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May 30, 2025

The Honorable Scott Wiener, Chair  
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposition 36 Funding in 2025-26 May Revision

Dear Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of the California **State Association of Counties'** (CSAC) request for \$250M across county departments for Proposition 36 implementation in the 2025 Budget Act.

Proposition 36 was overwhelmingly supported by voters and requires critical investments to ensure the justice system remains effective, efficient, and focused on the accountability and rehabilitation efforts envisioned under this measure. Public Safety Departments, including Probation and the Public Defender, will see significant increases in workload because of new requirements for treatment, supervision, and court coordination in drug-related cases, in addition to an increase to populations served.

Sacramento County urges your consideration of budget requests from our partner organizations. This includes a range of \$95M-\$213M ongoing for behavioral health evaluations, treatment and staffing; \$47M ongoing for probation departments to support the courts, conduct individualized assessments, and supervise an expanded caseload; and \$120M over three years for indigent defense service providers to improve the quality of representation by addressing legal, social, and economic challenges faced by their clients.

For these reasons, Sacramento County asks that this be included in the 2025-26 state budget. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or [deborde@saccounty.gov](mailto:deborde@saccounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: Sacramento County Delegation  
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors  
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Audrey Ratajczak, Cruz Strategies