



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## Monterey Park City Council Votes to Oppose Proposition 57

Monterey Park, Calif. – November 4, 2016 – The Monterey Park City Council unanimously voted to oppose Proposition 57 at its November 2, 2016 meeting. The Council's resolution in part identifies the overall increase in crime in the State of California. Locally, Monterey Park's crime rate has increased twenty-eight percent since the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014. According to Monterey Park Mayor Mitchell Ing, "The passage of Proposition 57 will further increase the crime rate as more convicted felons are released from prison." Chief Jim Smith, President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association agrees, "Proposition 57 is designed as a way for the State to release serious felons from prison. It is opposed by Statewide by law enforcement management and labor groups, District Attorneys, and Crime Victim Advocates. These are the people that truly understand the impact this bill will have on crime and victims." The City Council's resolution declared that the Council found that "...it is appropriate to oppose actions or initiatives at local, state, and federal levels that could jeopardize the safety of its citizens." This is part of the council's reasoning for its No on Proposition 57 stance.

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