



*League of California Cities 2022 Conference*

Taking action:

Collaborating to curtail retail crime in our communities



# CALIFORNIANS FOR Safe Stores and Neighborhoods

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Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods prioritizes the **Four Ds** to address organized retail crime and retail theft.

- **Dismantle:** Organized retail crime is too big for any one community to combat on its own. There needs to be a statewide solution to empower law enforcement to dismantle organized retail crime.
- **Disrupt:** Selling stolen goods online has become all too easy. ORC rings are exploiting online marketplaces and the anonymity many of them provide to offload their stolen goods. We need to disrupt the digital black market.
- **Deter:** Today, thieves view retail theft as a low-risk/high-reward crime, knowing they face low odds of arrest or serious consequences. By strengthening laws against repeat offenders we deter serial retail theft.
- **Divert:** People deserve a second chance. We need to strengthen California's underutilized diversion programs which allow for rehabilitating offenders who commit isolated incidents of retail theft by providing job training and drug treatment programs as an alternative to jail.



# ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME TASKFOCE



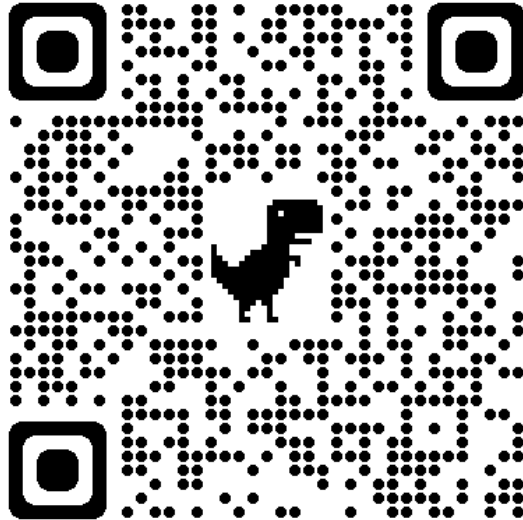
Expanded funding in the California State Budget - **\$346 million General Fund over three years**, including **\$122 million in 2022-23** for the following proposals:

- **\$85 million** General Fund annually through 2024-25 in competitive grants for local law enforcements to address organized crime.
- **\$6 million** General Fund in 2022-23 to increasing to **\$15 million annually** to the CA Highway Patrol to expand and make permanent its Organized Retail Theft Taskforce. New taskforces potentially include – Central Valley & Stockton/Sacramento region.
- **\$6 million** General Fund annually through 2024-25 and \$500,000 ongoing for the Department of Justice to support regional task forces addressing organized retail theft.
- **\$5 million** ongoing General Fund for the Department of Justice to continue leading anti-crime task forces, including High Impact Investigation Teams, Los Angeles interagency efforts, and task forces to combat human trafficking and gangs.



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