

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

Only the State can make the criminal justice system changes needed to ensure that violent and career criminals are kept off of our streets, and getting educated about the facts is the first thing that you can do to make a difference.

Certainly, not every crime deserves punishment through jail time. However, the changes made by AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57 have allowed violent and career criminals the opportunity to avoid either jail time or rehabilitative programs.

Based on the provisions of AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57, the definition of what constitutes a violent crime has been eroded, and in California today, the following crimes are classified as "non-violent:"

- Domestic violence
- Corporal injury to a child
- Rape
- Hate crime causing physical injury
- Assault with a deadly weapon

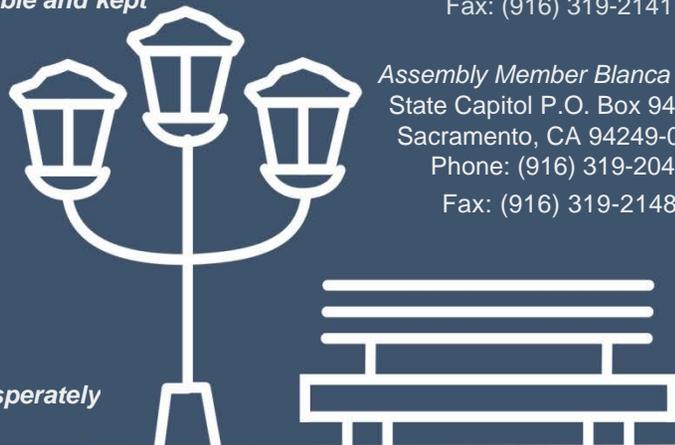
In addition, AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57 have created a criminal justice system that does not take into account an individual's criminal history, which has allowed career criminals the opportunity to avoid serving proper jail sentences.



Violent and career criminals need to be held accountable and kept off our streets.

To make our communities safer, the definition of what constitutes a violent crime in California needs to change. And an individual's criminal history should be taken into account when determining the appropriate punishment.

But only the State can make these desperately needed changes.



CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY...

Our State legislators can make the changes necessary to help protect our communities, and we need you to contact them to ask for their help in taking back our parks and streets!

Visit www.CityOfGlendora.org today to find more facts about AB 109 / Prop 47 / Prop 57, letter templates, and additional information on the City's Taking Back our Parks and Streets campaign.

Then, contact our State legislators and ask them to make the criminal justice system changes needed to ensure that violent and career criminals are kept out of our communities.

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TAKING BACK OUR COMMUNITY

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THE CHALLENGE

Increased crime has been attributed to State legislative changes enacted through AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57.

AB 109 transferred the responsibility of housing certain criminals from State prison to County jail facilities. However, local jail facilities are already full, which has resulted in the early release of around 45,000 low-level criminals to relieve prison overcrowding.

Prop 47 was approved by 60% of voters in 2014, and changed the following crimes from felonies to misdemeanors:

- Shoplifting, theft, forgery / fraud where the value of the crime does not exceed \$950
- Possession of illegal drugs, including cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine

Given the changes enacted by Prop 47, it is important to understand the difference between a misdemeanor and a felony.

MISDEMEANOR



FELONY

Misdemeanors are minor violations that must be observed by a law enforcement official in order for action to be taken.

Penalty is up to one year in jail, but most often results in the issuance of a citation.

Felonies are the most serious kinds of crime.

Penalty is jail time in State prison for more than one year.

Prop 57 allows the State the complete authority to release up to 30,000 inmates in California State prison back into our communities.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LIMITATIONS

AB 109, Prop 47, Prop 57, and other State-driven changes to our criminal justice system have placed limitations on law enforcement's ability to respond to increases in criminal activity.

Under AB 109...

Criminals convicted of the following heinous crimes have been eligible for early release:

ATTEMPTED MURDER
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
RAPE
BURGLARY
ELDER ABUSE
TERRORIST THREATS
LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS ACTS WITH A MINOR
BATTERY WITH SERIOUS BODILY INJURY

Under Prop 47...

Crimes that were previously classified as felonies are now misdemeanors.

Today, possession of illegal drugs is considered a misdemeanor. Additionally, criminals can steal as many times as they want and as long as each occurrence does not exceed \$950, the crime is considered a misdemeanor.

Under Prop 57...

The State has been granted total authority to release anyone they want from prison, including those convicted of the following violent and serious crimes:

RAPE BY INTOXICATION
RAPE OF AN UNCONSCIOUS PERSON
HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVOLVING SEX ACT WITH MINORS
DRIVE-BY SHOOTING
ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON
HATE CRIME CAUSING PHYSICAL INJURY
CORPORAL INJURY TO A CHILD

The limitations that State legislative changes have placed on law enforcement means that the rights of victims have been eroded as our police have fewer tools to combat crime.

THE EFFECT

Communities are less safe given the changes made by AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57, which is reflected by increases in crime rates throughout the State of California.

In Glendora, there was a 9.89% increase in violent and property crimes in 2016 when compared against 2014 levels. The most significant increases were:



All of this resulted in...

130 MORE VICTIMS OF CRIME

In California, crime rates have also sky-rocketed. A 2015-report released by former California Attorney General Kamala Harris depicted similar disturbing statistics of increasing crime in the State:

166,588 victims of violent crimes. *Violent crimes include homicide, rape, assault.*

This represents a 10% increase (15,163 more victims) in violent crime.

1,023,828 victims of property crimes.

Property crimes include burglary, car theft, and larceny.

This represents an 8.1% increase (77,146 more victims) in property crimes.

It is clear that recent State legislative changes to our criminal justice system have resulted in the massive erosion of our ability to keep our communities safe.