LARRP Monthly Newsletter: March 2020

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LARRP MEETINGS and EVENTS

Integrated Health Committee Meeting
March 3, 2020
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
742 N. La Brea Ave.
Inglewood, CA 90302

LARRP General Meeting
March 12, 2020
9:30am-12:00pm
LARRP office 742 N. La Brea Ave.
Inglewood, CA 90302

Agenda:
- Andres Zuniga, LARRP - Voices from Impacted People
- Troy Vaughn, LARRP - LARRP Executive Director's Report
- Richard Cesar, WDACS - Jail based job center and Fair Chance Campaign
- Nicole Jeong, Root & Rebound - Occupational Licensing: Barriers & Developments

REPAIR Expungement Fair
Saturday, March 7
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007

- Record reclassification with Proposition 47 and Proposition 64 and expungement services
- Certificate of Rehabilitation Referrals
- On-site voter registration and education
- Employment services
- Housing services
- Live Scans (California DOJ Only)

NOTE: 1) We only work with Los Angeles County cases at this event. 2) On time registration will be prioritized over walk-ins

Employment Committee Meeting
The LARRP Employment Committee is proud to once again present it's "Reentry Employment Training for Workforce Professionals"

April 1, 2020
9:00-1:00am
Goodwill Industries auditorium
342 N San Fernando Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Stay tuned for more details
Your Guide To The LA County District Attorney Race
BY LAist Staff, February 4, 2020

This race has attracted national attention, because it's the latest — and largest — battleground in a national push to get reformists elected as district attorneys.

Read about the Candidates

This month Californians can finally weigh in on a significant way on the presidential Primary Process with our March 3rd Primary! But the Democratic presidential primary is by no means the only important thing on the ballot! Below we will highlight a few of the other important races!

Find your Nearest Voting Center

Register to vote in person at a voting center till Mar. 3
You can vote Feb. 22-Mar. 3

Sample Ballot

Yes on R
Measure R is an important step towards fixing LA’s broken jail system.

Don't forget to vote yes on R: "TheLA County Sherrif Civilian Oversight Commission Ordenance"

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March 3rd, 2020
¡¡¡VOTE!!!

Call to Action

Please join us

The ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration) Final Report
will be presented to the Board on Tuesday, March 10 at 11am at The Hall of Administration (500 W. Temple, LA CA 90012). We hope that you can join us for this historic day!

More Info
Read the Final Report

March 3rd, 2020
¡¡¡VOTE!!!

PARTNER EVENTS

National Prison Summit Stakeholders Luncheon and Press Announcement
Hosted by Crossroads United Methodist Church

On March 9th
11:00am - 1:00 pm
Dollarhide Community Center
Fair Chance Act: Employer Training
Tue, March 3, 2020
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
CSUSB
5500 University Pkwy
San Bernardino, CA 92407

All businesses that want to attend are invited.
- learn how to comply with AB 1008 fair chance act
- receive a breakdown on the hiring process with a lawyer from the California Department of Fair Housing & Employment
- meet justice impacted individuals and advocates to understand the importance of fair hiring practices to improve the health, safety & economy of our region

Rights Night: Our Rights, Our Issues
Robin Steinberg In conversation with Kathryn Eidmann, staff attorney, Public Counsel
March 21, 2020
6:30pm
Mark Taper Auditorium-Central Library

Every day thousands of Americans are jailed because they don’t have enough money to pay bail. Directly impacting low-income and minority communities the most, people who are unable to post bail can lose their jobs, their homes, and their lives are torn apart. The Eighth Amendment was established to prohibit the federal government from imposing excessive bail, excessive fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, but is it protecting our citizens enough? Join us for a revolutionary look at the criminal justice system, bail reform, and the radical act of bringing people home from jail

“A Generation of LA Leaders.”
March 5th, 2020
6:00 p.m.
UCLA DeCafé Perloff Hall
365 Portola Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095

UCLA’s Lewis Center’s 30-year celebration! For the last 30 years, the center has tackled the leading social, economic, industrial, housing, environmental, architectural and transportation policies that impact the greater Los Angeles region

1st Annual Convening: The California System Involved Bar Association
March 7, 2020
9:00 AM – 4:15 PM
UCLA School of Law, Room 1347
385 Charles E Young Drive East
Los Angeles, CA 90095

The California System Involved Bar Association (CSIBA) will host its inaugural convening at UCLA School of Law. Focused on access to the legal profession for formerly incarcerated and system involved individuals.

Opportunities and Information
Youth Reinvestment Grant RFP Revised

The BSCC Board approved a set of amendments to the Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Request for Proposals (RFP). Amendments include:

1. Adding $1.3 million to the total amount available to fund grants.
2. Opening the eligibility to apply to 2018 YRG subgrantees that received nominal amounts to also receive 2019 YRG funds.
4. Making minor conforming changes to dates, timelines and related requirements.

Please see the RFP for more information.

Request For Proposals for the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has announced the release of the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety (Prop 64 PH&S) Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP). The Prop 64 PH&S Grant Program directs revenue from the cultivation and sale of cannabis to projects that promote public health and safety.

This RFP makes available $24.7 million through a competitive process for projects that address local impacts due to the legalization of cannabis in California.

Proposals must be received by the BSCC by 5:00p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020.

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

Beginning April first, the Census is vitally important.

The official count helps to ensure fair political representation. It is used:

- to allocate seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, determine the number of Electoral College votes for each state and create electoral lines for all levels of government.
- It also provides the foundational basis for addressing disparities in voting, education, housing, employment, healthcare, transportation, redistricting, zoning and criminal justice.
- If residents go uncounted, it would mean fewer seats in Congress, fewer Electoral College votes, skewed legislative boundaries, and diminished enforcement of civil rights laws.
- The Census count also guides distribution of $882 billion annually in federal funds to state, local and tribal governments.
- Programs and services at risk include schools, hospitals, community centers, roads, transportation, and public safety departments.
- Marginalized communities will suffer if residents go uncounted.

Read more!

NEWS

Featured News Story

The results of the March 3rd Primary election will have a huge impact on our justice involved community here in LA. Thus we are featuring two stories about what is at stake. With more articles below for a more in depth look at the issues.

Debating Measure R: Expanding Civilian Oversight Of LA Sheriff's Department

KPCC AirTalk
February 13, 2020

On March 3, Los Angeles County will vote on Measure R, which would give the L.A. Sheriff Department’s civilian oversight board increased subpoena power. It would also require the county to research and publish a plan that uses mental health treatment to lower the jail population.

Read more!

L.A. County Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey announces dismissal of 66,000 marijuana convictions

LA Times, FEB. 13, 2020
By Alene Tchekmedyian, Leila Miller

Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey on Thursday announced that she had secured the dismissal of 66,000 marijuana convictions in Los Angeles County, marking a major step in a growing national effort to undo the harsh effects of a decades-long drug war.

Read more!
More News Stories

America's Mental Health Crisis Hidden Behind Bars
New inmates with a mental illness arrive daily in the Los Angeles County jail system. It now holds more than 5,000 inmates with a mental illness who've had run-ins with the law.

Read or Listen Here

How Jackie Lacey’s and George Gascón’s time in office shapes the L.A. County D.A.'s race
LA Times By James Queally
Feb. 18, 2020
Jackie Lacey and George Gascón spent more than three decades each working for and eventually running some of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies. Yet, their visions to lead the Los Angeles County district attorney's office couldn't be more different.

Read more

Florida loses appeals court ruling on felon voting law
Politico, By Gary Fineout
02/19/2020
A legal and political battle over voting rights in Florida reached another milestone on Wednesday when a federal appeals court ruled that a law limiting the voting rights of people with felony convictions was unconstitutional.

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Tens of thousands of names appear on CalGang database, used by police across the state
Pasedena Weekly by Matthew Rodriguez | Feb 27, 2020
California Attorney General Xavier Becerra recently announced that the state Department of Justice is opening an investigation into the Los Angeles Police Department's use of the controversial CalGang database.

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REPORTS

Jail Visitation Innovation

Visitation and Family Support Services at Century Regional Detention Facility Promote Public Safety
Prepared by: Ricca Prasad, MPH, JD Candidate
Director, Women’s Gender-Responsive Jail Project, Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law
February 11, 2020
This report is intended to serve as a primer about why visitation for women in jail is important to public safety, what visitation and family support is provided at Los Angeles County’s women’s jail (Century Regional Detention Facility, “CRDF”), and how the newly appointed Gender Responsive Advisory
Committee ("GRAC") can help support meaningful contact and visitation between people at CRDF and their loved ones.

Read the report

**Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2016**

*New BJS report reveals staggering number of preventable deaths in local jails*

**Prison Policy Initiative**, by Alexi Jones, February 13, 2020

In 2016, over 1,000 people died in local jails - many the tragic result of healthcare and jail systems that fail to address serious health problems among the jail population, and of the trauma of incarceration itself.

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Read the Report

**Liberating Our Health:**

*Ending the Harms of Pretrial Incarceration and Money Bail*

**Human Impact Partners**, February 2020

Almost half a million people who are locked in jails across the United States today have not been found guilty of the charges against them. Through the system of pretrial incarceration, people are separated from their loved ones, unable to go to work, forced to face economic insecurity, and placed at risk of the health harms of incarceration — all without a conviction.

Read the Report

**People Serving Life Exceeds Entire Prison Population of 1970**

**The Sentencing Project**, February 20, 2020

As states come to terms with the consequences of 40 years of prison expansion, sentencing reform efforts across the country have focused on reducing stays in prison or jail for those convicted of nonviolent drug and property crimes. At the same time, policymakers have largely neglected to address the staggering number of people serving life sentences, comprising one of seven people in prisons nationwide.

Read the Report