

# NO ON 36

**JOIN CRIME VICTIMS, LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXPERTS IN VOTING NO ON PROP 36**

Don't be fooled. Proposition 36 will lead to **more** crime, not less. It reignites the failed war on drugs, makes simple drug possession a felony, and wastes tens of millions of dollars on jails and prisons, while slashing crucial funding for victims, crime prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

***Prop. 36 puts prisons first and guts treatment.***

## **PROP 36 IS A WASTEFUL, ONE-SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH THAT WILL LEAVE CALIFORNIA LESS SAFE**

PROP 36 is masquerading as reform. In reality, Prop. 36 is an extreme measure that will waste billions of taxpayer dollars, divert funding from mental health and rehabilitation programs, and do nothing to make us safer.

## **PROPOSITION 36 WILL ONLY REIGNITE FAILED DRUG WARS OF THE 80s AND 90s**

While we must continue to make changes to our criminal justice system, and address fentanyl and retail crime, PROP 36 IS THE WRONG ANSWER. It will slash desperately needed mental health services, and spend billions more on prisons.

## **PROPOSITION 36 IS A MAGA-REPUBLICAN BAIT AND SWITCH**

Don't be fooled. Prop. 36 is a MAGA-Republican-led bait and switch, plain and simple. Crime victims and law enforcement leaders oppose Prop 36 because it slashes money meant for crime victims, and for mental health and rehabilitation programs that help ensure people getting out of jail or prison are less likely to reoffend. Prop. 36 is a Republican-led effort to bring back to 1980's style drug war tactics that destroy families and communities and pack our state prisons without any benefit to public safety.

## **PROP 36 IS TOO EXTREME**

Prop 36 means that stealing a candy bar could be counted as a prior offense that could lead to felony charges. It is a gross overreaction that will create damage to families and communities.

## **PROP 36 STRIPS MONEY FROM EDUCATION, CRIME VICTIMS AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Prop. 36 would change how taxpayer dollars are spent, stripping millions of dollars away from victims of violent crime and from mental health programs, and use that money to build and expand state prisons.

## **PROP 36 HAS UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES**

The measure is also so poorly drafted that it will simply create confusion in the courts, and not lead to higher penalties in many retail theft cases.

## **CALIFORNIA HAS NEW CRIME LAWS ON THE BOOKS THAT ARE STARTING TO WORK**

In the last two years, state leaders increased funding for retail theft prosecutions and fentanyl trafficking, leading to more convictions. Lawmakers continue to pass strong new laws targeting retail theft rings, illegal online markets, and fentanyl.

## **NEW BILLS JUST SIGNED ADDRESS RETAIL THEFT ISSUES IN PROPOSITION 36**

New laws, backed by many Prop. 36 funders, include ability to aggregate multiple thefts, make it easier to arrest shoplifters, increases penalties for property damage, vehicle break-ins and online resale of stolen goods. Allows for multi-jurisdictional prosecutions.

**DON'T BE FOOLED BY FALSE SOLUTIONS. VOTE NO ON PROP 36.**

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