

YES ON PROPOSITION 57

THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REHABILITATION ACT OF 2016

Prop 57 is a 2016 California ballot measure that will enhance public safety and help California replace its costly overreliance on bloated prisons with smart justice strategies focused on rehabilitation.

A Yes Vote on Proposition 57 will:

- **End Prosecutors' ability to charge youth as adults without a transfer hearing.**
Prop 57 eliminates a prosecutor's discretion to "direct file" a young person's case in adult court. It ensures that youth will not be transferred to adult court without first having a "transfer hearing" in juvenile court where a judge must carefully review the circumstances of the youth's life, the alleged crime, and the impact of their age and maturity on their actions.
- **Allow parole consideration for people incarcerated for nonviolent convictions.**
Prop 57 allows parole consideration for incarcerated people who (1) are convicted of nonviolent offenses; and (2) have served the full sentence for their primary offense. Under a rigorous parole hearing, the Board of Parole can deny release to anyone who poses a public safety risk.
- **Provide incentives for incarcerated people to complete rehabilitative programs.**
Prop 57 allows California Department of Corrections (CDCR) to award earned credit towards release to people in prison who maintain good behavior and complete rehabilitation or education programs. The result will be people better prepared to reintegrate into our community and less likely to commit a new crime.
- **Require CDCR to establish regulations certified to promote public safety.**
The prison system must develop regulations determining who can earn time credits, which offenses qualify for nonviolent parole consideration, and certify that these regulations promote public safety.

We Need Prop 57:

- Since 2003, more than 10,000 youths have been tried as adults. Incarcerating youth in the adult system leads to their victimization, increased rates of depression and suicide, and less access to education and other support to prepare them to return to the community.
- Despite historic drops in crime, California's prison system has grown in cost and size with too many people coming out unprepared to reintegrate, only to re-enter the system.
- People of color are treated more harshly for the same behaviors as Whites throughout the criminal justice system.
- Studies show that increasing incarceration and sentences do not reduce crime and instead increase the likelihood incarcerated people will return to prison.
- Californians want smart justice – invest in rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and end wasteful prison spending. Proposition 57 replaces one-size fits all sentencing with discretion and rehabilitation.

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