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Restoring Prosecutors Ability to End Organized Retail Theft Rings

SACRAMENTO: Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin is pleased to announce the Governor’s signing of AB 1779, which restores a lapsed jurisdictional law (Penal Code 786.5) allowing county prosecutors to charge related incidents of Organized Retail Theft (ORT) in a single county superior court. AB 1779 was part of the Assembly’s bi-partisan “Californians Together Against Retail Crime” bill package addressing issues related to theft and drug offenses.

“With Organized Retail Theft Rings continuing to terrorize retailers and communities, it’s time we addressed this plague that costs consumers billions of dollars each year,” **said Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin.** “With the signing of AB 1779, the Governor has restored a common-sense provision of law that allows district attorney’s to convene a single prosecution for organized theft activities spanning multiple counties. These highly organized criminal enterprises will no longer be permitted to terrorize communities and retailers throughout our state and will once again be held accountable for their crimes.”

The recent success of the multiple task force operations targeting organized retail theft throughout the state have been given a force multiplier with the signing of these ten (10) bills. These new laws will address the crime related issues that have frustrated Californians for these past several years.

Assemblymember Irwin’s website: <https://a42.asmdc.org>

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin represents California’s 42nd Assembly District, which includes portions of both Ventura and Los Angeles Counties; including all of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Glen, Brentwood, Casa Conejo, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Lake Sherwood, Malibu, Moorpark, Oak Park, Pacific Palisades, Santa Susana, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Topanga, Westlake Village, and portions of Camarillo.

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