

We can do better on crime, but will we?

Re: "[Newsom targets brazen robberies](#)" (Page A1, Jan. 10).

Most propositions would benefit from some tweaking and that is true with Proposition 47. Let there be no mistake, however, that blaming Proposition 47 for our criminal difficulties is convenient, inaccurate and dishonest.

We don't adequately enforce the laws that exist. For some time, property crimes haven't been enforced with needed prosecution, adequate consequences and rehabilitation opportunities.

Serial offenders are frequently allowed to remain out of custody to continue offending without consideration for community safety. Adding new laws, without changing current practices, will result in more of the same.

We presently have the ability to do much better. Do we have the will? So far, the answer is a resounding no.

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