

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILLS 28 AND 38 BY SENATOR THOMAS J. UMBERG TO STRENGTHEN TREATMENT COURT STANDARDS AND REENTRY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana submitted position letters to the California State Legislature Position Letter Portal for SB 28 and 38 to reaffirm the City's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana is committed to advancing equity and public safety through evidence-based alternatives to incarceration and enhanced rehabilitation opportunities for justice-involved individuals; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 28, authored by Senator Tom Umberg, establishes clear and consistent statewide standards for treatment courts, including drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts, ensuring that all participants across California receive high-quality, effective, and equitable access to services that reduce recidivism and support long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, SB 28 directs the Judicial Council to develop best practice standards for treatment courts, enhancing transparency and accountability in how these courts operate and making certain that public funds are used efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, SB 38, also authored by Senator Umberg, establishes the Second Chance Program to support local agencies and community-based organizations in helping formerly incarcerated individuals successfully reenter society, with services including housing support, job training, mental health care, and education; and

WHEREAS, SB 38 promotes long-term public safety by investing in people reentering the community and helping them become stable, contributing members of society, thereby reducing repeat offenses and strengthening families and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, both SB 28 and SB 38 reflect the City of Santa Ana's values of restorative justice, smart rehabilitation, and a holistic approach to community safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana, that:

Section 1. The City of Santa Ana hereby supports Senate Bill 28 and Senate Bill 38 and urges the California State Legislature to pass these critical measures to improve treatment court operations and expand reentry support services across the state.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the Clerk of Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Valerie Amezcua
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: 

AYES: Councilmembers _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

CERTIFICATION OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Jennifer L. Hall, City Clerk, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2025-XXX to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____.

Date: _____

City Clerk
City of Santa Ana