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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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March 3, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Adoption of a Resolution in Support of the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018**

## ***OVERVIEW***

**Recommendation** – That the City Council adopt the proposed resolution in support of the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

**Fiscal Impact** – None with this action.

**Previous Council Action** – At the Meeting on September 11, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution to join the *Taking Back Our Community Coalition* to take steps to urge State legislative action to mitigate the negative impacts on public safety resulting from the passage of Assembly Bill 109 and Propositions 47 & 57.

## ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:***

A coalition of San Gabriel Valley City Managers, working in conjunction with public safety professionals, has begun a three point process being called *Taking Back our Community*, in an effort to address public safety concerns caused by Assembly Bill 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. The Pomona City Council adopted a resolution joining the Coalition and authorizing staff to pay the associated \$1,500 in annual dues on September 11, 2017. The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 is a proposed measure for the November 2018 ballot, developed by the California Grocers Association working in conjunction with other stakeholders, including the *Taking Back Our Community Coalition*. The bill would implement common sense criminal justice reforms to address the unintended negative community impacts of the aforementioned legislation and propositions.

## ***DISCUSSION***

Assembly Bill 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57 have collectively reshaped how cities approach public safety issues in the State of California. While these measures have resulted in some measurable and positive impacts to California's criminal justice system, their cumulative effect has also produced significant adverse effects, resulting in public safety challenges. Most notably, municipalities across California are reporting increases in property and violent crime which law enforcement believes to be related to the legislative changes that have been enacted over the past several years.

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*Taking Back Our Community* is a coalition of California cities, including the City of Pomona, advocating for the State to engage in further discussions to identify solutions for addressing the unintended consequences of changes made to California's criminal justice system through the enactment of Assembly Bill 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57. The Coalition has worked in conjunction with the California Grocers Association and other stakeholders to qualify the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 for the November ballot. The Coalition has prepared the attached draft resolution in support of the proposed measure and encouraged Coalition cities to consider its adoption.

Should the City Council approve this item, staff will finalize execution of the resolution and distribute the signed document to *Taking Back Our Community Coalition* organizers, the League of California Cities and other stakeholders in support of measure advocacy efforts.

Attachment – Proposed Resolution