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## **Hagman Condemns Prop. 57 as a ‘Get Out Of Jail Free’ Card for Crimes Against Women and Children**

Ontario, CA – California voters will be making some tough choices tomorrow. But Proposition 57 stands out as an easy “thumbs down”.

This innocent sounding measure is actually a wolf in sheep’s clothing. It seems to be merely asking the public to consider allowing non-violent inmates to be eligible for parole. Reasonable people would likely conclude that everyone should have a second chance.

Under the right circumstances, this assumption would be appropriate if California’s list of non-violent crimes didn’t include things like murder, gang gun crimes and child molestation. So consider why anyone would support a measure that puts the safety of women and children as a secondary priority to reducing the prison population, especially when violent criminals are involved?

If approved as written, Proposition 57 will allow criminals convicted for legally non-violent offenses such as lewd acts against a child, gang gun crimes and human trafficking to be released on parole. Are these really the types of people we want back on the streets under early release?

We have already seen a dramatic increase in property crimes as a result of Governor Brown’s misguided AB 109 “realignment” program that forced thousands of state inmates on county jail facilities un-equipped to handle them. This wrongheaded approach was compounded by Prop 47, which reclassified many felonies as misdemeanors and thereby released thousands of career-criminals to prey on the unsuspecting public once again.

*Don’t be misled!* Proposition 57 is a get out of jail free card for crimes against women and children. Defeating Prop 57 will send a clear message to Governor Brown that crimes against women and children deserve more than just a slap on the wrist, and certainly not the benefit of early release from incarceration.

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