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Membership

## Restoring People! Rebuilding Community! Reshaping the Nation!

### SPOTLIGHT



### LARRP Executive Director Troy Vaughn recognized at BOS

Co-Chairs Stephen Larson, Esq. Troy Vaughn of LARRP, were recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, January 29th for their leadership on the **Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety**.

As part of Troy's role on the commission he was able to secure an additional ten seats for community stakeholders!

To read the Recommendations

## LARRP MEETINGS and EVENTS



Interested in getting an expungement or felony reduction?

In 2018, we served nearly 800 people with free legal services that either reduced, reclassified, or expunged their past record of convictions that empowered them on a reentry pathway to a real second chance.

Attorneys and paralegals from the Los Angeles Public Defenders Office will be onsite providing FREE post-conviction relief. Reentry services offered:

- Felony Reductions & Domestic Violence
- Certificate of Rehabilitation Referrals
- Prop 47 & Prop 84 Relief
- Voter education & registration
- Housing & employment services

TIME: 10AM - 1PM

Amity Foundation  
5750 S. Grand Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007

For more information email LARRP at [info@lareentry.org](mailto:info@lareentry.org)



Everyday People Expungement Clinics in 2019

- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 1st
- July 6th
- August 3rd
- September 7th
- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th

## LARRP's FREE Legal Clinic First Saturday of Every Month

Saturday, February 2nd



**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
Amity Foundation  
3750 S. Grand Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007

If you have a criminal record of any kind and you need help getting it removed, reduced, or expunged then register for these free expungement clinics. Attorneys and paralegals from the Los Angeles County Public Defenders Office will be onsite providing FREE post-conviction relief in the City of Los Angeles. Job recruiters and other service providers will be on site as well.

[Register](#)

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## SAVE THE DATES for Upcoming LARRP Meetings

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### Next LARRP General Meeting

**March 14th, 2018**  
**9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Amity Foundation  
3750 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

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### Employment Committee Meeting

**February 28th, 2019**  
**9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Amity Foundation  
3750 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

Details forthcoming

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### LONG BEACH LARRP FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Sponsored by LBCA

**10AM - 1PM**

**Saturday, February 16th**

Bevel,

327 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA 90802

[Register](#)

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## SAVE THE DATE

### A Symposium on Redefining Reentry: Developing an Innovative Reentry Vision for Los Angeles County

**May 30, 2019, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Quiet Cannon, 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640**

[Pre-Registration](#)

# ACTION ITEMS

## Feb. 5 BOS meeting has many items of special interest

The Feb. 5 Board agenda has many items with significant implications for County actions in criminal justice/diversion/pre-trial, physical/mental health, juvenile-adult-aging populations, service provision, and other areas.

### [See the Whole Agenda](#)

List of agenda Item headings:

- This items scheduled for 11:00 am Report on Safety Concerns at County Juvenile Halls and Probation Camps
- Los Angeles County's Coordinated Effort: Early Care and Education
- Implementing a Community-Based Mental Health Incubation Academy
- Improving Los Angeles County's Approach to Serving Older Adults
- Support for Medicaid Institutions for Mental Disease Exclusion Waiver
- Optimization of Los Angeles County's Workforce and Economic Development Systems
- Developing Los Angeles County's Models for Pretrial Release
- Expanding Countywide Diversion for Justice Involved Adults
- Federal Legislative Agenda
- HIV Residential Care and Transitional Housing Services Contract Amendments
- Complete Application Process for Grant Funds for the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant
- Report on the Expansion of the First Responder Protocol and Advocacy Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children:
- Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Funds Sole Source Contract
- Capacity Building and Leadership Training Services to Non-Profit Community Based Organizations Sole Source Contract
- Gender-Responsive Rehabilitation Program for Female Offenders Agreement

## MIRA LOMA UPDATES

### STOP THE WASTEFUL \$3.5 BILLION JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**More incarceration does NOT equal less crime**

Powerful figures in law enforcement and the jail industry are pushing a massive jail construction project in Los Angeles County conservatively estimated to cost \$3.5 billion.

### ACLU PETITION

### Proposed women's jail in Lancaster losing support from LA County supervisors

LA DAILY NEWS, CITY NEWS SERVICE, January 8, 2019

A vote to approve a \$215 million budget for Mira Loma Detention Center and award a design-build construction contract was postponed.

[Read more](#)



Mira Loma jail: The Sheriff was asked about the status of the Mira Loma jail plan. He said "Mira Loma is dead." The Commission discussed and adopted a statement opposing the Mira Loma jail after striking out a reference to the hazard of "Valley Fever." Some Commissioners said they were not sufficiently convinced of the hazard to make it part of the statement, or were concerned about what that finding might mean for other County activity in the area. For the statement text before the reference was struck, [SEE](#)





### L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva defends reinstating deputy fired over abuse allegations

By MAYA LAU, LA Times, JAN 22, 2019

[Read the article](#)

Tuesday February 5, 9:30 AM  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple St. Rm 381B  
LA, CA 90012

## PARTNER EVENTS

ARE YOU HIGHLY  
MOTIVATED TO FIND A  
CAREER PATH BUT HAVE  
CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR  
CRIMINAL RECORD?



### CORE Internship

Applications due February 6th!

LA County's Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) and the L.A. County Probation Department, in partnership with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, is launching the second cohort of the CORE Internship Program, which has been designed specifically to support youth who have a history of criminal justice involvement.

Please note that youth (18 - 24) may qualify by virtue of either their justice-involvement or their parents.

[Learn More](#)

### Root and Rebound REENTRY LEGAL CLINIC IN LAKEPORT

Sunday, February 10th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

255 N. Forbes St., 1st Floor Lakeport, CA (County Building)

[RSVP](#)

### REENTRY LEGAL CLINIC IN REDWOOD VALLEY

Saturday, February 9th  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

6991 N. State St., Redwood Valley, CA  
95470 (Consolidated Tribal Health Project Wellness Center)

[RSVP](#)

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Gang Prevention & Intervention Conference

Mon, May 13, 2019, 9:00 AM – Tue, May 14, 2019, 4:30 PM

Hilton Long Beach 701 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90831

[more info](#)

[Buy Tickets](#)

### Skid Row People's Market Opening

After serving the neighborhood of Skid Row for 24 years, Best Market is transitioning into [Skid Row People's](#)



**Market**, a small grocery store with focus on real food and community building. Our guiding principles are (1) a safe space for Skid Row community to heal our spirits and develop healthy identities and (2) “food is medicine...not only for the body, but also for the soul and the spiritual connection to history, ancestors, and the land.”

Join us **Sunday, February 3rd, 1:30-3:30pm**, on a walking meditation [opening ceremony](#) in celebration and honoring of our land, our food and our people’s labor.

**1:30-3:30pm**  
**Skid Row People’ Market**  
**453 S. San Pedro St.**  
**Los Angeles, CA 900131**



## 2019 African-American Mental Health Conference

**Thu Feb 28th**  
Los Angeles Convention Center,  
1201 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90015

The theme is “Engaging and Empowering Communities through Education, Advocacy, and Action.” The conference will bring together mental health and allied professionals, policy makers, consumers and stakeholders to improve awareness regarding mental health issues and its impact on families and communities. This will be keynote speakers, workshops, lunch, entertainment, and more!

Registration deadline is Feb 16th. On-site registration is not available.

**REGISTER NOW!**

## NEWS

### Featured News Story



### More News Stories

#### EXPANSION OF LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES MUST END

The Appeal, Jan 23, 2019  
Patrisse Cullors, Lex Stepling

Los Angeles County’s jail system incarcerates tens of thousands of people at a multi-billion dollar cost. The communities most impacted by mass incarceration have had enough.

[Read the article](#)

#### Despite an emphasis on inmate rehab, California recidivism rate is 'stubbornly high'

By JAZMINE ULLOA  
LA Times, JAN 31, 2019



[Read the article](#)

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### L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva defends reinstating deputy fired over abuse allegations

By MAYA LAU, LA Times, JAN 22, 2019

[Read the article](#)

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### LIFE INSIDE

#### I'm in Prison During the Shutdown. I Didn't Get "Holiday Steak."

THE MARSHALL PROJECT

by JOSIE PORTILLO, 01.17.2019

[Read the article"](#)

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### The People v. Melina Abdullah

As the city cracks down on free speech, Black Lives Matter L.A. leader Melina Abdullah faces eight criminal misdemeanor charges stemming from her activism.

For the LAnd, BY JASON MCGAHAN

[Read the article](#)

### Do We Really Need Probation and Parole?

By Vincent Schiraldi

The Crime Report | January 24, 2019

A man nine years out of a New York prison proposes marriage to his girlfriend who also has a criminal record. Because it is against the rules to associate with someone with a prior record, his parole is revoked and he is returned to prison for a year—after which he marries the same person, this time with his parole officer's permission. A Texas woman is sentenced to five years in prison for attempting to vote while on felony probation....

[Read more](#)

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### Opponents of California Justice Reforms Prepare for Battle

The Crime Report

By TCR Staff | January 22, 2019

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### Placing juveniles in solitary confinement doesn't fix them. In fact, it makes them worse

USA Today, Jan. 11, 2019

Opinion contributors, Jessica Feierman and Jenny Lutz

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### Rikers closure plan will soon begin public review

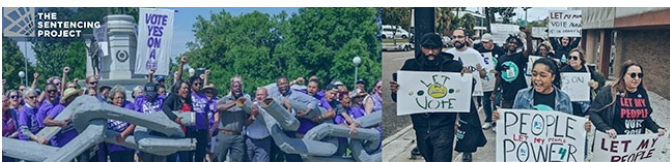
Politico, 01/22/2019

By JANAKI CHADHA and SALLY GOLDENBERG

[Read the article](#)

## REPORTS

### Featured Report



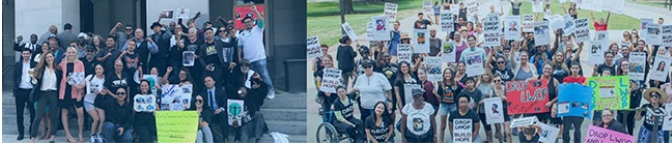
### Top Trends in State Criminal Justice Reform, 2018

### More Reports

### Women in Los Angeles County

A report by Million Dollar Hoods

In LA County we spent at least \$750,000,000 incarcerating women from 2010-2016.



## Top Trends in Criminal Justice Reform The Sentencing Project

The United States is a world leader in incarceration rates and keeps nearly 7 million persons under criminal justice supervision. More than 2.2 million are in prison or jail, while 4.6 million are monitored in the community on probation or parole. Changes in sentencing law and policy, not changes in crime rates, have produced the nation's high rate of incarceration. Scaling back incarceration will require changing policy and practice to reduce prison populations, intentionally address racial disparity, and eliminate barriers to reentry. In recent years a number of states have enacted reforms designed to reduce the scale of incarceration and impact of the collateral consequences of a felony conviction. This briefing paper describes key reforms undertaken in 2018.

[Read more](#)

Imagine what it would have meant for women if that money had been spent on the services that truly empower, uplift, and provide opportunity for women

[Read the Report](#)

### COLLECTIVE YEARS WOMEN HAVE SPENT IN JAIL BY RACE (2010-2016)

