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Title: Discussion on Proposition 47, the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: No recommendation.

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Attachments:

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Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: California Proposition 47, the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative, also known as “The Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act,” is on the November 4, 2014 ballot. If approved by voters, it would reduce the classification of most nonserious and nonviolent property and drug crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor, and create a Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund that would receive appropriations based on savings accrued by the state due to the initiative’s implementation.

Policy Considerations: The measure is supported by the League of Women Voters, ACLU, California Teachers Association and the Children’s Defense Fund. The League of California Cities, California Police Chiefs Association, the California Sheriff’s Association, and the Sacramento County District Attorney oppose the measure.

Economic Impacts: Estimates for the proposed Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund range from \$150-\$250 million per year according to supporters of the measure. Distributions of the funds would be as follows: 25% to the Department of Education, 10% to the Victim’s Compensation Fund and Government Claims Board, and 65% to the Board of State and Community Correction.

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable

Sustainability: Not Applicable

Commission/Committee Action: At the request of Vice Mayor Schenirer, Chair of the Law and Legislation Committee, and due to time constraints, this item is being brought before the City Council at his request as an urgent matter without prior Law and Legislation Committee review.

Rationale for Recommendation: No recommendation

Financial Considerations: Not Applicable

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable