

Justice is seldom achieved by a mob of angry people. It is up to more level headed people to fix problems created by mob mentality.

When Measure 11 passed – I believe most people voted for it because they wanted stricter sentences for repeat offenders. However, in the fine print are a number of provisions that go too far in my opinion.

This letter is in support of Senate Bill 191 – Reduction in Sentencing, which would fix some of the harsher impacts of Measure 11.

The main focus of the bill is to provide the same incentive for good behavior while incarcerated “enjoyed” by other inmates. It seems it would be in the best interest of all prisons to provide incentives for good behavior. I understand that inmates occasionally get a report card showing their progress, which is also sent to those sentenced under measure 11, except theirs show “INELIGLE” at the bottom. How cruel is this? I can’t imagine the empty feeling one would have after seeing one of these reports. What do we provide these people in the way of some hope that good behavior will someday be rewarded? Are we determined to just break their spirit? Wouldn’t we want someone coming out of prison who has a better outlook? This feels cruel to me.

From the bottom of my heart – I ask you to please consider the moral questions here and to support Bill #191.