



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 57

In a unanimous vote taken at last night's regularly scheduled meeting, the Clovis City Council voted 5-0 to adopt a resolution opposing Proposition 57, the Governor's Jailbreak Initiative.

In adopting the resolution, the Council noted the unprecedented release of inmates from state prison over the past five years, the dramatic crime increase from 2014-2015, and stated that Proposition 57 would violate California law. Clovis Police Chief Matt Basgall and Fresno County Assistant District Attorney Blake Gunderson both appeared before the Council and voiced their opposition to the initiative.

Clovis City Councilmember Bob Whalen said afterwards, "Sacramento continues to use deception to deconstruct our criminal justice system in California; Proposition 57 is just the latest example. Our responsibility as leaders within our community is to pull back the curtain and call this Proposition what it is – a jail break orchestrated by bureaucrats. I hope that the Clovis City Council's vote will cause voters to take a hard look beyond the title of this initiative, become fully informed, and vote no on Proposition 57."

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider a similar resolution at their meeting on September 27th.

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