

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-082

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA SUPPORTING
SENATE BILL 55 (UMBERG)

WHEREAS, the Council has identified public safety as a top goal to protect our residents' safety and property; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the thefts of catalytic converters are negatively impacting residents of Santa Rosa, including 368 catalytic converters reported stolen in 2021 and 143 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill, Senate Bill 55, by Senator Thomas Umberg includes a provision to require car dealers to apply the vehicle identification number (VIN) to the catalytic converter of each vehicle listed for sale; and

WHEREAS, the measure makes it more difficult for individuals to steal catalytic converters undetected and supports police investigators in identifying stolen catalytic converters; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate Transportation Committee notes that during the pandemic the theft of catalytic converters rose dramatically as the parts were easy and "attractive targets for thieves" and according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau the number of reported catalytic converter thefts nationwide has increased from 1,489 in 2018 to 64,701 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the measure could support our residents and police department in deterring and solving crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa declares its support for Senate Bill 55 authored by state Senator Thomas Umberg.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 9th day of May, 2023.

AYES: (7) Mayor N. Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Okrepkie, C. Rogers, Stapp

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney