LARRP Monthly Newsletter: September 2020

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LARRP MEETINGS and EVENTS

Integrated Health Committee Meeting

September 1st
2:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REGISTER- Health

Education Sub- Committee Meeting

September 4th
3:00pm-4:00pm

Planning of November Reentry Conference

Meeting ID: 910 3892 6593
Passcode: 182794

Register Ed Sub-Committee

Education Committee Meeting

September 17th
4:00pm

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REGISTER- Education

Housing Committee

September 17th
1:30pm
Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REGISTER - Housing

Employment Committee

September 23
2:00pm

EEOC will present on sexual harassment claims filed by women with convictions and West Adams WorkSource will present on their new Reentry Department of Labor grant

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REGISTER - Employment

LARRP General Meeting



State Policy 101

Tuesday September 15
10:00 - 11:00 am

How does an idea become a law? This workshop will provide insight on state legislation, state budget, and how and why you can engage in advocacy and lobbying legally. This training is for individuals who are new to policy and is a refresher on policy and advocacy.
Join LARRP for an impactful workshop and thought-provoking conversation about how to advocate and create policy reform. There are a few spots still open! Spread the word and register today!
REGISTER

REGISTER Policy 101

September 24th
10:00am-11:30am

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REGISTER - General Meeting

Watch recording of LARRP August General Meeting

LARRP August General Meeting
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Did you miss a committee meeting or one of our packed General Meetings?

No worries you can find them here in our Meeting Archives

Meeting Archives

LARRP ACTION ALERT



NO on 20 - Stop the prison spending scam!

Protect or Criminal Justice Reforms Here in California

Californians for Safety and Justice is in need of organizations to sign on to the growing list of opponents to Prop 20. Please use the following link to sign up and help in their phone banking efforts.

We are asking everyone to take 5 minutes to fill out this form and we are looking for volunteers to phone bank. We cannot allow our hard fought gains to be rolled back!

Please click the link below to sign on and sign up! .After you sign up Safety and Justice will follow up with you directly



Sign On and Sign Up!

Watch the NO ON 20 Presentation

Member Newswire

LARRP Executive Director Appointed To The Board Of The Prison Industry Authority

Troy F. Vaughn, 56, of Corona, has been appointed to the Board of the Prison Industry Authority. Vaughn has been Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership since 2011. He has been Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Christ-Centered Ministries since 1999. Vaughn is a community-based organization representative for the Los Angeles Public Safety Realignment Team. He earned a Master of Theology degree from King's College and Seminary and an Executive Juris Doctor degree from Concord Law School. This position does not require

Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Vaughn is a Democrat.
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Julyanna Mendez named LARRP Program Manager

LARRP is thrilled to announce the appointment of our inaugural Program Manager, our very own Julyanna Mendez, who has been serving in a part time capacity as LARRP's Program Associate since March 2018, while also serving with HOPICS. Julyanna is sad to say good-bye to her HOPICS colleagues and grateful for everything she learned there, and very excited about this next step in her journey and her career.

Julyanna was born and raised in Los Angeles in Atwater Village, where she still lives with her family who immigrated here from Costa Rica before she was born. A father who was an immigration lawyer, and a mother who is a public employee with the state, Julyanna's parents always encouraged her to pursue her dreams and told her that she could do anything she wanted. For Julyanna that meant helping people. To realize her goals, Julyanna attended USC as an undergraduate, earning a BA in Non-Profit Management, and later went on to earn a Masters in Public Administration, also from USC.

Julyanna knew she wanted to work in the non-profit sector, and had imagined she would focus on homelessness, and eventually open her own nonprofit. Working in the reentry community, which has significant overlap with the homeless population, over the past two years has been deeply inspiring, allowing Julyanna to work to close the gaps in services for impacted people and help reduce recidivism.



In her new role with LARRP, Julyanna hopes to build an even stronger network of reentry agencies, with the resources and connections to better serve our community members returning home from incarceration. Julyanna seeks to inspire and motivate people to see their own worth and how they can contribute to the world. Please extend your congratulations to this amazing young woman contributing to our world!

September Spotlight
Voting!

LARRP Partners with LA Free the Vote

LARRP has been busy with voter registration efforts as part of LA County's program to robustly engage justice impacted residents, ***LA Free The Vote*** (www.lafreethevote.org). Recognizing that the justice involved-population sits at the intersection of multiple underserved communities, LA Free the Vote brings an intentional County government focus to proactively outreaching to this population whose voices are important to our civic life.

LARRP's LA Free the Vote work over the summer has been onboarding and educating LARRP member organizations such as Time List Group, Center for Living and Learning and Christ Centered Ministries, on the voter eligibility criteria, what is on the ballot related to criminal justice reform such as the ***District Attorney***, ***Prison Spending Initiative (Prop 20)***, ***Cash Bail Reform (Prop 25) and Parolees Right to Vote (Prop 17)***, and how they can directly register their clients to vote and keep them engaged to go the polls (or vote by mail).
We are also focused on registering as many people as we can in September to ensure that registrants receive their vote by mail ballot in time. Mailing of vote by mail ballots begins on October 5th. Keep in mind, the last day to register to vote is October 19th!

LA Free the Vote Partner LA Voice is also staffing a voter registration hotline for any system-impacted individuals who have questions about eligibility and/or would like to register. The number is (323) 401-0579 and the line is open 12:30-5:30pm Monday-Friday.

Leading into October, we will focus on getting everyone to the polls early by having them submit their ballots at any one of the ***Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box*** starting on October 5th and/or by in-person voting at the nearest ***Voting Center***. If you would like to know more about LARRP's civic engagement efforts, or have us come train your staff or clients, please reach out to Joseph Petitt: ***joseph.petitt@lareentry.org.***

Please download the flyers below circulate wide and far! LA Free the Vote!

Follow us:
IG : ***@lafreethevote***
FB: ***L.A. Free the Vote***
Twitter: ***LAFreetheVote***

National Voter RegistrationDay
September 22, 2020

This year's national voter registration day is the most important one ever, but this year - during a once-in-a-century pandemic that's crippled traditional in-person registration numbers at places like dmvs, libraries, and post offices - we're gonna need each and every one of our past partners tuned in and blasting out the voter registration message at full volume.

In keeping with that increased need, we've gone out of our way to make 2020 partnership easier than ever, including a top-down revamp of our ***national voter registration day*** website, an living anthology of webinars on all things voter registration in the era of covid, and pre-packaged social media posts you can use to promote your in-person or online event(s) to your followers with just the push of a button

Organizations of all stripes and sizes can join us in our efforts. Nonprofits, companies and brands, co-ops, student groups, and more — we need everyone to pitch in and get voters registered this September 22.

Join as Organization

Every individual can be part of our effort and help us achieve our goal of making this year's National Voter Registration Day the biggest one ever. Learn more here about how to register yourself, your community and get #VoteReady ahead of November.

Join as Individual

Download the Flyer



LARRP Is a Member of the DA Accountability Coalition

District Attorneys are the most powerful local elected officials in our justice system, and Los Angeles County is home to the nation's largest local prosecutorial agency.

LARRP is encouraging all of its members to get informed about the important role the DA plays in our criminal legal system.

The DA Accountability Coalition is a multi-year campaign focused on district attorney accountability in LA County. DAAC aims to change the culture of the Los Angeles DA's office, shift the power and discretion of DAs, establish mechanisms for accountability, and elevate the importance of district attorney elections for voters.

Los Angeles County voters are READY FOR CHANGE that will confront and dismantle the current legal system and all its inequities.

You have the POWER to vote for this CHANGE. **Vote for a DA who will bring Los Angeles County into an era of justice, safety, wellness, and health.**



See DACC Top 7 Demands

READ
How Jackie Lacey's and George Gascón's time in office shapes the L.A. County D.A.'s race

WATCH
a debate between the candidates

LARRP Legislative Update

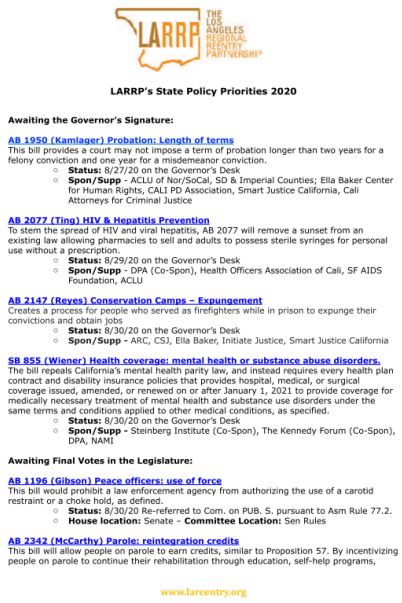
As we went to print the legislature was in it's final hours of this years session, with 4 of LARRP's priority bills still awaiting their final votes. 3 of LARRP's bills failed to make it through the Legislature this year, and 4 others are on the Governor's desk.

Please click the button below to see LARRP's priority Leg List.

Policy Priorities

We are also asking you to become educated and informed around the important November 3rd criminal justice related ballot measures and local elections.

- **Proposition 17** - Right to Vote for Parolees in California
- **No on Proposition 20** - Prison Spending Initiative *(Please see LARRP Action Alert above for CFJ presentation on Prop 20)*
- **Proposition 25** - Cash Bail Referendum
- **Measure J** - Community Invest and Alternatives to Incarceration Minimum County Budget Allocation
- **District Attorney of Los Angeles.**



LARRP's State Policy Priorities 2020

Awaiting the Governor's Signature:

AB 1950 (Kamlager) Probation: Length of terms
This bill provides a court may not impose a term of probation longer than two years for a felony conviction and one year for a misdemeanor conviction.
- **Status:** 8/27/20 on the Governor's Desk
- **Spon/Supp** - ACLU of Nor/SoCal, SD & Imperial Counties; Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, CALI PD Association, Smart Justice California, Cali Attorneys for Criminal Justice

AB 2077 (Ting) HIV & Hepatitis Prevention
To stem the spread of HIV and viral hepatitis, AB 2077 will remove a sunset from an existing law allowing pharmacies to sell and adults to possess sterile syringes for personal use without a prescription.
- **Status:** 8/29/20 on the Governor's Desk
- **Spon/Supp** - DPA (Co-Spon), Health Officers Association of Cali, SF AIDS Foundation, ACLU

AB 2147 (Reyes) Conservation Camps – Expungement
Creates a process for people who served as firefighters while in prison to expunge their convictions and obtain jobs
- **Status:** 8/30/20 on the Governor's Desk
- **Spon/Supp -** ARC, CSJ, Ella Baker, Initiate Justice, Smart Justice California

SB 855 (Wiener) Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders.
The bill repeals California's mental health parity law, and instead requires every health plan contract and disability insurance policies that provides hospital, medical, or surgical coverage issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021 to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders under the same terms and conditions applied to other medical conditions, as specified.
- **Status:** 8/30/20 on the Governor's Desk
- **Spon/Supp -** Steinberg Institute (Co-Spon), The Kennedy Forum (Co-Spon), DPA, NAMI

Awaiting Final Votes in the Legislature:

AB 1196 (Gibson) Peace officers: use of force
This bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a choke hold, as defined.
- **Status:** 8/30/20 Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S. pursuant to Asm Rule 77.2.
- **House location:** Senate – **Committee Location:** Sen Rules

AB 2342 (McCarthy) Parole: reintegration credits
This bill will allow people on parole to earn credits, similar to Proposition 57. By incentivizing people on parole to continue their rehabilitation through education, self-help programs,

www.lareentry.org

Information and Opportunities

Homeless Services Case Manager Training - Cohort 56:

Begins September 1st

In light of COVID-19, HHCLA's Training and Education Department is launching an intensive 4-week, web-based, 9- module Case Management Training. The purpose of this online course is to provide a web-based training experience so case managers can continue to hone their skills and professional development while honoring social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. This course satisfies the Department of Health Services' (DHS) Housing for Health Case Manager training requirement.

This in-depth program is for homeless services case managers and housing navigators who are new, relatively new, or simply need to learn new techniques, as well as those who are case managers in DHS's Housing for Health program. This new online curriculum has been adapted to incorporate interactive exercises into the online learning experience. Each module combines traditional lecture and interactive exercises to optimize the training experience and tailor it to participants' unique roles in the homeless services sector. The topics include core functions, effective practices, housing, standards of excellence, benefits acquisition, mental and physical health, substance abuse, thriving in community, and other topics needed for effective case management. All trainers are skilled service providers and educators who work in the homeless services sector in Los Angeles County. Because this new online curriculum has been shortened from 10 to 9 sessions, the price has been reduced to $1000 per person.

MORE INFO and REGISTER

National Expungement Week

September 19-26, 2020

Legal Clinic Hotline

Despite COVID, National Expungement week will still go on, using a new hotline to process intakes for eligible criminal record changes and expungements!

Simply call 818-570-1548, leave your name and number and an intake coordinator will call you back.



PARTNER EVENTS

Palmdale Town Hall Meeting

September 8, 2020
5pm-7pm

Community Alternatives To

Palmdale Town Hall Meeting



September 8, 2020
5pm-7pm

Pontcitlan Square
38315 9th Street East,
Palmdale, Ca 93550

The Palmdale Sheriff's Station And The Palmdale Community Advisory Committee (Cac) Invite You To Their 3rd Quarter Town Hall Meeting.
The CAC Will Provide An Overview Of The Semi-annual Report From The AV /DOJ Federal Monitoring Team.
More infol: palmdalecac@gmail.com

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Saving Lives Through Recovery

Naloxone (Narcan) Training

September 10th, 2020
9:00 am

Training will go over all information needed to reverse an Opioid overdose.
This training is open to all- members of the community, agency staff, etc. Anyone can easily save a life with learning how to administer Naloxone!

- Opioid Overdose Background: Learn about opioid overdose causes and trends
- Opioid Epidemic: Learn about existing efforts to combat the opioid crisis and legislative protections for naloxone use and dispensing

All participants will be provided with a box of naloxone (two doses)

If you would like an in house training for your agency on this or Medication Assisted Treatment (methadone, suboxone, vivitrol), **please e-mail *acowan@clarematrix.org***

To register, please e-mail *acowan@clarematrix.org*



Virtual Town Hall Meeting Lancaster Station Community Advisory Committee With Lancaster Sheriff's Station



911 (Cat 911) Online Conference -

Sundays - 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 & 10/4
Register Here

HOUSING RIGHTS WORKSHOP



Every Tuesday at 2:00 PM
on Zoom
Basics of Fair Housing and protections against discrimination.

Register

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Cada jueves a las 2:00 PM
en Zoom
Conceptos básicos de la vivienda justa y las protecciones contra la discriminación.
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A Perspective for Supportive Housing Property Management

Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is offering a training for property managers of supportive housing. This 6-hour training series taught over 4 sessions meeting on Thursdays is designed to familiarize property managers with the supportive housing model and various tools used to increase housing retention. Each session has 90 minutes of lecture and group discussion.

- **Session 1— September 3rd** at 10 a. m. Introduction to Homelessness and Supportive Housing
- **Session 2— September 10th 16th** at 10 a. m. Mental Health 101
- **Session 3— September 17th** at 10 a. m. Introductory Resilience Toolkit Workshop
- **Session 4—September 24th at 10**

Register



September 15th, 2020
6pm-8pm
Residents may join by logging on to Facebook, hitting LIKE on the CAC Facebook page & joining the LIVE meeting the day of the event

Accelerator Week Virtual Community of Practice

Tuesday, September 22 | 10:00 AM – 1:15 PM
Wednesday, September 23 | 9:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Thursday, September 24 | 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Learn More

NEWS

Featured News Story

In light of the attempt to roll back much of the criminal justice reform in California by Prop 20, on the ballot this November, it seems like a good time for this perspective on Prop 47

Prop 47 Five Years Later

Five years later: How a California prop changed national discourse on criminal justice reform

LA Progressive, Cari Lynn
Initially blasted by critics as a "get out of jail free card," Prop 47 was a long-shot that even supporters deemed likely to go the way of other reform efforts: nowhere. But 47's success has exceeded even its founders' ideals, and is now primed to be a nationwide model for effective and humane criminal justice reform.

Read more

More News Stories

LARRP Steering Committee Member Amity Foundation is serving as the hub for housing and services in new $30 Million Public-Private Partnership

Today, as COVID-19 spreads through prisons and jails, philanthropies and nonprofits joined the State of California and Governor Gavin Newsom to announce "Returning Home Well," a new public-private partnership that provides essential services — like housing, health care, treatment, transportation, direct assistance, and employment support — for Californians returning home from prison after July 1, 2020. These are individuals that have either met their natural release date or are being released on an expedited timeline due to COVID-19. The State announced an initial commitment of $15 million, which will be matched by philanthropic contributions for a total goal of $30 million.

"Expediting release is necessary, but so is ensuring that services are available in a way that supports those returning home to achieve successful outcomes," said Doug Bond, CEO of the Amity Foundation. *"Supporting this type of service is an essential piece of a much broader, long-term public health and social progress solution."*
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Leaving Gun Towers and Barbed Wire for a Healing House

NYTimes, Aug. 7, 2020, By Patricia Leigh Brown

Susan Burton, an advocate for formerly incarcerated women, is racing against the clock to shelter those freed early because of the surge of coronavirus cases in prisons.
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"Hangover" Producer Starts Nonprofit to Transition People Out of



Prison

Spectrum News 1, By Bianca Rae Lancaster, Aug. 20, 2020

LANCASTER, Calif. — You may not expect an A-list Hollywood movie producer to spend his Saturday outside a California state prison, but Scott Budnick is waiting for a man he knows well to be released, after 18 years behind bars.

Watch the video

Police Reform Advocates Scrutinize Police Unions, Calling Them Obstacles To Reform

La Times, By Kevin Rector Aug. 18, 2020
Activist DeRay Mckesson's group Campaign Zero has released a new platform challenging the influence of police unions.
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Can You Trust The Police To Tell The Truth? Reliability Under Scrutiny As Cases Tossed

LA Times, By Alene Tchekmedyians, Aug. 31, 2020

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The Coronavirus Gave Them Jobs — And A New Lease On Life

LA Times by By Doug Smith, Aug. 25, 2020
LARRP Steering Committee Member, Chrysalis has several clients participating in this much needed work!
READ THE ARTICLE

Reports

Reforming Pretrial Justice In California

Public Policy Institute, Heather Harris, Magnus Lofstrom, August 2020

California's pretrial system is poised for reform. In 2018, the governor signed Senate Bill 10 (SB 10) to eliminate money bail and require the use of risk assessment tools when making pretrial release decisions. The law was put onhold after a challenge by the bail industry. Voters will decide its fate in a hotlydebated November 2020 referendum on Proposition 25. Proponents argue SB 10 would reduce jail populations while promoting public safety and court appearances, but critics express concern about the bill's potential impact on crime and racial inequities.

Read the Report



Trends in U.S. Corrections

August 25, 2020
The Sentencing Project's key fact sheet provides a compilation of major developments in the criminal justice system over the past several decades.

Download the Factsheet

