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The Honorable James Ramos
Chair, Senate Budget Sub #5
1021 O Street, Suite 7340
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The Honorable Laura Richardson
Chair, Assembly Budget Sub #6
1021 O Street, Suite 8310
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RE: Proposition 36 Funding – Support Request for \$400 Million in Funding for Recovery Support Services and Substance Use Treatment

Dear Honorable Members,

The City of Lomita writes in strong support of the budget requests signed by Assembly Member Stephanie Nguyen and Senator Catherine Blakespear for additional funding in the amount of \$400 million for probation and other services that are critical in the implementation of Proposition 36.

As you know, California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 36 (2024), the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act. This important measure made changes to drug and property theft crimes and created a new Treatment-Mandated Felony to address the surge in retail theft and shoplifting.

Funding to fully implement Proposition 36 is a top priority for our city. We are appreciative of the \$115 million that was provided last year for the courts and behavioral health. However, more funding is needed to actualize the will of the voters.

Specifically, we support the request for \$400 million to address the services needed to ensure that treatment, when accompanied by supervision, can increase the chances of successful rehabilitation. These investments are necessary to expand service capacity, secure in-custody treatment, and allow for individualized planning and monitoring for those in our communities. Absent real consequences and accountability, local governments cannot maximize treatment success.

The City of Lomita would directly benefit from additional Proposition 36 funding as a contract city that relies on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and has limited local resources to address retail theft, substance use, and related quality of life issues. Lomita's small business corridors are particularly vulnerable to repeat theft, placing strain on both business owners and public safety services. At the same time, the City faces a growing need for access to treatment and recovery programs. Additional funding would strengthen enforcement efforts while expanding access to treatment, improving community safety and supporting long term rehabilitation.

For these reasons, the City of Lomita urges the Legislature to include this important funding in the final FY 2026-27 State Budget and continue the progress being made in addressing retail theft, shoplifting and other crime in our communities.

Sincerely,



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