

RESOLUTION NO. 16-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 57, THE CALIFORNIA PAROLE FOR NON-VIOLENT CRIMINALS AND JUVENILE COURT TRIAL REQUIREMENTS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Proposition 57, known as the California Parole for Non-Violent Criminals and Juvenile Court Trial Requirements Initiative, is on the November 8, 2016 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57 is an initiated constitutional amendment and state statutory amendment that would make persons convicted of nonviolent felonies eligible for parole consideration after completing the full term for their primary offenses and would allow the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to award sentence credits for good behavior and approved rehabilitative or educational achievements; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57 would require juvenile court judges, rather than prosecutors, to determine whether juveniles 14 years of age or older should be prosecuted and sentenced as adults for specified offenses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57 is intended to reduce overcrowding in state prisons while rehabilitating juvenile and adult offenders; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of 2016, it was estimated that Proposition 57 would give the approximately 25,000 nonviolent state prisoners an opportunity for early release, by allowing the parole board to consider them for parole after they serve the full term for their primary offense, but before they serve the time added by sentencing enhancements; and

WHEREAS, since the 2014 passage of Proposition 47, which re-categorized certain nonviolent and non-serious offenses as misdemeanors and was intended to reduce overcrowding in state prisons, cities throughout the state have experienced an increase in property crimes. The City Council is concerned that Proposition 57 will have a similar negative impact on crime in the Costa Mesa community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA that, due to the potential negative impacts that Proposition 57 may have on crime in the Costa Mesa community, the City of Costa Mesa hereby opposes Proposition 57.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of October, 2016.

Stephen M. Mensinger, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

Thomas P. Duarte, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 16-__ and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of October, 2016, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Brenda Green, City Clerk

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