

## RESOLUTION 17-092

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROMOTING LEGISLATIVE REFORMS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES OF EXISTING CRIMINAL LAW

WHEREAS, the City of Carson, along with the County of Los Angeles and State of California, is facing increased crime which endangers the health and safety of sheriff deputies, police officers, residents and property;

WHEREAS, there have been recent local, regional, and statewide decreases in offender participation in rehabilitative mental health and drug programs;

WHEREAS, these increases in crime and decreases in offender participation in rehabilitation programs may have resulted from existing State legislation and propositions;

WHEREAS, earlier this year an incident occurred in Whittier where Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer was fatally shot and Whittier Police Officer Patrick Hazwell was wounded

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier has considered measures that could reduce the potential negative impacts from existing criminal law;

WHEREAS, the City of Carson supports the measures advocated by the City of Whittier, including these avenues:

- Enable the courts to consider the totality of an offender's history when sentencing, rather than the most recent offense, to identify patterns of violence and escalating criminal behavior.
- Use County probation and State parole in such ways as to enable the oversight authority to return individuals to State prison for multiple violations
- Redefine recidivism as incarceration, release, and return rather than requiring a prior offender to commit a new crime resulting in arrest, trial, conviction and incarceration.
- Encourage the timely release of Prop 47 funds as promised to invest in evidence-based rehabilitation and treatment programs.
- Seek increased State funding for AB109 sweeps by local law enforcement to assure compliance with the terms of release.

- Establish ineligibility for early release on violations of parole and probation sentences for those with violations of parole and probation that return them to custody.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Carson, California strongly support legislative strategies to mitigate the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia Gause Aldana, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney