



**District Attorney
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SUBJECT: Tulare County District Attorney's Office "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act" Presentation

REQUEST(S):

Presentation regarding the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

SUMMARY:

The passage of Assembly Bill 109 and Propositions 47 and 57 in recent years have had many negative consequences for victims and those seeking justice for them. These pieces of legislation reclassified numerous egregious crimes as "non-violent," including human trafficking of a child, rape by intoxication, drive by shootings, felony domestic violence, assaulting a police officer, and felony assault with a deadly weapon among many others.

In addition, these new laws reduced law enforcement's ability to collect DNA from defendants whose crimes are now labeled as misdemeanors, hampering their efforts to use that DNA to solve other related violent crimes.

A statewide ballot initiative titled the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018" seeks to enact several reforms to right these wrongs, by, among other actions:

- Preventing the early release of violent offenders;
- Reclassifying current non-violent crimes to prevent the early release of inmates convicted of these crimes;

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- Reforming the parole system to stop the early release of violent felons, expanding parolee oversight, and strengthening penalties for parole violations;
- Reforming theft laws to restore accountability for serial thieves and organized theft gangs; and
- Expanding DNA collection to include those convicted of drug, theft, domestic violence and other serious crimes to help solve rape, murder and other violent crimes — and to exonerate those wrongly accused.

The District Attorney's Office is seeking the Board's support of this initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year Strategic Business Plan includes Safety and Security initiatives that include "effectively and fairly investigate, arrest, prosecute and punish individuals who engage in criminal behaviors".

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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