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**LARRP Committee Meetings**

**Education Committee:**

*February 2, 2023, 3:30pm - 4:30pm*

Every first Thursday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Register Education

**Integrated Health Committee**

*February 6, 2023, 2:00 pm*

Register Integrated Health

**Employment Committee**

*February 15, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm*

2023 meetings will be held every ODD month, on the 3rd Wednesday from 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Register Employment

**LARRP General Meeting**

*February 16, 2023*

**10:00am - 11:30am**

2023 meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register - General Meeting

**Housing Committee**

*March 16, 2023*

**1:30pm - 3:00pm**

2023 meetings will be held every ODD month on the 3rd Thursday from 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Register Housing
Funding Opportunities

Each month LARRP Members receive advance notice of all the funding opportunities that we are aware of. These opportunities can be found on our password protected "Members Only page". Three other opportunities have been posted there!

So show support for the organization that brings our community together!

Become a member or Renew your membership TODAY!

**Membership**

**Equitable Path Forward Advisory Services Grants**

This 12-month program will support up to five Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-led organizations in the affordable housing industry to accelerate their housing development capabilities and strengthen their operations through consulting services in the greater Los Angeles region.

Applications deadline extended to March 31, 2023.

More Info and Apply

**Funds For The Arts**

Calling all non-profits providing arts programming! The Arts Department launched an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-funded grant program called Creative Recovery LA: One of the grant's focus areas is serving justice and system-impacted youth through the arts.

More Info

**Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program.**

With grants up to $400,000 over two years and six months, this funding opportunity will strengthen the organizational capacity of funded organizations to use community-based programs/practices for substance use disorder prevention.

More Info

Applications are due by February 20, at 1 p.m.

**RFI**

February Spotlight Fair Chance Housing

There are numerous issues with the box in question, chiefly around what will and won’t show up in a background check, and the implications of how bills like SB 731 impact such questions once folks get their conviction records sealed. Background checks only look back 7 years, but the box to check does not limit the time period. An attempt to be honest may self-disclose information that otherwise would have not been found, denying housing that otherwise would have been available. The other piece is that once an individual’s record has been sealed or expunged, those convictions would also not show up in a background check, even if they had occurred within the 7 year period. Yet again, folks who are trying to be honest are self-disqualifying themselves.
The LARRP Policy and Housing Committees have spent over a year working with the City and County of LA, and the state of California to secure progress toward Fair Chance Housing. “Ban the Box”, as it is also called, is a push to remove the box that so often traps formerly incarcerated people by asking applicants if they have ever been convicted of a felony. This question, as we know, not only carries with it economical and racial implications, but also serves to retraumatize folks with a conviction history. Back in 2017, the State of California passed AB 1008, which “Banned the Box” statewide for employment applicants, and now, the reentry coalitions who helped champion that bill are working on a litany of legislation to enact the same protections for housing applicants.

The push to Ban the Box will help alleviate one of the most persistent issues for the reentry population, securing and maintaining housing. If we can help push for a greater level of protection and privacy for the reentry population, we can defend the dignity of folks who have refused to let their conviction define them, or be the key point in their story.

To be a part of this effort please contact:

Steering Committee Member, Jose Osuna at josuna@brilliantcorners.org or LARRP’s Public Policy and Community Engagement Manager, Charles Vignola, at charles@lareentry.org.

Featured Job Posting

CTC Campaign Coordinator

Job Description

Cancel the Contract: Antelope Valley (CTC-AV), a program of Paving the Way Foundation, is seeking a Campaign Coordinator to drive the day to day work of the CTC Coalition and programs. This position is a full-time, and requires exclusivity

MORE INFO

NEW Job Postings added every day!

Highlighted Opportunities and Information

This is our featured Opportunity this month. We post new Information and Opportunities daily. This week alone we posted 5 listings ranging from free training opportunities to important information!

Applications are now open for UNITE-LA’s Step into Tech spring cohort which will be launching on Tuesday, March 7th.

Step into Tech creates pathways for justice system involved youth 18-24 to careers in technology. Through career and training exploration, job skills
careers in technology. Through career and training exploration, job skills training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with industry professionals, youth will have the opportunity to explore avenues in tech and receive support on creating a pathway forward.

Register for **INFO SESSION** Today!

**APPLY HERE**

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**The Commission’s Budget Ad Hoc Committee is asking for public input on Los Angeles County Sheriff Department’s (LASD) annual budget prioritization process for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.**

All public safety priority recommendations and public comments will be reviewed by the Commission’s Budget Ad Hoc Committee, posted publicly, and shared with the full Commission, LASD, Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Board of Supervisors throughout the budget prioritization process. The ultimate budget decisions rest with the Board of Supervisors.

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**LARRP Policy Update**

As LARRP Steering Committee member Jose Osuna discussed above, we are looking to build on last year’s **AB 2383** by Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer by passing strong countywide ordinances for housing applicants to only have a background check once a conditional offer of housing is made. If we can secure these laws in the City and County of Los Angeles, we will have strong leverage to lobby for statewide housing protections for the reentry community and give them equitable application access for housing.

Much of LARRP’s work this year will focus on Fair Chance, or “Ban the Box,” for both housing and employment. We are hard at work engaging in meetings with City Council and County staff to lobby for expanded employment protections for folks with conviction histories, as well as to get housing applicants the same level of protection. For the employment piece, the County is looking to build on the state Fair Chance employment law by inducing fees on companies which violate the law, and working to ensure there is greater support for applicants to understand and take advantage of the new set of protections.

The LARRP team is exploring some exciting co-sponsor opportunities at the state, as well as the chance to affect change at the Federal level. Once we have finalized our state and local legislative priorities for this year, we will make that information available to you. As always, if you have any questions about policy or legislation, please reach out to LARRP’s Public Policy and Community Engagement Manager, Charles Vignola, at charles@lareentry.org.

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Housing will be front and center for LARRP and many organizations, with the recent actions taken by the new City of LA Mayor and City Council kicking the year off to a good start.

The original COVID tenant protections were set to expire on January 31, but the **City Council unanimously voted** to retain and expand those protections preventing rapid waves of evictions. The protections establish minimum thresholds for eviction for tenants who fall behind on rent, and require landlords to pay relocation fees in some situations in which a large rent increase would result in the tenant’s displacement. Landlords will also no longer be allowed to evict tenants in any rental property, including single-family homes, unless there was unpaid rent, documented lease violations, owner move-ins or other specific reasons. These expanded protections are vital to know as the landscape of housing laws changes rapidly. While the LA tenant protections are not specific to the formerly incarcerated population, we know that our reentry community will benefit greatly.

The 2023 legislative year is going to be filled with an exciting and diverse set of policy and advocacy work LARRP will be advancing.
Report from the Community Safety Committee

Across America and nearly every day this month there has been gun violence resulting in injury or death.

We are not okay!

Last year, LARRP launched a Community Safety Committee that is focused on these very issues, with the premise that a healthy reentry ecosystem must include a focus on community violence intervention and prevention. The voices of survivors, perpetrators, law enforcement, local government, and you, the community, must be heard, engaged, and elevated. The work in 2022 was focused on listening, learning, and understanding. In this new year, the work transitions to action: the Committee will convene and establish an executable agenda focused on creating space for healing, advocating for policy change, and building the capacity of community-based public safety organizations that are deep in the work. The ultimate goal is to revive and restore the community’s trust. Please contact Elder Joe Paul to be part of this work.

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Featured Report

Employment of Systems-Involved Angelenos: Challenges, Aspirations and Tech Sector Potential

In early 2022, UNITE-LA led an informational survey, Employment Issues for Angelenos, for those who have a previous record of arrest or conviction. This data collection effort discerns employment histories, challenges and aspirations of this population—particularly for tech careers—and includes data on individual demographics. The survey was developed by UNITE-LA in partnership with the L.A. County Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), formerly the Office of Diversion and Reentry, the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LAARP) and SECTOR.

READ THE REPORT

Talent Needs of L.A. Area Tech Employers

In the spring of 2022, UNITE-LA led an informational survey of Los Angeles area employers in technology-related firms to learn about their needs, challenges and priorities in recruiting and retaining workers. The survey was developed by UNITE-LA in partnership with the L.A. County Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), formerly the Office of Diversion and Reentry, and included specific questions on inclusive hiring policies and practices that may support workers who have prior involvement with the criminal legal system.

READ THE REPORT

Partner Events

Care First Community Investment (CFCI)
Care First and Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 2 at 4 p.m.

Click Here for Access

LARRP LEADERS Alumni will be participating in Cal state LA’s two-day event

February 3 and February 4, 2023

LARRP will have a table at the event and LEADERS will be in an open panel conversation about the digital historical archive.

Free Tickets!

Care First Community Investment Listening Sessions

Would you like to learn more about the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) process or provide input about what your community needs? These sessions are designed to inform the community and engage a broad coalition of stakeholders to gather community input and help develop the CFCI Year 3 Spending Plan. Your participation in promoting CFCI is important to ensure we reach as many residents as possible in LA County.

Virtual on Zoom

Feb 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  Register HERE!
Lynwood
Feb. 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.  Register HERE!
Compton
Feb. 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.  Register HERE!
Pomona
Feb. 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.  Register HERE!
Long Beach
Feb. 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.  Register HERE!

Commission Meetings

- Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (Commission Meeting)
- Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (Commission Meeting)
- Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (Commission Meeting)

REGISTER

California Systems Involved Bar Association -- 2nd Convening

Saturday, February 11th, 2023--9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
UCLA School of Law

REGISTER

More Partner Events

In the News!

LAPD Chief Michel Moore receives second 5-year term as top cop

Civil rights groups file
LAPD Chief Michel Moore receives second 5-year term
LA Times, By Libor Jany, Kevin Rector, Jan. 31, 2023

The Los Angeles Police Commission on Tuesday reappointed Chief Michel Moore to a second term as head of one of nation’s largest police departments.

The commission’s approval, by a 5-0 vote, came during a private session at the end of its weekly meeting.

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L.A. on the Record: A new leader for LAHSA
LA Times, By Benjamin Oreskes, Dakota Smith, Jan. 28, 2023

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, president and chief executive of St. Joseph Center, will head the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

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‘Gimme Shelter’: Will Newsom’s new mental health plan reduce homelessness?

On this episode of “Gimme Shelter: The California Housing Crisis Podcast,” we discuss how the program, known as CARE Court, is supposed to work, how it may affect the homeless population, and concerns from civil rights activists about its operation. Our guest is Dr. Veronica Kelley, director of behavioral health services for Orange County, who is in charge of that county’s implementation of the program.

LISTEN to the Podcast

Sacramento — A coalition of disability and civil rights advocates filed a lawsuit Thursday asking the California Supreme Court to block the rollout of Gov. Gavin Newsom’s far-reaching new plan to address severe mental illness by compelling treatment for thousands of people.

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California Set To Become First State In Nation To Expand Medicaid Services For Justice-Involved Individuals

SACRAMENTO, January 26, 2023 – California today became the first state in the nation to offer a targeted set of Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) services to youth and adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release. Currently, Medi-Cal services are generally available only after release from incarceration. Through a federal Medicaid 1115 demonstration waiver, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will establish a coordinated community reentry process that will assist people leaving incarceration to connect to the physical and behavioral health services they need upon release.

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Listen To What LAPD Chief Moore Says About His Decision To Ban The Thin Blue Line Police Flag From Department Use

Air Talk with Larry Mantle, Jan 18, 2023

What happened to the Thin Blue Line Flag? "In the more recent past, it has been weaponized by the far right extremists and has come to in some people's view represent extremist views, including white supremacy and anti-government rhetoric," Moore said on AirTalk With Larry Mantle

Listen here

Reports

The Social Costs of Policing
Vera Institute of Justice, November 2022
Publication Highlights

• Ignoring the social costs of policing can mislead policymakers about the effectiveness of policing in improving community safety and well-being.
Exposure to routine police activities can have an adverse effect on the health of residents in communities. Being arrested—without a subsequent conviction or any continuing criminal legal system involvement—can itself cause economic harm and lead to lower employment prospects.