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<u>Proposition 57 – The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016</u> Notice of Opposition

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, I write to inform you of our opposition to Proposition 57 – The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016. The Proposition would allow parole consideration for felons convicted of "non-violent" crimes, and authorize sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. It would also revise rules governing the disposition of juvenile offenders.

It is important to note that the following crimes are classified as "non-violent" in the California Penal Code:

- Rape by intoxication
- Rape of an unconscious person
- Human trafficking involving sex act with minors
- Drive-by shooting
- Assault with a deadly weapon
- Hate crime causing physical injury
- Domestic violence involving trauma
- Arson causing great bodily injury
- Lewd acts upon a child
- False imprisonment of an elder

By enabling early release for these crimes, Proposition 57 would overturn key provisions of the Victims' Bill of Rights, Marsy's Law, and the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act. Given rising crime levels throughout California, the CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH opposes Proposition 57, which we believe would, if approved, exacerbate the trend toward more crime in our community and impose additional impacts/demands on our local public safety departments. We encourage you to stand with us and California Law Enforcement by also coming out in opposition to Proposition 57.

Sincerely,

cc:

Hany Fangary

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