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RE: SUPPORT for Proposition 36 Reforms

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of Orange County cities, special districts, public agencies, universities, and businesses. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC is pleased to announce its support for Proposition 36 – Drug and Theft Crime Penalties and Treatment-Mandated Felonies Initiative, set to appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

This measure proposes to modify Proposition 47 (2014) by:

- Increasing penalties for certain drug and theft crimes.
- Add fentanyl to the list of drugs that would warrant a felony charge if an individual possesses one of the listed drugs and a loaded firearm.
- Increase sentences based on the quantity of certain drugs sold illegally.
- Classify certain drug offenses as treatment-mandated felonies.
- Requiring courts to warn individuals convicted of distributing illegal drugs of their potential future criminal liability.

ACC-OC acknowledges the importance of finding ways to reduce the impacts of retail theft on our communities. Retail theft poses a significant threat to the safety and security of our residents and has broader negative implications for local businesses and the overall economy.

Should you have any questions about our position on Proposition 36 or ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or wstrack@accoc.org.

Sincerely,

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CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors