

MACA

Retail Theft

Retail theft hurts small businesses, workers, and neighborhoods.

MACA will protect stores, restore consequences for repeat offenders, and stand with California job creators in every county.

- 1. No tolerance for serial retail theft.** MACA will push for tougher repeat-offender consequences, stronger felony options for organized and habitual theft, and a clear message that repeated stealing from California businesses will not be excused.
- 2. Protect small businesses and frontline workers.** MACA will back store safety upgrades, emergency response support, and worker-protection standards so clerks, cashiers, and family-owned shops are not left alone to face theft, intimidation, and violence.
- 3. Retail theft task forces in every region.** MACA will expand coordinated teams of local police, sheriffs, highway patrol, prosecutors, and retailers to target repeat crews, smash-and-grab networks, and cross-county theft rings quickly and aggressively.
- 4. Faster arrests, charges, and prosecution.** MACA will support dedicated prosecutors, better evidence-sharing, and faster case filing so repeat thieves face swift consequences and small businesses are not forced to absorb endless losses while cases stall.
- 5. Fight organized theft and online resale.** MACA will crack down on fencing operations, cargo theft, and online marketplaces used to move stolen goods so criminal networks lose the profit motive that drives large-scale retail crime.
- 6. Recovery support for neighborhood stores.** MACA will help small businesses recover through security grants, tax relief options, and targeted assistance after repeated theft losses so local shops can stay open, keep workers employed, and serve their communities.
- 7. Statewide accountability with real results.** MACA will publish county-by-county retail theft results, require measurable enforcement plans, and reward jurisdictions that reduce repeat theft so every community sees safer stores and stronger local commerce.