



CALIFORNIANS AGAINST RETAIL & RESIDENTIAL THEFT

**California Contract Cities Association Joins  
Californians Against Retail And Residential Theft Efforts**

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SACRAMENTO, CA – Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft (CARRT) announced today the California Contract Cities Association joined the coalition.

"The California Contract Cities Association joined our coalition to address the rise in residential and retail crime," said Matt Ross, spokesman for CARRT. "Retail theft is not a victimless crime."

The California Contract Cities Association advances the benefits of the contracting model and strengthens local control and governance for its 80 member cities.

"Local economies depend on a safe work environment," said Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association Executive Director. "However, theft and public safety concerns are growing, putting local businesses, their employees, and customers at risk. Something needs to be done to address this issue."

According to data provided by local law enforcement, in 2022, property crime is up:

- 10.0% in Los Angeles
- 11.0% in Oakland
- 5.8% in San Francisco
- 14.0% in San Jose
- 9.0% in Stockton

The California Contract Cities Association joins a broad-based coalition of business associations, local groups, and victim organizations advocating for California officials to act now and give law enforcement the tools needed to reduce theft. The coalition includes local Chambers of Commerce, California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, California Autobody Association, California Business Properties Association, California Business Roundtable, California Black Chamber of Commerce, California Chamber of Commerce, California Delivery Association, California Small Business Association, California Grocers Association, City of Lakewood, Inland Empire Chamber Alliance and National Federation of Independent Business.

CARRT has been meeting with local officials, law enforcement, and legislators to ensure that elected officials understand the true impact of retail and residential crime. CARRT aims to provide public safety officials with more tools to address this problem.

For more information about CARRT, please go to the website at [www.carrt.org](http://www.carrt.org). For more information regarding the California Contract Cities Association, please visit [www.contractcities.org](http://www.contractcities.org).