



February 6, 2026

The Honorable James Ramos
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #6
1021 O Street, Suite 8310
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Laura Richardson
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #5
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Budget Hearing on Proposition 36 Implementation and Funding

Dear Honorable Members:

On behalf of the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), we write to request an informational budget hearing regarding the implementation and funding for Proposition 36. As you may know, Proposition 36 (2024) the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, was passed overwhelmingly by the voters in California. This important measure made changes to drug and property theft crimes and created a new Treatment-Mandated Felony to address the surge in retail theft and shoplifting.

The full implementation and funding of Proposition 36 is a top priority for Cal Cities and we urge the Budget Subcommittees to hold hearings to get an update on the status of the funding provided in the 2025-2026 Budget, as well as obtain information on any additional funding that is needed in 2026-2027 Budget to fully implement Proposition 36.

Cal Cities was in strong support of Proposition 36, as were voters in every county in the state, and to effectively implement these new provisions, on-going resources are needed to address county probation efforts, jail capacity, behavioral health funding, and other services in order to ensure that those with drug and mental health issues are properly treated.

As such, we respectfully request that the Legislature have hearings and provide an update regarding the implementation of Proposition 36.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jolena Voorhis".

Jolena Voorhis
Legislative Advocate



cc: Members, Senate Budget Subcommittee #5
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