ranch where she worked were often beyond rehabilitation and caused disruption and occasionally physical threats. On one occasion, only half of the

counselors scheduled to work were available; the others had been injured trying to apprehend runaways. That had also happened to her. I am convinced she departed due to a safety threat that had developed during her employment as part of the consequences of Propositions 47 and 57.

Today, she works as a flight attendant, earning much less, and already bored with a lack of challenge which she had when first employed by the County. I'm sure the advantages of getting the City of San Jose behind this Bill will accrue to many other workers in the criminal justice system and perhaps encourage her to get back into the career she trained for.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Sherman

From: Gary Zollweg

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:08 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6;
District7; District8; District9; District 10; Agendadesk

Subject: Klamis Memo

Councilmembers,

We strongly urge you to forward Johnny Klamis's memo on unintended effects of Prop 47 and 57 to the full Council for consideration!

Thank you,

Gary & Gloria Zollweg

From: wilma schen

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 7:45 AM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Charles Chappie Jones; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev;
Agendadesk

Subject: SUPPORT "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018"

To whom it may concern,

I am totally supporting "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018"! Please send D10 councilman John Khalid's memo to the full Council for consideration.

Thanks,

Wilma

From: Jordan Moore

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:40 AM

To: Agendadesk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Subject: Memo from Johnny Khamis

Hello, Mayor Liccardo!

Hope you're doing well. Please pass this memo along to the full council for consideration. We need to do all we can to support local law enforcement as they protect innocent citizens from criminals.

Thank you for your time,

Jordan Moore

From: Zheng, Chuck

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 10:53 PM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: Supporting "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018"

Dear Mayor Llicardo, Vice Mayor Carrasco, and Councilmembers Jones and Davis,

We are supporting "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018". Can you please forward the attached memo to the full Council for consideration.

Best Regards

Chuck Zheng

San Jose Resident

From: David Yan

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 10:46 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Carrasco, Magdalena; Jones, Chappie; Davis, Dev

Cc: Khamis, Johnny; Agendadesk; Zhiwei Yan

Subject: Support Council Member Johnny Khamis' memo of Reducing Crime and Keeping CA Safe ACT of 12018

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Carrasco, Council member Jones, and council member Davis,

I am writing this email to support council member Johnny Khamis' memo about Reducing Crime and Keeping CA Safe ACT of 2018.

I am a district 10 resident. I have been living in San Jose since 1996. California is a wonderful place where I spent my whole career life, met my wife and brought up my daughter. However in recent years the crime rate has increased significantly all over the Bay Area. Every few days we hear the news about car windows being smashed, houses got broken in and sometimes even armed robberies. A lot of victims of such crimes are near us: my colleagues, my daughter's friend's parents and my neighbors. The crimes happen to people near me. They are so close to me, and cause huge impact on my life. California is no longer a safe place like it used to be. Nowadays I would think twice before I decide to take my family to eat in a nearby restaurant over the weekend because I don't want my car to be smashed in the parking lot.

We all know what caused all of these crimes: the propositions 47 and 57 released a lot of criminals who committed such crimes. They don't respect the law, and the entire society is out of order. All politicians should seriously think of this: how to protect law

abiding citizen and tax payers. If the safety issue is not resolved good people will leave and California will for sure sink.

I am glad to learn that council member Johnny Khamis, who represent my district, will submit a memo in tomorrow's Rule and Open Government Committee tomorrow to urge the city council taken actions to support the initiative of Reducing Crime and Keep CA Safe ACT 2018. This is the most needed act for "good citizens" nowadays. Please put this discussion in agenda, and send the memo to the full city council for review and take action.

I urge all elected officials to take serious action to protect our safety. This is the basic rights of the law abiding citizen.

Best regards,

David

From: Christine Kuang

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 10:29 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Charles Chappie Jones; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev;

Agendadesk

Subject: Johnny Khamis's memo G.5

Hi Rules Committee members,

I have lived in San Jose for over 20 years and I have never seen the crime this bad. Friends' cars' windows got smashed, packages got stolen, homes broken into. A few days ago, one guy got into my backyard and stole tools at 5:45 am, if you are interested, I can send you the video which was captured by my security camera.

I strongly support council member Johnny Khamis' memo G.5, please send the memo to the full council for consideration. We support "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018".

Thanks

Christine

From: ning.yu@gmail.com

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 9:49 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Charles Chappie Jones; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev;
Agendadesk

Subject: From San Jose resident

Dear Rules Committee members,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I strongly support Councilmember Khamis' memo.

As a leading city in our state, San Jose should take the leadership and declare a support position for the Safe Act of 2018. Prop 47 and 57 have been showing very negative consequences to the safety of our everyday life. Safety is a serious concern to every San Jose residents.

Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Thanks,

Ning Yu

Sent from my iPhone

From: margaretmacedo

Date: May 1, 2018 at 8:57:27 PM PDT

To: mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov

Subject: In favor of Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

Dear Mr. Liccardo,

I respectfully request that you support the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 when my council member Johnny Khamis presents it at the City Council's Rules Committee meeting tomorrow, May 2, 2018, (Item G.5). Mistakenly, I followed the advice of District Attorney Jeff Rosen and voted for Propositions 47 and 57. It seemed that these propositions were hardly passed by California voters before the burglary rate in my Almaden neighborhood escalated wildly. In the past two years, I have watched home and car burglaries affect several of my neighbors and myself. One neighbor's locked car was stolen from her driveway in broad daylight and our locked car was burgled with a considerable amount of incidental cash stolen. In the Mercury News, I read of burglaries and home invasions at a record-setting level. It seems that, when the thieves are caught, they are hardly booked before they are "out" again to repeat their same type of crime. If I am so perturbed by this "revolving door" policy, I can only imagine how it affects the morale of our policemen and policewomen.

Please do what you can at tomorrow's City Council's Rules Committee meeting to set in motion the wheels necessary to getting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 to the California electorate in November. As I see it, it will be the single most important piece of legislation on November's ballot.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Macedo

cc: Vice Mayor Contreras
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Jones
Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov

Additionally, please send a copy of the Khamis memo to the full City Council for consideration.

From: Sarah Weng

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 8:15 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Charles Chappie Jones; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev;
Agendadesk

Subject: Strongly support the memo by Councilmember Khamis to Reducing Crime and Keeping
California Safe Act of 2018

Dear Rules Committee members,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I strongly support Councilmember Khamis' memo.

As a leading city in our state, San Jose should take the leadership and declare a support position for the Safe Act of 2018. Prop 47 and 57 have been showing very negative consequences to the safety of our everyday life. Safety is a serious concern to every San Jose residents.

Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Regards,

Sarah Weng

From: Danya Zong

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 8:05 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Charles Chappie Jones; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev;

Agendadesk

Subject:

Dear Rules Committee members,

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Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Thanks,

Sophia

From: Evans Mu

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 6:58 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Davis, Dev; Agendadesk; chappiejones@yahoo.com

Subject: Fix Prop 47 and 57

Dear Rules Committee members,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I strongly support Councilmember Khamis' memo.

As a leading city in our state, San Jose should take the leadership and declare a support position for the Safe Act of 2018. Prop 47 and 57 have been showing very negative consequences to the safety of our everyday life. Safety is a serious concern to every San Jose residents.

Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Thanks,

Yiwen Mu

San Jose D4 registered voter

Sent from my iPhone

From: Larry Zeng

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 6:37 PM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: support

Dear Rules Committee members,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I strongly support Councilmember Khamis' memo.

As a leading city in our state, San Jose should take the leadership and declare a support position for the Safe Act of 2018. Prop 47 and 57 have been showing very negative consequences to the safety of our everyday life. Safety is a serious concern to every San Jose residents.

Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Thanks,

Larry

From: Richard Shao

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 6:01 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev; Agendadesk

Subject: 100% support the memo by Councilmember John Khamis

Dear Rules Committee members,

As a resident and register voter who has lived in City of San Jose for almost two decades, I strongly support Councilmember Khamis' memo. As a leading city in state of CA, San Jose should take the leadership and declare a support position of the safe Act of 2018.

Prop 47 and 57 have been showing very negative consequences to the safety of our daily life. I love our city and value the safety more than anything else. I believe that safety is also a top priority for all residents who live in City of San Jose.

Please take the leadership and adopt councilmember Khamis' memo to address the safety concerns properly.

Thanks,

Richard Shao

From: Li Dong

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 5:36 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; chappiejones@yahoo.com; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev;
Agendadesk

Subject: Safe Act of 2018

Dear Rules Committee members,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I strongly support Councilmember Khamis' memo.

As a leading city in our state, San Jose should take the leadership and declare a support position for the Safe Act of 2018. Prop 47 and 57 have been showing very negative consequences to the safety of our everyday life.

Safety is a serious concern to every San Jose residents.

Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Thanks,

Dong

From: Patty Gur

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:22 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>; Ferguson, Jerad <Jerad.Ferguson@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Johnny Gogo

Subject: I am in full support of Johnny Khamis of his memorandum - Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act.

Good Afternoon to all:

I am a citizen of San Jose California, District 10. I have lived in San Jose for nearly 60 years. I have seen crime rise substantially in the last few years. I am fully supporting Johnny Khamis and support this initiative.

I am aware that on Wednesday, May 2nd, Johnny Khamis' memo will go before the City Council's Rules Committee meeting. I ask that you support your colleague and your constituents in supporting this initiative. Do the right thing for us as I know the City Council will! Memo is item G.5.

Have a terrific and productive day.

Kind regards,

Patricia Gur

From: henry zheng

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:57 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Reducing Crime and Keeping CA Safe Act of 2018

Dear San Jose Rules Committee:

I am a long time resident of San Jose (25+ years).

I write to urge you to send Johnny Khamis' memo about "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018" to the full Council for consideration, and send a copy to agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov.

Along with many of my neighbors, I feel that In recent years, even though economy is very strong in silicon valley, public safety, especially in San Jose, is going downwards. There are more and more burglary, theft and robbery everywhere - in the neighborhood, on the street, and in parking lots. Posts on Nextdoor and the number of car break-in happening in SF everyday gives a pretty good picture of the current situation.

I strongly believe that prop 47 and prop 57 are the main cause of the current challenging crime situation, therefore I fully support Johnny's initiative.

Thank you for your consideration!

best regards,

Henry Zheng

From: Linda Snell

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 9:40 AM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: California Safe Act

Please support the: Reducing crime and keeping California Safe Act of 2018. We are tired and fed up with all the crime escalating in our city.

From: Jim Gailey

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 4:06 PM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: Memo G-5

Please make sure this gets the full attention of the full City Council. This is a memo sponsored by Johnny Khamis.

Thank you,

Jim Gailey

Rules Committee Members -

I fully support Councilmember Khamis's memo on calendar item G.5 regarding the negative effects of recent state propositions 47 & 57 which have resulted in release of many prisoners by the state back into our neighborhoods.

Last December my Almaden home was burglarized. It only took the group a very few minutes to determine that no one was home; go to the rear yard; locate the easiest access point and rummage through our home. Fortunately, I arrived home just a few minutes after they broke in and scared them out the back door without confronting them. This all happened between 11:15 AM when my wife left to have lunch with our daughters and 11:40 AM when I arrived home to make a sandwich.

They left the house in a mess, took some jewelry of sentimental value, and a couple of coin collections. The dollar value didn't even come up to the level of our HO insurance deductible. They have not been caught. Quite frankly, I think the thieves must have been disappointed in what they found, BUT the toll it has taken on our sense of security in our home and neighborhood are immeasurable.

We all know that property crimes have increased substantially with the passage of these two measures and it's time for the entire city council to take a stand against the negative consequences. I urge you to forward the Councilmember's memo to the entire Council for a unanimous vote in favor of making it easier for our police officers to protect our property and our lives.

Thank you for your consideration,

RICH

Rich Crowley
Almaden Valley Resident &
Past President
Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility

From: Jenny Zhao

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 4:14 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam; Carrasco, Magdalena; Charles Chappie Jones; Khamis, Johnny; Davis, Dev; Agendadesk; Jenny Zhao

Subject: Strongly support the memo by Councilmember Khamis to Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

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Please take the leadership and adopt Councilmember Khamis' memo.

Thanks,

Yong Zhao

From: Azar Sadigh

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:13 PM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: Please keep our city safe

"Let's give our police and justice system the tools they need to do their jobs effectively and keep our communities safe and our property secure while preserving key reforms and protecting the rights of the innocent."

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.....

From: Bobbi Yodz

To: "mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov" <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <district5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; "aagendadesk@sanjoseca.gove" <aagendadesk@sanjoseca.gove>

Cc: Johnny Khamis <district10@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 2:47 PM

Subject: Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

To Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Carrasco, Council Members Davis and Jones,

I agree with the Memorandum authored by Councilman Khamis in support of the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.

Please send this Memo to the full City Council for a vote to show our City's support in an effort to get this on the November ballot. These are much needed revisions to Props 47 & 57.

Thank you,
Bobbi Yodz

From: Kathleen A Herington

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:55 PM

To: Ratana, Christopher <christopher.ratana@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Property crime

Sent from my iPhone

Please relay this to the Mayor and let me know how he votes tomorrow or if he supports councilman's memo.

Our input:

We support the push by law enforcement organizations to fix Prop 47 and 57. And also please approve councilman Khamis' memo at the Rules Committee meeting.

From: Patty Gur

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:21 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District5; Agendadesk; Ferguson, Jerad; District 6; Johnny Gogo

Subject: I am in full support of Johnny Khamis of his memorandum - Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act.

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Kind regards,

Patricia Gur



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis
District 10

**SUBJECT: REDUCING CRIME AND
KEEPING CALIFORNIA
SAFE ACT OF 2018**

DATE: 04/26/18

APPROVED: _____

RECOMMENDATION

1. Declare a support position for the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.
2. Place the item on the May 15, 2018 Council Agenda for action.

SUMMARY

The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 is a state-wide ballot initiative that has been submitted to the Attorney General for title and summary, and aims to qualify for the November 2018 general election. This Act is focused on fixing the unintended consequences generated by the latest public safety reforms – Propositions 47 and 57. The Act would re-classify crimes that, under Proposition 57, qualify as “non-violent”, including: the rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child under the age of 14, and domestic violence. Because these crimes are classified as “non-violent” these inmates would qualify for early release.

In addition, Proposition 47 reduced law enforcement’s ability to solve violent crimes by eliminating DNA collection for misdemeanors. It is the DNA collection from these lesser offenses that often helps to solve the more serious crimes of rape and murder, and DNA was the key to the recent break in the “Golden State Killer” case. This Act would require DNA collection from those convicted of all misdemeanors and felonies.

The Act is also intended to reverse the large increase in property crimes experienced by communities throughout the state by allowing serial theft to be charged as a felony.

Finally, the Act will reform the parole system to stop the early release of violent felons, as well as expanded parolee oversight, and strengthened penalties for parole violations.

DISCUSSION

Protecting every person in our state, including our most vulnerable children, from violent crime is of the utmost importance and the #1 responsibility of elected officials. Without safe communities, we cannot have healthy, vibrant, livable, sustainable, and prosperous communities. It is my firm belief

that murderers, rapists, child molesters and other violent criminals should not be released early from prison, which is why I hope you will join me in supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 to fix the unintended consequences of Propositions 47 & 57.

The Act Preserves Existing Criminal Justice Reforms

The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 reforms the law so felons who violate the terms of their release can be brought back to court and held accountable for such violations. Nothing in the Act is intended to create additional "strike" offenses which would increase the state prison population, nor is it intended to affect the ability of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award educational and merit credits.

The Act does not affect existing legal safeguards that protect the privacy of individuals by allowing for the removal of their DNA profile if they are not charged with a crime, are acquitted, or are found innocent. It will not eliminate Propositions 47 and 57, but it will correct the unintended consequences that arose with their implementation.

The Act Fixes the Definition of Violent Crime

Since 2014, California has had a larger increase in violent crime than the rest of the United States. Since 2013, violent crime in Los Angeles has increased 69.5%. Violent crime in Sacramento rose faster during the first six months of 2015 than in any of the 25 largest U.S. cities tracked by the FBI. The FBI Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report for 2017, which tracks crimes committed during the first six months of the past year in U. S. cities with populations over 100,000, indicates that last year violent crime increased again in most of California's largest cities. Recent changes to parole laws allowed the early release of dangerous criminals due to the law's failure to define certain crimes as "violent." These changes allowed individuals convicted of sex trafficking of children, rape of an unconscious person, felony assault with a deadly weapon, battery on a police officer or firefighter, and felony domestic violence to be considered "non-violent offenders". Thus, these so-called "non-violent" offenders are eligible for early release from prison after serving only a fraction of the sentence ordered by a judge. Violent offenders are also being allowed to remain free in our communities even when they commit new crimes and violate the terms of their post-release community supervision.

The Act Expands DNA Collection While Protecting Those Not Convicted

Collecting DNA from criminals is essential to solving violent crimes, yet over 450 violent crimes including murder, rape and robbery have gone unsolved because DNA is being collected from fewer criminals. Recent changes to California law unintentionally eliminated DNA collection for theft and drug crimes. This measure restores DNA collection from persons convicted of such offenses, and permits the collection of more DNA samples. Collecting DNA from those convicted of crimes will help identify suspects, clear the innocent, and free the wrongly convicted.

The Act Gives Law Enforcement a Tool to Combat Serial Thefts

Recent changes to California law allow individuals who steal repeatedly to face few consequences, regardless of their criminal record or how many times they steal. Thus, between 2014 and 2016, California had the 2nd highest increase in theft and property crimes in the United States, while most states have seen a steady decline. Per the California Department of Justice, the value of property stolen in 2015 was \$2.5 billion with an increase of 13 percent since 2014, the largest single-year increase in

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at least ten years. Other changes to California law have reduced judges' ability to order individuals convicted of repeated theft crimes into effective drug treatment programs. California needs stronger laws for those who are repeatedly convicted of theft related crimes, which will encourage those who repeatedly steal to support their drug problem to enter existing drug treatment programs, and this measure provides for such reforms.

Conclusion

I have talked with leaders within our law enforcement community as well as rank and file members – and they all agree that there were predictable, yet unintended consequences from the well-intended criminal justice reforms contained in Propositions 47 and 57 that need to be remedied. Governor Brown has also made it clear that he would like to see fixes made that would deal with the unintended consequences from these reforms. The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018, if it qualifies for the ballot, will provide for the reforms needed to keep our communities safe and our property secure, and we should send a strong message of support to ensure that it succeeds.

Let's give our police and justice system the tools they need to do their jobs effectively and keep our communities safe and our property secure while preserving key reforms and protecting the rights of the innocent.

For the complete text of the initiative visit https://keepcalsafe.org/assets/keep-ca-safe-petition-d_no-form.pdf

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the May 2, 2018 Rules Committee Agenda and the May 15, 2018 City Council Agenda.