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Taking Back Our Community Website Update:

The launch of the new standalone website, TakingBackOurCommunityCa.com is expected later this summer! The website is under design by Ready Artwork, the website and marketing company that created the initial Taking Back Our Community video. The site will provide information on the impacts of AB109, Prop 47 and the anticipated impacts of Prop 57. This will help further the coalition's goals and explain why the coalition believes an amendment to legislation is necessary. All members will be notified as soon as the website launches.

Jerry Brown Is Ready to Fight "Keep Cal Safe"

Backers of "Keep Cal Safe" announced late May that they have enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot. Signatures have yet to be verified, however as it is expected to qualify, Gov. Jerry Brown has made his intentions clear, he will fight the measure stating the initiative "was very, very poorly conceived - mostly by elected politicians who are trying to exploit fear and raise money from various interest groups under false pretenses."

KQED NEWS: ["Gov. Jerry Brown: Criminal Justice Initiative is "Poorly Drafted"](#) May 23, 2018.

Criminal Justice After Jerry Brown

As governor, Jerry Brown has had an impact on California's criminal justice system, but

what will a new governor mean for California after Brown's departure? Candidates Travis Allen, John Chiang, John Cox, Gavin Newsom and Antonio Villaraigosa each share their positions.

Cox and Allen are both vowing to repeal most of Brown's signature criminal justice reforms. Villaraigosa states he "will continue to work on reducing incarceration levels" and will work to push away from California's money bail system. Newsom thinks the current governor "should be commended for his leadership fighting for sentencing reform" and believes the next governor should lead the efforts to eliminate the cash bail system and take on the private prison industrial complex. Chiang hasn't talked much about criminal justice but has said he supports bail reform and putting resources behind helping criminal offenders.

KPBS: ["What Will Jerry Brown's Departure Mean for Criminal Justice in California?"](#) May 23, 2018.

AG Candidates on Criminal Justice Reform

On Tuesday, May 15 UCR hosted a debate between the four candidates for the California Office of Attorney General (AG). Democrat incumbent Xavier Becerra, Steven Bailey, a Republican former superior court judge, Eric Early, a Republican attorney and Dave Jones, California's Democrat commissioner of insurance answered several questions based on audience questions submitted online including, "What is your number one priority in terms of public safety?" and "What are your thoughts on Assembly Bill (AB) 109....enhanced by Prop 47 and Prop 57?"

UCR, The Highlander: ["Attorney General candidates debate criminal justive reform, immigration enforcement"](#) May 22, 2018.

68% Of Prop 47 Offenders are Repeat Offenders

Since Prop 47 passed in 2014, 54,213 criminals in the Los Angeles County Sherriff's jurisdiction alone have been arrested, released and committed additional crimes, some multiple times for the same offense. The percentage of Prop 47 offenders now classified as repeat offender is 68%. Of that 42% were arrested for Part I crimes, which includes among other things, homicide, rape, robbery, assault and arson.

For a prime example of the problem and the need for change, turn to parolee Monolito

Alexander Guerra who opened fire on a Santa Clarita sheriff deputy in November 2017. Guerra had been released on prison parole for just 40 days when he shot the deputy in the neck. The story underscores the reality deputies are encountering all across the state. Criminals are feeling emboldened because of AB109, Props 47 and 57.

Santa Clarita Magazine: "[The Real Story Behind Year-End Crime Stats](#)" April 26, 2018.

Membership Updates

Taking Back Our Community is appreciative of all the cities who have joined the coalition thus far. We are pleased to report, the coalition continues to grow. Please welcome the newest member, the **California Contract Cities Association**.



COALITION MEMBERS



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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