



CHECK THE FACTS

“Reducing Crime & Keeping California Safe Act of 2020”

Claim #1: This initiative will repeal Propositions 47 and 57.

Fact #1: False. This initiative was carefully and narrowly drafted to fix very specific, yet serious and dangerous flaws contained in Propositions 47 and 57 — it is not a wholesale repeal of either. It fixes four specific failings in the current laws:

- Reclassifies currently “non-violent” crimes like rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child and felony domestic violence as “violent” — to prevent the early release of inmates convicted of these crimes
- Restores “teeth” to theft laws for serial thieves and organized theft gangs, which were removed under Prop. 47 leading to rampant and blatant abuse
- Reinstates DNA collection for those convicted of theft, domestic violence, drug and other serious crimes to help solve rape, murder and other violent crimes — and to exonerate those wrongly accused
- Provides increased information and communication for courts, public defenders, DAs, sheriffs and victims; requires hearing for serial parole violators; adds factors for the Board of Parole Hearings consideration

Claim #2: This ballot initiative will put thousands of people back in prison.

Fact #2: False. This initiative will not put any additional people in prison. It addresses components of Propositions 47 and 57 specific to early release and parole — not prison sentencing. Read the full initiative on the Secretary of State’s website: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/initiative-and-referendum-status/eligible-statewide-initiative-measures/>

Claim #3: This initiative will put “non-violent” offenders and “addicts” back in prison.

Fact #3: False. This initiative will not put anyone into prison. It addresses components of Propositions 47 and 57 specific to early release and parole — **not** prison sentencing. As to “addicts,” Proposition 47 actually removed the incentive (threat of prison) for drug offenders to attend much applauded drug court. According to the *San Diego Union Tribune* (9/15/18), “drug court participation drop(ped) four years after Proposition 47 reduced many drug crimes to misdemeanors.” This initiative provides the opportunity for addicts to complete rehabilitation programs, turn their lives around and **expunge** their criminal records through deferred entry of judgment (DEJ) — a benefit that Prop. 47 deprived them of. Under Prop. 47’s diversion programs, crimes remain on the offenders record forever.

Claim #4: Keeps non-violent people in prison.

Fact #4: The only unique group of offenders the initiative specifically lists to be excluded from early release — “out of prison” — is those who have committed one of the list of currently “non-violent” crimes that would be re-classified as violent. The crimes the initiative seeks to classify as VIOLENT for purposes of early release include:

- Human trafficking of a child
- Abducting a minor for prostitution
- Rape by intoxication
- Rape of an unconscious person
- Felony sexual penetration, sodomy, or oral copulation when drugs are used or the victim is unconscious
- Felony domestic violence
- Any crime requiring lifetime (290) sex offender registration
- Felony elder or dependent adult abuse
- Felony hate crime
- Drive by shooting, or shooting at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle
- Assault by a caregiver on a child under 8 that could result in death or coma
- Assault with a firearm
- Felony assault with a deadly weapon
- Serial arson
- Solicitation to commit murder
- Assault with caustic chemicals
- Felony assault using force likely to produce great bodily injury
- False imprisonment/taking a hostage when avoiding arrest or to use as a shield
- Assaulting a police officer with anything except a firearm
- Exploding a bomb to injure people
- Any felony where a deadly weapon is used
- Felony use of force or threats against a witness or victim of a crime

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