## RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 57, THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REHABILITATION ACT OF 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City considers it appropriate to oppose actions or initiatives at local, state and federal levels that could jeopardize the public safety; and WHEREAS, Proposition 57, known as the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016, has qualified for the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot in California; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57 is intended to ease over-crowding in prisons, incentivize rehabilitation and provide leniency to inmates who avail themselves of meaningful rehabilitation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57 attempts to establish a more reasoned approach for our court system in its disposition of juvenile offenders, as well as standardize and streamline procedures for establishing an offenders' eligibility for parole; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the objectives of Proposition 57, California has experienced increased and sustained property crime in the aftermath of the 2011 public safety realignment and the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014, leading to an increasing number of crimes being treated as misdemeanors, aggravating a pre-existing shortage of beds in county jails, and resulting in an increasing number of offenders being at liberty on the streets of California's cities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Los Angeles Times, violent crime in California rose in California by 10% in 2015, a figure corroborated by crime statistics maintained by the California Department of Justice, which indicate that over 15,000 more violent crimes occurred in California in 2015 than in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Proposition 57 would potentially lead to early release for offenders convicted of "non-violent crimes," many of which seem more properly categorized as violent, including throwing acid with the intent to disfigure, and discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle, to name a few, and this triggers concerns that offenders who committed offenses widely regarded as violent will be provided undue leniency; and WHEREAS, Proposition 57 could increase the likelihood of parole for persons convicted of "non-violent" felonies after completing the full term for his or her primary offense, and by disqualifying earned enhancements; and WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 57 may result in undetermined but negative consequences to public safety and well-being for California's cities and residents NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City does hereby resolve as follows: The City Council of the City of Culver City Opposes Proposition 57. The City of Culver City will join the "NO on 57" Coalition. 3. Staff is directed to email a copy of this adopted resolution to Dave Gilliard at dave@gbacampaigns.com. APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ JIM B. CLARKE, MAYOR City of Culver City, California APPROVED AS TO FORM: CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney JEREMY GREEN, Deputy City Clerk