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### San Diego County Deputy Sheriffs Urge Legislators to Reject SB 1381; 'Let California Vote!' on Changes to Prop 47

Californian's have seen the disastrous effects of Prop 47 and other so-called criminal justice reforms and spoke loudly to change course by quickly qualifying the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Retail Theft Act for the November 5, 2024 ballot.

Now the Governor and Legislature must allow Californians to vote, without employing deceptive tactics meant to confuse voters and frustrate their desire for change.

"SB 1381 is an insult to the democratic process and this citizen-driven initiative in an attempt to sabotage the will of the people. California voters who are eager to restore consequences to our criminal justice system, should have the right to vote, and have their voices be heard " said Mike O'Deane, President of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County. "This bill should be rejected by legislators."

The Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Retail Theft Act focuses narrowly on the unintended consequences of criminal justice reforms such as Prop 47, while still favoring treatment over incarceration for first time offenders. It will:

- Restore consequences for repeat offenders who are driving up costs for all Californians and chasing retailers out of San Diego county and the state.
- Mandate drug treatment and job training programs — to help addicts begin new lives – by making incarceration a potential consequence for repeat offenders who refuse treatment.
- Restore penalties for some serious drug offenses, such as selling fentanyl.

The Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Retail Theft Act will restore a few of the tools that law enforcement, prosecutors and judges sorely need to compel addicts into treatment, and in that way, help make our communities safer for everyone.

The Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County urges state legislators to respect the right of Californians to vote on the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Retail Theft Act -- without distraction or deception -- by voting "NO" on SB 1381.