



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 36 WHICH ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES**

WHEREAS, Californians statewide will be asked to vote on Proposition 36 – “Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.” on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the initiative is focused on improving safety in every community and neighborhood in California and focuses narrowly on accountability measures for repeat offenders of theft and drug traffickers of serious drugs like fentanyl, while incentivizing and encouraging more individuals to participate in and complete drug treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, the initiative has garnered support from small business owners, victims of fentanyl, social justice leaders, community organizations, and elected officials, and aims to address the rising issues of drug addiction and theft; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would increase penalties for crimes where money or property worth \$950 or less is stolen and would also increase sentences based on the amount of property stolen; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would also increase penalties for certain drug crimes by increasing sentence lengths and level of crime; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the proposed initiative will: i) hold those who are committing repeated retail theft and fentanyl sales crimes accountable, for the safety and health of our communities; ii) create accountability for repeat smash-and-grab offenders who are driving up costs for all Californians and chasing retailers out of the state; and iii) bring back incentives and accountability that are needed for individuals to get into necessary drug treatment and job training programs – helping them begin new lives; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would amend State laws to 1) create a new court process for certain drug possession crimes, 2) require a warning of future criminal liability for people convicted of drug distribution, 3) increase penalties for certain drug crimes, and 4) increase penalties for certain theft crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby proclaims its support for California Proposition 36: “Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.”