

# Keep California Safe

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## **Former Governor Brown's meritless lawsuit to block public safety measure rejected, costs taxpayers nearly \$60,000**

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*"Keep California Safe" initiative will appear on Nov. 2020 ballot.*

SACRAMENTO — Months after the court rejected former Governor Jerry Brown's frivolous, taxpayer-funded lawsuit to keep the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020" initiative off the ballot, the state has decided not to appeal the court's decision and instead must pay nearly \$60,000 in attorneys' fees to the Keep California Safe committee.

"This is a major victory for the Keep California Safe campaign," said Nina Salarno Besselman, proponent of the initiative, which was created to fix a series of flawed criminal justice policies implemented over the past decade. "This was a baseless lawsuit that wasted the court's time and taxpayers' money, and was specifically designed to deny Californians the right to make their own decision at the ballot box.

"Our focus now is to educate voters on what this initiative does, such as ensure that crimes like human trafficking and rape of an unconscious person — which are shockingly categorized as non-violent in our state — are reclassified as violent."

For more information on the initiative, please visit [keepcalsafe.org](http://keepcalsafe.org).

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