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*ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL*  
Community Impact Statement

January 18, 2022

RE: Council File - 21-0002-S196

Dear Council members,

The Arleta Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Joe Buscaino's Resolution (Council File: 21-0002-S196) to **oppose** the ending of cash bail system in the State of California.

On November 3, 2020, 56.41 percent of California voters voted "No" on Proposition 25 which sought to end the cash bail system and replace it with risk assessments (computer algorithms) for detained suspects awaiting trials.<sup>1</sup> With insufficient law enforcement resources and year 2020 politicized declarations by elected officials to defund the police—particularly that of the Los Angeles Police Department—merchants, economically disadvantaged and affluent communities, and all private citizens find themselves absorbing the negative economic/psychological/social impacts caused by rampant shoplifting and assaults by perpetrators of these crimes among other things.

Council district 6 continues to experience criminal activity and quality of life degeneration not witnessed/experienced in more affluent communities as the district continues to be a major site for homeless encampments/vehicle dwellers in neighborhoods east of the 405 Interstate freeway, illegal dumping, and other unpermitted/informal economy activities. Homeowners' private property is constantly under criminal surveillance and such property is burglarized at any given hour of the day such as spare tires, catalytic converters, lawnmowers, or lift gates being removed from vehicles either parked on the street or within the confines of a private residence be it on a driveway, front yard or backyard. Should witnesses or camera footage allow for the identification and arrest of such pirates Proposition 47 (2014)<sup>2</sup> continues to allow for the catch and release of individuals who have chosen a permanent life of crime should activist district attorneys not press for the maximum incarceration sentencing.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-11-03/2020-california-election-prop-25-results>

[https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_Proposition\\_25,\\_Replace\\_Cash\\_Bail\\_with\\_Risk\\_Assessments\\_Referendum\\_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_25,_Replace_Cash_Bail_with_Risk_Assessments_Referendum_(2020))

<sup>2</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=7.&title=1.&part=&chapter=33.&article=](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=7.&title=1.&part=&chapter=33.&article=)  
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A zero bail system for criminal offenders re-victimizes not only the victims of such crimes but also all taxpayers that pay taxes to the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, the State of California, and the federal government. The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes a zero cash bail system in the State of California and supports Councilmember Buscaino's resolution and requests that City Council stand up for the taxpayers that pay for all the programs that the City participates in with and without taxpayer approval.

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