

DPSFV
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Mar. 17, 2022

RE: DPSFV Opposes AB 1599: Repeal Proposition 47

Representatives of the Honorable San Fernando Valley Delegation:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV), we are pleased to report that our Executive Board voted to oppose AB 1599, which would repeal Proposition 47 altogether and change numerous crimes now considered misdemeanors back into felonies.

We urge you to please oppose this piece of legislation.

DPSFV was founded in 1978 and is chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. Our organization is the coordinating body for a coalition of Democratic Clubs located in the Assembly Districts which are wholly or partially in the San Fernando Valley.

The DPSFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss AB 1599 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board opposes this piece of legislation. The committee noted that Proposition 47 has had no measurable negative impact on crime rates. As an example, California's property crime rate in 2020 was significantly below what it was in 2000. Furthermore proposition 47 does allow for the prosecution of shoplifting and other petty theft crimes, just as misdemeanors instead of felonies.

There are more than 2 million people in jail and prison in the United States today, far outpacing population growth and crime. The criminal system is already over-packed, more people should not be sent into an overcrowded broken prison system for petty crimes. We urge you to oppose AB 1599.

Please note that DPSFV will be tracking this bill as it travels through the Legislature. Your voting record will be noted and may be considered should you ever seek our endorsement. Your office is always welcome to contact DPSFV if you have any questions.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Chair Sean M. Rivas
Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

cc: Assembly Members Rivas, Friedman, Gabriel, Nazarian, and Bloom
Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern, and Allen

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