

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL 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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, These unintended consequences can only be corrected by the voters at the ballot box with modest amendments to Prop 47; and

WHEREAS, Prop 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act is a bipartisan measure that provides common sense, targeted reforms to Prop 47 that legislative proposals are unable to deliver; and

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; and

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

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

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; and

WHEREAS, Breaking the cycle of repeat offenders means addressing the many root causes of retail theft; and

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 homeless and suffering from mental illness or struggling with substance abuse; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg 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

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 9th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Sanchez
City Clerk