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September 3, 2025

The Honorable Sasha Renee Perez
California State Senate, District 25
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1231 (Elhawary) – Felony Sentencing and Diversion

Dear Senator Perez,

On behalf of the City of Glendora, we respectfully oppose AB 1231. This bill would significantly alter felony sentencing by expanding diversion eligibility to a broad range of serious crimes—including hate crimes, looting, and repeat theft and drug offenses—without providing meaningful safeguards for public safety.

AB 1231 would allow pretrial diversion for nearly all nonviolent, non-serious felony offenses, including many drug sales offenses, repeated property crimes, and crimes that qualify as “predicate offenses” under Proposition 36. These include commercial burglary, identity theft, and drug possession for sale—crimes that Proposition 36 specifically sought to address. Furthermore, AB 1231 permits defendants to submit their own diversion plan and prohibits the court from denying a plan solely due to risks to public safety.

This bill is dangerous and moves in the exact opposite direction that Californians are asking for when it comes to public safety. We hope you consider the serious impacts this legislation would have on both our agency and your community.

California voters have already made their position clear on accountability. In the last election, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 36, which strengthened penalties for many of the same crimes that AB 1231 seeks to divert. While collaborative courts can play a valuable role in rehabilitation when paired with accountability, AB 1231 is overly broad, vague, and not in the best interests of public safety or justice.

For these reasons, we urge your **NO vote** on AB 1231.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark green ink that reads "David Fredendall".

David Fredendall
Mayor
City of Glendora

