

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHULA VISTA OPPOSING PROPOSITION 47 ON  
CALIFORNIA'S NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT AND  
SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT'S EFFORTS TO  
PREVENT THE EARLY RELEASE OF UP TO 10,000 FELONS  
FROM STATE PRISON; FELONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED  
SERIOUS OR VIOLENT CRIMES

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 -- Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute. -- has qualified for the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 proponents concede that the measure will make up to 10,000 felons eligible for early release; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of Public Safety Realignment in 2011, which altered sentencing policy by shifting newly convicted non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders to county supervision, the population of non-violent offenders in California's prisons has significantly diminished, and there is a legitimate question as to how many of the 10,000 inmates eligible for early release could be classified as high-risk for committing subsequent violent offenses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 contains provisions re-classifying a host of felony offenses or felony/misdemeanor offenses as simple misdemeanors, representing sweeping sentencing reform that would be better accomplished through legislative processes; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 would redefine grand theft in such a way that theft of a firearm would be considered a misdemeanor unless the value of the gun was greater than \$950, and the overwhelming majority of new handguns sold in California retail for significantly less than that amount; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 would reduce the penalty for possession of illicit drugs, including drugs used to facilitate date-rape, to a simple misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 further burdens local criminal justice systems by shifting responsibility for additional categories of offenders to already overcrowded county jails.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Chula Vista resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Chula Vista by the adoption of this resolution hereby opposes Proposition 47 on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

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