

# NO ON PROP 36

## Proposition 36 Risks Cutting Millions in Funding that Helps Thousands of Angelenos

Prop 36 would roll back a 2014 criminal justice reform measure, Prop 47, which delivers tens of millions of dollars in funding for services to Los Angeles County residents each year. This funding goes to programs that provide housing services, mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, and job training for people who have been arrested or incarcerated, which makes our communities healthy and stable. Programs in Los Angeles County have received more investments than anywhere else in the state.

### What Los Angeles County Stands to Lose

Over the past decade, Los Angeles County's benefits from Prop 47 include:

<b>90 percent</b> of people who received diversion and reentry services funded by Prop 47 grants from 2019 to 2023 were not convicted of any new crimes <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$110 million</b> in funding to help kids stay in school and help people find housing, treatment, and employment <sup>2</sup>	<b>10,000+</b> people served by Prop 47-funded programs <sup>3</sup>
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Successful programs threatened by Prop 36 in LA County include:

#### Project impACT

Designed by the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Reentry, Project impACT provides employment, behavioral health, and legal services to improve employment outcomes and reduce future criminal justice system involvement for men of color identified as high risk for a new conviction.

People served: 816<sup>4</sup>

Funding received: \$18 million<sup>5</sup>

- **92 percent** of participants were not convicted of a new crime<sup>6</sup>
- **52 percent** of participants found employment<sup>7</sup>
- **86 percent** of participants exited the program with housing<sup>8</sup>

#### LA CRISP RICMS

The Los Angeles County Reentry Integrated Services Project (LA CRISP) Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) links people with prior criminal justice system involvement to community health workers, aimed at improving their well-being and keeping them out of the criminal justice system.

People served: 7,300<sup>9</sup>

Funding received: \$59 million<sup>10</sup>

- **89 percent** of participants were not convicted of a new crime after one year<sup>11</sup>
- **84 percent** of participants connected to social services, including help with food, basic necessities, housing services, and substance use disorder services<sup>12</sup>

#### El Rancho Unified School District

The school district, which serves predominantly Latinx students and working-class families in Pico Rivera, operated a program to provide youth with evidence-based programs including mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and skills training to reduce the possibility of arrest and incarceration.

People served: 374<sup>13</sup>

Funding received: \$997,436<sup>14</sup>

- **89 percent** decrease in arrests and citations for students<sup>15</sup>
- **40 percent** decrease in reported guns on campus<sup>16</sup>
- **33 percent** decrease in gang membership<sup>17</sup>



Vera works to end mass incarceration, protect immigrants' rights, ensure dignity for people behind bars, and build safe, thriving communities. For more information on Prop 36, visit [vera.org/no-on-36](https://vera.org/no-on-36) or contact Jacob Denney, associate director of research, at [jdenney@vera.org](mailto:jdenney@vera.org).

## Endnotes

- 1 Of the 5,625 people receiving services through Project imPACT, LA CRISP RICMS, and LA DOOR studied, 89.56 percent were not convicted of a new crime during the relevant study periods (2019 to 2023). See Stephanie Brooks Holliday, Katya Migacheva, Amy Goldman, et al., *Implementation and Outcome Evaluation of Project imPACT—A Proposition 47–Funded Program in Los Angeles Cohort 2 Final Evaluation Report* (Santa Monica, CA: Rand Corporation, 2023), 69, <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/City-of-L.A.-Mayors-Office-Prop-47-C2-FLER.pdf>; Michelle S. Manno, Annie Bickerton, Bret Barden, et al., *LA CRISP RICMS Cohort 2 Final Report for the Los Angeles Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department* (Los Angeles: MDRC, 2023), 49, <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/LA-County-Prop-47-C2-FLER-Reentry-Management.pdf>; and Melissa M. Labriola, Danielle Sobol, Heather Sims, and Stephanie Brooks Holliday, *Implementation and Outcome Evaluation of LA DOOR: A Proposition 47-Funded Program in Los Angeles* (Santa Monica, CA: Rand, 2023), 29, [https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RA1500-2.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RA1500-2.html). Calculation by Vera.
- 2 California Board of State and Community Corrections (CBSCC) “Proposition 47 Grant Program,” [https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_bsccprop47](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccprop47); and California Department of Education (CDE), “California Learning Communities for School Success Program,” funding profile, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/sf> (search for keyword “Learning Communities for School Success Program” to see reports for each three-year grant term). Calculation by Vera.
- 3 Melissa M. Labriola, Danielle Sobol, Stephanie Brooks Holliday, and Heather Sims, *Final Evaluation of LA DOOR: Proposition 47 Grant Program* (Santa Monica, CA: Rand, 2021), vi, <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Los-Angeles-City-Attorneys-Office-Cohort-1-final-report.pdf>; Labriola et al., *Implementation and Outcome Evaluation of LA DOOR*, 2023, vii; Stephanie Brooks Holliday, Alfonso Martin, Katya Migacheva, et al., *Project imPACT Cohort 1: Final Local Evaluation Report* (Santa Monica, CA: Rand, 2021), x, <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Los-Angeles-Mayors-Office-FLER-C1.pdf>; Brooks et al., *Evaluation of Project imPACT Cohort 2*, 2023, vi; and Annie Bickerton, Emmi Obara, and Olivia Williams, *Proposition 47 Cohort 1 Final Report for the Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry* (Los Angeles: MDRC, 2022), ES-2, [https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/LA-County-Report\\_Final.pdf](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/LA-County-Report_Final.pdf); Manno et al., *LA CRISP RICMS Cohort 2, 2023, 7; and SPSG, Inc., Final Evaluation Report: El Rancho Unified School District, Pico Rivera, California* (Sacramento, CA: BSCC, 2021), 5, <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/El-Rancho-Unified-School-District-Final-Report.pdf>.
- 4 Brooks et al., *Project imPACT Cohort 1, 2021*, x; and Brooks et al., *Evaluation of Project imPACT Cohort 2, 2023*, vi.
- 5 CBSCC, “Proposition 47 Grant Program.” Funding over three grant periods.
- 6 Brooks et al., *Evaluation of Project imPACT Cohort 2, 2023*, 70.
- 7 *Ibid.*, 63, table 6.5.
- 8 *Ibid.*, 66, table 6.7.
- 9 Bickerton et al., *Proposition 47 Cohort 1, 2022*, ES-2; and Manno et al., *LA CRISP RICMS Cohort 2, 2023*, 7.
- 10 CBSCC, “Proposition 47 Grant Program.” Funding over three grant periods.
- 11 Manno et al., *LA CRISP RICMS Cohort 2, 2023*, 76, table C.8.
- 12 *Ibid.*, 45, table 3 (“Referred to one or more distinct service categories”).
- 13 SPSG, Inc., *El Rancho Unified School District*, 2021, 5.
- 14 CDE, “California Learning Communities for School Success Program,” funding profile, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/sf> (search for keyword “Learning Communities for School Success Program” to see reports for each three-year grant term).
- 15 SPSG, *El Rancho Unified School District*, 2021, 27.
- 16 *Ibid.*, 34. Figure from Salazar High School only, which “is a more accurate representation of the target population as Salazar High School is an alternative high school for students who struggle in a comprehensive high school (El Rancho High), and individuals who are returning from suspension, expulsion, juvenile detention/camps.” *Ibid.*, 33.
- 17 *Ibid.*, 34. Figure from Salazar High School only (see endnote 16 for details).