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**CHICO CHAMBER SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO PUT ‘KEEPING CA SAFE ACT’
ON THE 2018 BALLOT**

APRIL 10, 2018 CHICO, CA The deleterious effects of Proposition 47 and 57, and AB 109, on communities and businesses in the state of California are evident and incalculable. The “Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018” aims to reverse some of the most catastrophic changes in the law.

At their March meeting, The Chico Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the “Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018” and will participate in efforts to qualify the initiative for the ballot which includes collecting signatures and encouraging the endorsement of other businesses, Chambers, regional leaders, and elected officials.

Petitions for the initiative are now available in the Chico Chamber office for signature. Business members and community members who support the initiative are encouraged to come into the Chico Chamber office located on the first floor of 441 Main Street, Chico, to sign the petition. If they choose, individuals are also encouraged to endorse the initiative at the official web site: <https://keepcalsafe.org/>.

More information on the initiative is available at the link above.

Per the official web site, the “Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018” is intended to:

- Reclassify currently “non-violent” crimes like rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child and 14 other serious crimes as “violent” — to prevent the early release of inmates convicted of these crimes.
- Reform the parole system to stop the early release of violent felons, expand parolee oversight, and strengthen penalties for parole violations.
- Reform theft laws to restore accountability for serial thieves and organized theft gangs.
- Expand 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.

At the recommendation of Chico Police Chief Michael O’Brien, the Chico City Council passed a resolution to endorse this initiative.

More information is available by calling the Chico Chamber at 530.891.5556. Petitions are available for signature at 441 Main Street, Chico, CA. ###