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Public Comment - Group 2

**From:** blumvicky@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Civilian Review Process with County Board of Supervisors



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I'm concerned about the racism in our criminal justice system, as well as the economic injustice that stems from funding policing over other more constructive programs

The Board of Supervisors should start a civilian review process that will serve Santa Barbara County. I support the recommendations of CLUE to revise our jails in the upcoming year. These actions will help to reduce the disproportionate impact of incarceration on people of color as well as people with mental illness, and people living in poverty.

Many communities have been successful at encouraging the police to work with social workers and medics when non-violent 911 calls come in. Eugene, Oregon is a great example.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vicky Blum

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**From:** Richard Solomon <rsolomon2@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Criminal Justice reform discussion at July 16, 2020 meeting

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Honorable Supervisors:

I write with respect to the item on your July 16 agenda relating to "Criminal Justice and Racial Equity." The list of subjects to be addressed is certainly worthwhile. Missing, however, is the possibility of creating some kind of civilian oversight authority to enhance sheriff/community relations. The NAACP chapter from Santa Maria has called for this reform in June and is attached to the agenda, but, somehow, that demand was not included in your list of topics to be discussed.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Richard Solomon  
2640 Las Encinas Lane  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Andy Caldwell <andy@colabsbc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Miyasato, Mona  
**Cc:** Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Dudley, Joyce; Brown, Bill  
**Subject:** COLAB public comment July 16 Jail Population Hearing  
**Importance:** High

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Clerk of the Board: Please include the following comments in the public record for the special July 16 special hearing of the board of Supervisors as submitted by Andy Caldwell on behalf of COLAB.

Dear Supervisors and Law Enforcement Officials,

Any HONEST conversation about average jail population along with arrest and citation activity needs to include a THOROUGH evaluation of the undermining of the CA justice system by way of AB 109 and Props 47 and 57.

I have conducted a number of interviews with public safety officials over the years who all testify that these measures made our communities much less safe.

As you bend the knee for the woke social justice advocates who see any and all things through a prism of racism, please consider the women and children of ALL COLORS who continue to be terrorized by the “nonviolent” felons whose activities are listed on the last two slides.

Below is an excerpt from a presentation by Michele Hanisee, an authority on this subject, that sums things up in short order.

# **Unintended Impacts of AB 109, Proposition 47 & 57**

**Michele Hanisee  
President  
Association of Deputy  
District Attorneys**

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## **AB 109**

### **Intent & Effect:**

- 1. Transferred responsibility for housing and supervision of some sentenced felons to counties.**
- 2. Shifted supervision of some released felons from State Parole to County Probation.**
- 3. Reduced penalties for violation of terms of release.**

# AB 109

## Unintended Results:

- Filled up county jail with felons serving long-term sentences.
- Allowed felons with violent histories to be released to minimal supervision based on their current commitment offense.

Documented gang member



LAC Probation Hotline (855) 563-7925

Released to L.A. County Probation : June 28, 2016

Convictions include:

- Murder
- Robbery
- Theft
- Concealed dirk / dagger
- Drugs



08/21/2016

**VITAL STATS**

Name: HENSON, ROSE  
Age: 37  
Race and Gender: WHITE MALE  
Height: 510"  
Weight: 174  
Eye Color: BROWN / Characteristics: TAT, BRN, TAT  
Chest, TAT ARROW, TAT RACE, TAT FACE, TAT NECK, TAT  
HEAD  
Gang Affiliation: NADLOW RIDERS  
Last Known Geographic Location / Address: 1014 W 115th  
Warrant Confirmed (Check Box)

Arrest Warrant Issued:  
February 2017

“Henson was released from state prison to the supervision of the Los Angeles County Probation Department on June 28, 2016. Under the Governor’s Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011, better known as Assembly Bill 109 (AB 109), the responsibility of lower-level offenders was shifted from the State to Los Angeles County...

Henson qualified to be released to the supervision of probation, under AB 109, because his current commitment offense for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger is defined as non-serious and non-violent under the California penal code.

## **Prop. 47**

### **Intent & Effect:**

- 1. Reduced sentences for drug possession to a misdemeanor.**
- 2. Made all thefts under \$950 misdemeanor offenses, even for repeat offenses.**

## **Prop. 47**

### **Unintended Results:**

- Eliminated DNA collection for those crimes.**
- Reduced ability of police to arrest repeat theft offenders.**
- No room in jail for misdemeanor sentences due to housing felons under AB 109.**
- Dis-incentivized reporting and arrests as victims learned police could not arrest and perpetrators would not be punished.**

## **Prop. 57**

### **Intent & Effect:**

- 1. Allowed for early release of “non-violent” inmates from state prison.**

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## **Prop. 57**

### **Unintended Results:**

- Crimes not already defined as “violent” count as “non-violent.”**
- Constitutional rights of victims being unlawfully reduced.**

## **Not “Violent” felonies**

- **Human trafficking of a minor for sex [PC236.1(c)]**
- **Hate crimes [PC 422.7]**
- **Arson of forest land causing physical injury [PC 451(c)]**
- **Assault w/ deadly weapon on peace officer [245(c)]**
- **Active participation in a street gang [186.22]**
- **Exploding destructive device w/ intent to cause injury [18740]**
- **First degree burglary [PC 459]**

## **Not “Violent” felonies**

- **Assault with a deadly weapon or force likely to cause great bodily injury [245(a)(1) &(4)]**
- **Domestic violence [273.5]**
- **Battery with Serious Bodily Injury [243(d)]**
- **Solicitation to Commit Murder [653f(b)]**
- **Inflicting corporal injury on a child [PC 273d]**
- **Rape/sodomy/oral copulation of unconscious person or by use of date rape drugs. [ 261(a)(3) & (4), 286(f), 288a(f)]**



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**From:** Richard Solomon <rsolomon2@cox.net>  
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Finally, we want the Board and the community to know that we are expressing our concerns not only as County residents but also as Jews with a long history of opposing discrimination against all “disfavored” groups. Our African American neighbors have demanded public accountability of our Sheriff’s Office and we fully support that demand as a critical part of achieving a greater measure of racial justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jana Zimmer, Santa Barbara

Dick Flacks, Santa Barbara

Jan Keller, Lompoc

Peter Melnick, Montecito

Evely Laser Schlensky, Montecito

David Lebell, M.D., Santa Barbara

Rich Applebaum, Santa Barbara

Richard Solomon, Santa Barbara

Marian Cohen, Goleta