



A Message on Public Safety in Citrus Heights

Dear Citrus Heights Community,

As we enter the holiday season, I want to assure you that the City of Citrus Heights is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone. The upcoming month is filled with shopping, celebrations, and family gatherings, and we want you to feel confident that we are working tirelessly to ensure a peaceful and joyful holiday season for all. Recent initiatives are helping us deliver even more on our commitment to public safety, fostering a brighter and more secure future for our community.

The voter-approved Proposition 36, effective December 18th, will strengthen public safety in Citrus Heights by enhancing penalties for property crimes and drug offenses. Repeat theft offenders with two or more prior convictions now face jail-eligible felony charges, with state prison as a possibility after a fourth conviction. Organized retail theft, including "smash-and-grab" crimes, is subject to harsher penalties, and thefts by a single individual can be aggregated to reach the \$950 felony threshold. Additionally, crimes causing over \$50,000 in property damage now carry stricter consequences. For drug offenses, the proposition emphasizes rehabilitation by mandating treatment for individuals with repeat hard drug convictions and offering support services like addiction specialists, shelter, and job training. Successful program completion allows for expungement, while refusal to participate may result in up to three years in jail. Thank you to our community for the successful passage of Proposition 36—your voices have been heard, and together, we are building a safer, stronger Citrus Heights.

Additionally, our **Organized Retail Theft Initiative** is delivering results. With targeted efforts and close collaboration between local law enforcement and businesses, we are seeing a decline in retail thefts. These crimes affect businesses and disrupt the shopping experience for our community members. Several recent high-profile cases involving organized retail theft were swiftly resolved, with stolen merchandise recovered and key offenders held accountable. These successes deter future criminal activity and reassure our community that Citrus Heights remains a safe and welcoming place to shop. We are committed to ensuring that Citrus Heights remains a safe place to shop, especially during the busy holiday season.

As we look forward to the holidays, I encourage you to support our local businesses. Shopping local helps strengthen our community, and with these enhanced safety measures in place, you can feel secure while enjoying all that Citrus Heights has to offer.

How You Can Help

We all play a role in keeping Citrus Heights safe. If you witness a crime, notice suspicious activity, or have concerns about safety in your neighborhood, please report it immediately. Working together, we can ensure a safer community for everyone.

- **For emergencies or crimes in progress**, call **9-1-1**.
- **For non-emergency reports**, contact the Citrus Heights Police Department at **(916) 727-5500**. Non-emergency calls are prioritized based on the urgency of incidents, which may occasionally result in longer response times. However, reporting non-urgent issues remains vital, as it helps law enforcement identify patterns, address problem areas, and allocate resources effectively, ensuring our city stays safe and proactive in preventing potential threats.

Citrus Heights is a community built on solid roots, collaboration, and a shared commitment to safety. We have made great strides in reducing crime and improving public safety, and we will continue to work together to ensure that our city remains a safe, thriving place to live, work, and shop.

Wishing you a joyful, secure, and prosperous holiday season,

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About Citrus Heights: For those wanting the connectedness of a true community along with urban proximity, Citrus Heights, rooted in California's Capital Region, is a new city with the timeless values of resourcefulness and pragmatism, offering you the stability and support to realize your aspirations.

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