

RESOLUTION NO. 21-21

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES OF VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

WHEREAS, the City of Palos Verdes Estates places the utmost priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palos Verdes Estates has identified Public Safety and Security as one of its four Strategic Priorities; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020 including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-06: Pretrial Release Policy, eliminated cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07: Misdemeanor Case Management, lists numerous misdemeanor charges that will be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless “exceptions” or “factors for consideration” exist. These misdemeanor charges include trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drinking in public, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substance in public, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, minor in possession of alcohol, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-08: Sentencing Enhancements/Allegations eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

WHEREAS, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón contradict state laws that were enacted through the state legislature as well as the legislative ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives need to be consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims’ rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Palos Verdes Estates strongly affirms a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and hereby direct staff to transmit the resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations.

Section 2. The City of Palos Verdes Estates demands Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón rescind every Special Directive issued since being sworn into office on December 7, 2020.

Section 3. The City of Palos Verdes Estates insists Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón uphold the laws of the state, whether they were established by the state legislature or the voters of this state, and demands no Special Directives be issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón which contradict these laws.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Council of this City.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2021.



Michael Kemps, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kylynn Chaney, City Clerk



John Cotti, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES)

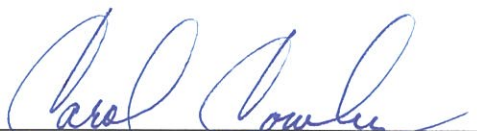
I, Carol Cowley, Interim City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution **R21-21** was duly and regularly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates at its regular meeting of the City Council on the 25th day of May 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Murdock, Roos, McGowan, Lozzi, Kems

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER: None



Carol Cowley, Interim City Clerk