CITY OF CASTLE PINES RESOLUTION NO. 21-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO OPPOSING PROPOSED SENATE BILL 2021-062

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2021-062, titled "Concerning Measures to Safely Reduce Jail Populations by Amending Procedures Prior to Conviction" ("SB62"), was introduced in the Colorado State Senate on February 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if SB62 were adopted into law, it would restrict the ability of law enforcement officers to jail persons who are charged with committing certain crimes, including some felonies; and

WHEREAS, SB62 would also prevent judges from imposing monetary bond conditions on persons charged with committing certain crimes unless and until the person fails to appear in court at least three (3) times; and

WHEREAS, according to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation ("CBI"), violent crime rates statewide increased by 6.5% in 2020 from 2019; and

WHEREAS, CBI also reports that statewide rates of property crimes increased by 10.4% and motor vehicle thefts increased by 38.6% in 2020 over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, overall, a total of 353,528 crimes were reported in Colorado in 2020 per CBI's report; and

WHEREAS, by placing limits on when people may be jailed for certain felonies and other serious crimes, SB62 will allow such offenders to return to the community to potentially offend again and revictimize our community; and

WHEREAS, if SB62 becomes law, it will signal that there are only minor consequences for illegal activities and will only serve to exacerbate the already challenging crime occurring in our neighborhoods across the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Castle Pines desires to express its opposition to the passage to the proposed SB62.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby opposes proposed Senate Bill 2021-062 and urges the members of the Colorado General Assembly to vote "no" on the proposed bill because its passage would: (1) result in offenders continuing to commit criminal acts, often escalating the severity of the crimes; (2) harm and revictimize communities; and (3) perpetuate the troubling increase in crime rates communities are experiencing statewide.

City of Castle Pines Resolution No. 21-20

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the City Section 2. Council.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against this 13th day of April, 2021.



ATTEST:

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Tera Stave Radloff, Mayor

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Linda C. Michow, City Attorney