



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

Ken Stripling

DATE: August 22, 2017

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION: ASSEMBLY BILL 1408

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the Legislative Committee's recommendation to support Assembly Bill 1408 (Calderon) and transmit position statements to Assembly Member Calderon, Santa Clarita's state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Brown, and the League of California Cities.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Assembly Member Ian Calderon (D-57-Whittier), Assembly Bill 1408 requires the State Board of Parole Hearings to consider the entire criminal history of an inmate in determining parole eligibility.

Additionally, this bill:

1. Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a local law enforcement agency with copies of an inmate's record of supervision during any period of parole; and
2. Authorizes a county agency to petition to the State Board of Parole Hearings to revoke, modify, or terminate eligibility for parole if a supervised person has violated the terms of their release for a third time.

Existing law does not require the State Board of Parole Hearings to consider an inmate's entire criminal history during the hearing process to determine an inmate's parole eligibility. Additionally, current law does not impact parole eligibility for individuals that are found to repeatedly violate the terms of their parole.

On February 20, 2017, Officer Keith Boyer of the Whittier Police Department was murdered

responding to a traffic collision. The individual alleged to have killed Officer Boyer was on parole on the day of the murder and had violated the terms of his parole five times in the seven months since his release. This bill would authorize that after three parole violations the terms of supervision would be revisited upon request of a county agency and could result in the revocation of parole.

The City of Santa Clarita 2017 Legislative Platform (Legislative Platform) includes a component related to providing local law enforcement with the tools necessary to reduce crime. Specifically, component (2) under the “State” section of the Legislative Platform advises that the City Council, “Support legislative efforts to address the negative impacts of Proposition 47 and Proposition 57 on local governments and provide local law enforcement with the appropriate tools to reduce criminal activity.”

Assembly Bill 1408 passed the Assembly on May 30, 2017, (72-0-8) and was placed on the suspense file by the Senate Committee on Appropriations (7-0) on July 17, 2017. Assembly Members Dante Acosta and Tom Lackey both voted in support of this bill.

Although Assembly Bill 1408 will not be moving forward, it is anticipated that similar legislation will be considered by the legislature in the future. Action by the City Council, in concurrence with the Legislative Committee’s recommendation will reinforce the policy position previously established and reflected in the adopted 2017 Legislative Platform.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on July 13, 2017, and recommends that the City Council adopt a “support” position for Assembly Bill 1408.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a “neutral” position on Assembly Bill 1408
2. Adopt an “oppose” position on Assembly Bill 1408
3. Take no action on Assembly Bill 1408
4. Refer Assembly Bill 1408 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted 2017/18 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

AB 1408 (Calderon)