



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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|             |           |            | The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: |   |
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| Agenda #    | Relate To | Position   | Name   | Comments  |
| 8.          |           | Favor      | Andony Corleto   | Statement in support of item 8, "Los Angeles County's Application for the State Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant Program Recommendation" is attached as PDF. Thank you Supervisors and we ask you vote 'aye' in support. |
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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:  
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**Re: In Support of Board Agenda Item 8: Motion, Entitled, “Los Angeles County’s Application for the State Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant Program Recommendation”**

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Andony Corleto. I am a Program Associate with Vera California, a local initiative of the Vera Institute of Justice, which is a national organization working to end mass incarceration, protect immigrants’ rights, and build safe, thriving communities. I am also a resident of District 2. **I am writing to support the board’s motion directing the Director of Justice, Care and Opportunities to submit the County application for Cohort 5 of the Proposition 47 funds.**

Vera California has participated in numerous county workgroups to build safety, accountability and justice in Los Angeles, including the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Workgroup, the Men’s Central Jail (MCJ) Closure Workgroup, and the Jail Population Review Council. We also worked to oppose Prop 36—by highlighting the critical care-first funding Los Angeles County stood to lose and how that would undermine public safety. In those roles, we have seen firsthand the need for Los Angeles County to remain committed to the “care first, jails last” vision as our north star so that every Angeleno has the safety they deserve and access to the services they need, especially as we start to see the effects of Prop 36.

Over the last decade, Prop 47 saved the state approximately \$95 million per year, which was reallocated to fund crime prevention programs including drug treatment, homelessness prevention, victims’ services, and K-12 school programs.<sup>1</sup>

**In Los Angeles County**, these programs have served **more than 10,000 people** with excellent results:

- The rate of new convictions for people who participate in these programs is around **four times lower** than that of people coming out of state prison.
  - Only 10 percent of people in the county’s programs faced a new criminal conviction in the years after incarceration, compared to an almost **35 to 45 percent** rate statewide.<sup>2</sup>
- In one Los Angeles County program, 86 percent of participants left the program with housing, and **more than half found employment.**

- Los Angeles County’s **Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS)** program—in partnership with community-based providers—has served **more than 7,300 Angelenos** and **89 percent** of participants do not face a new conviction in the year after program completion.<sup>3</sup>

It is imperative that Los Angeles County secures funding, expands and invests in “care first” responses to counter the impacts of Proposition 36 on our communities.

**We therefore urge the Board of Supervisors to vote “YES” to support this motion, which will help acquire funds for vital programs and resources.**

Vera’s experts and researchers would be glad to provide more information or answer questions—you can contact me at [acorleto@vera.org](mailto:acorleto@vera.org).

Respectfully,



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<sup>1</sup> Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO), *Proposition 36: Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute* (Sacramento, CA: LAO, 2024), <https://lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Proposition?number=36&year=2024>.

<sup>2</sup> California Board of State and Community Corrections, “Proposition 47 Grant Program Evaluation Shows Recidivism Cut,” February 15, 2024, <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/news/proposition-47-grant-program-evaluation-shows-recidivism-cut>.

<sup>3</sup> Vera Institute of Justice, *Proposition 36 Risks Cutting Millions in Funding that Helps Thousands of Angelenos* (Los Angeles: Vera, 2024), [https://vera-advocacy-and-partnerships.s3.amazonaws.com/Vera%20CA\\_Los%20Angeles%20Prop%2047%20Funding%20Research%20Brief.pdf](https://vera-advocacy-and-partnerships.s3.amazonaws.com/Vera%20CA_Los%20Angeles%20Prop%2047%20Funding%20Research%20Brief.pdf).