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Special Request for Information:

1. "Has your Council adopted a Resolution in support of the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018?"

2. Please share your 2017 crime stats:

- Violent Crimes
- Property Crimes
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Theft
- Assault

***Please forward your responses to
info@TakingBackOurCommunityCA.com***

The responses will be shared in the next Newsletter.

Jerry Brown Provides for Early Parole of Sex Offenders

The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board has advocated for criminal justice reform more often than any other editorial board in California in recent years for good reason. The U.S. has more — to much more — crime than nations with less punitive judicial systems, and in California, tough-on-crime policies from the 1990s have led tens of thousands of people with salvageable lives to be warehoused in prison long after they posed a likely public threat.

Even so, in 2016, our board could not bring itself to endorse Proposition 57, a deeply flawed measure Gov. Jerry Brown trumpeted as a big step forward for the criminal justice reform movement. The problem was that the measure was originally supposed to target juvenile justice, but it was revamped into a much broader constitutional amendment that stated anyone convicted of a nonviolent felony offense would be eligible for early parole consideration.

The San Diego Union Tribune: "[Proposition 57 a debacle for Jerry Brown because of potential early parole for sex offenders](#)," February 12, 2018

"San Jose Police Chief 'In Shock' Over Judge's Proposition 57 Ruling"

More than 20,000 sex offenders might get out of California prisons early now that a Sacramento judge ruled they cannot be exempt from Proposition 57.

The proposition allows the early release from prison of criminals serving time for non-violent crimes. With the judge's ruling, that also means people serving time for crimes like pimping children.

"I'm kind of in shock, first and foremost," San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia

said in an interview with NBC Bay Area, "I don't know all the ins and outs on this, but I can tell you on the surface I know there is a lot of concern in the law enforcement community and there should be. And there should be concern in the community."

NBC4: "[San Jose Police Chief 'In Shock' over judge's Proposition 57 ruling](#)" February 12, 2018

TBOC Continues To Make Outreach

Taking Back Our Community continues its efforts to grow the coalition and spread the message on the importance of criminal justice reform. On March 1, 2018 Assemblymember Chris Holden hosted a Public Safety Panel Discussion in Monrovia which focused on Propositions 47 and 57 (and Assembly Bill 109, the Public Safety Realignment Act). Subject matter experts in public safety, probation, and reintegration came together for this educational event to provide up-to-date information on these ballot initiatives and to answer questions from the community.

Featured panelists included:

- **Scott Kernan**, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Secretary
- **Stephen Walker**, Government Affairs Director, California Correctional Peace Officers Association
- **Robert T. Guthrie**, Arcadia Police Chief and Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association President
- **Daniel Torres**, Flintridge Center Reintegration Specialist

Monrovia City Manager Oliver Chi and L.A. County Chief Probation Officer Terri McDonald provided additional comments.



Panel discussion on public safety. Monrovia, March 1, 2018.

On March 5, 2018 La Cañada Flintridge hosted a Public Safety Town Hall Forum with a panel discussion that included Senator Portantino. This Town Hall focused on residential burglaries, steps the City and Sheriff's Department are taking to protect the community, changes in State laws impacting crime in communities across the San Gabriel Valley, and how residents can safeguard themselves against property related crimes.

The forum was recorded and can be viewed here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6uomyrl>



Panel discussion on public safety. La Cañada Flintridge, March 5, 2018.

State Parole Board Continues Reckless Release of Violent Felons

The State Parole Board continues to release violent felons. Recently William Bradford, convicted of murdering his former wife in 1988 was released because there was no evidence he was a threat to the public. Shortly after it was discovered Bradford was plotting to murder Deputy District Attorney John Lewin, the prosecutor in his case.

Bradford's release was against the pleas of his daughter Shaun Rickerl and Lewin. "This is the one guy that scares me," Lewin told the Los Angeles Times. "How dare (the parole board) play Russian roulette with my family." The

As TBOC moves forward, we would like to hear back from members. If there are crime-victim stories from your community or updated statistics that you are willing to share with the group or even perhaps have featured in an upcoming marketing video, please let us know by forwarding an email to: Info@TakingBackOurCommunityCA.com.



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