LARRP July 2022 Newsletter

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LARRP JULY Committee Meetings

Education Committee:
July 7, 2022
4:00 PM

Register Education

Employment Committee

July 20, 2022
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Register Employment

Housing Committee

July 21, 2022
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Register Housing

LARRP General Meeting

July 21, 2022
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

- Rabia Qutab | LARRP LEADER: LARRP
  Voices From Impacted People
- Troy Vaughn | Executive Director of LARRP: Executive Director Report
- Michelle Parris | Vera Institute: Description of Dashboard System
- Andres Kwon | ACLU of Southern California: County Charter Amendment for Sheriff Oversight and Accountability
- Get To Know Your Community:
  Presentations From: LISC LA, Chrysalis, Westwood Tenants Union

AGENDA

REGISTER - General Meeting

Integrated Health Committee

August 1, 2022
2:00 PM

REGISTER Integrated Health
We were so lucky to have had an amazing special presentation from Alex Bastian, the Special Advisor for Strategic Communications and Public Relations to the Los Angeles County District Attorney at our June General meeting! We felt like what he had to say was so valuable that we decided to excerpt it here, so anyone who wasn’t at the meeting could watch it.

**Our General Meetings almost always have valuable informative presentations so make sure to sign up for the July 21 general Meeting today!!**

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**Special Feature**

**Inaugural Long Beach Reentry Week**

July 11-16, 2022

LARRP Steering Committee Member Jose Osuna has led the effort to put on Long Beach's first ever Reentry Week!!

"LB Reentry Week is for EVERYONE. Our mission is to bring awareness to the resources and support available to our justice-impacted community members in LB but it is also an event specifically curated to engage and educate the entire community about the barriers and struggles people face coming home, to break down the stigma of incarceration.

We want everyone to feel welcomed at every single event throughout the week. Being formerly incarcerated carries an immense amount of stigma. Thus, LB Reentry Week is an opportunity for us, as an Alliance, to show the community how amazing the individuals are that we work with, and to uplift their voices and experiences to try and change the way the world judges their journeys."

Follow @LBCAPALLIANCE on Instagram for info and updates

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**LARRP Policy Update**

We are still waiting to see what the fate of **SB 1262**, Senator Bradford’s bill which would expand public court records and access to criminal backgrounds checks. Thank you for your support in standing against this bill. As you know, background checks often produce incorrect and harmful information, and we have worked hard to shield that information to protect the constitutional right to privacy that has so often been taken away from the reentry community.
Hello LARRP Policy update readers!

**Isaac Bryan’s AB 1816**, the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program, has passed through the California Senate Housing Committee and is moving to the Senate Appropriations Committee. We hope that will be the bill’s last stop before its final Floor vote in the State Senate. With your support we have made it this far, and we are asking you to continue reaching out to your State Senator (who you can find [here](#)) and asking them to vote in support of this bill when the floor votes.

The other bill we are focusing on, **Reggie Jones-Sawyer’s AB 2383**, the Statewide Ban the Box bill, is awaiting its hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee. We encourage you to also tell your senator to support this bill in its committees and the Floor Vote when the time comes.

Lastly, LARRP joined the ACLU and 100 other local organizations in a massive sign on letter asking the Board of Supervisors to advance a County Charter Amendment for greater oversight and accountability over the LA Sheriff’s Department. If the Board approves the ballot measure, then it will be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot for LA County voters. To learn more about this timely effort, please join our LARRP July 21st General Meeting where ACLU SoCal and the Check the Sheriff Coalition will be presenting.

Keep checking your emails to keep up with our legislative pushes, and as always, thank you for your unwavering support for our work. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charles at Charles@lareentry.org.

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**Community Safety Blog**

**Community Safety Committee Blog**

July 4, 2022
By Pastor Joe Paul, LARRP Vice President of Network Partnerships & Government Relations

Last week, I was in a Chicago-based training where clergy learned how to better organize our community around community-based violence. During the same week, President Biden signed a gun bill package that will give more financial resources to typically underfunded community-based violence prevention programs. LARRP’s work has always been focused on amplifying the voices of those directly and indirectly devastated by mass incarceration. The increasing gun violence and homicides in Los Angeles, and in many major cities across America, is calling on us to probe more deeply into the drivers and roots of community violence, which is having a devastating impact on local communities.

As referenced in previous LARRP newsletter articles on the Community Safety Committee, LARRP has joined forces with the Department of Public Health Office of Violence Prevention to leverage our network capacity, Office of Violence Prevention data, and evidence-based violence interventions to advance strategies that mitigate and ultimately prevent the varying forms of violence plaguing our communities.

I am proud to announce that our efforts have been rewarded through the funding of a new $2 million dollar grant from the California Violence Intervention Program (CalVIP). In this collaboration, LARRP is playing a contributory role in the implementation of this effort. We seek to leverage the resources of those who have endured the arduous journey of rehabilitation after serving decades in prison for their lifestyles of violence and gang involvement. We believe that utilizing the experiences and voices of those who have survived the treacherous life of gang involvement will greatly infuse our effort to develop and apply strategies and interventions germane to our reentry community. We encourage you to call your Assemblymember to let them know that they should stand against SB 1262.

In the County space, we asked you to help us support Holly Mitchell’s push for greater ODR funding and support, and on Tuesday, June 28, the Board voted in favor of this expansion. Unfortunately, they struck some key language including the deadlines, but we are on the road to greater levels of investment in ODR, and we will keep you up to date on what you can do to help support the reentry community. (see [article](#) referenced below in the news section)

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**LARRP July 21st General Meeting**
give more financial resources to typically underfunded organizations and programs that directly work with those most vulnerable to community-based violence.

Read more on the LARRP Blog

New LARRP Staff member

**Anna Paz** has joined the LARRP team as the Systems Navigator, where she will work to strengthen the network of reentry service providers in the Pomona Valley region, provide system navigation services, and organize regular legal and expungement clinics.

Anna Paz was born and raised in Santa Ana, CA. Anna witnessed the insidiousness of the prison industrial complex and the resiliency of her community, spurring a sense of political consciousness within her at a young age. Anna earned a B.A. in Politics and Dance from Scripps College, with concentrations in political theory and choreographic performance. Anna is deeply passionate about building a system of care and fighting for transformative social change through policy advocacy and ground-level capacity building. She is excited to bring her commitment to community empowerment and service to effectively lead as Systems Navigator in the Pomona Valley region.

LARRP Intern

In February, LARRP added a new member to our team, our intern Migral Perez, who was recently incarcerated. Migral hit the ground running, he embarked on a 4 month journey of both learning from and teaching the LARRP staff. He has been working on a data-base that will include local and regional community based organizations. This data-base has in-depth information regarding each CBO to ensure LARRP has the most updated information. Migral has been an asset to our team, he is enthusiastic and passionate about the work he has been doing.

Last week, Migral accepted an offer as a Case Manager at Tom Red Gate Memorial Center. We are so proud of him and are excited to watch his journey, but we are sad to see him go! We are sure he will do great things at his new organization and will leave a mark there, just like he did at LARRP.

Good Luck Migral!

LARRP Community Engagement Highlights

LARRP's outreach team attended two amazing events in June. The first was Holly Mitchell's Juneteenth 2nd annual Celebration, and Resource Fair, where we shared LARRP's and DOORS Community Reentry Center's valuable resources with the community.

The second event was the Resource and Exchange Business Mixer that the AMAAD Institute hosted. Both events were excellent, and we want to thank them for allowing us to be a part of them. The next event will be the DOORS Summer Arts Celebration & Resource Fair on July 28th at the DOORS Community Reentry Center. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Jobs, Opportunities and Information

Reform L.A. Jails

Campaign Coordinator "Cancel the Contract"
Reform L.A. Jails (RLJ) is seeking a Campaign Coordinator to drive the work of the Cancel the Contract: Antelope Valley (CTC-AV) program. This program is a coalition of community organizations and leaders from the Antelope Valley calling for the end of law enforcement violence and racism in their communities. They are calling on their cities and schools to cancel the contracts with the LA Sheriff’s Department and reinvest those dollars in a new vision of community safety and meaningful services for their students and the community.

**MORE INFO**

Funding Opportunities Are Launching For CFCI Programs

The applications for Care First Community Investment (CFCI) funded programs are now open.

Full instructions, links to applications, and registration links for the upcoming instructional webinars (6/15 and 6/22) are available at: [www.amityfdn.org/tpa](http://www.amityfdn.org/tpa).

Email questions to: [tpagrants@amityfdn.org](mailto:tpagrants@amityfdn.org).

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**Centinela Youth Services**

Become a Voice for Restorative Justice!

Join the Centinela Youth Services (CYS) volunteer team and help bring alternatives to youth incarceration to your community. At CYS, we keep kids in school and out of jail, help families resolve conflict, and make communities safer.

**MORE INFO**

More Jobs! Updated Constantly on our Website!

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2022 Cost Analyses for Homelessness Response Service Reimbursements

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Consultant and Professional Services

**Timeline:**
- Release: June 23, 2022
- Written Questions Deadline: June 30, 2022 at 2 p.m.
- Submission Deadline: July 21, 2022 at 2 p.m.

**MORE INFO**

Become a member to be alerted to funding opportunities as soon as we hear about them, and gain access to our Members only Page

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**Community Events**

Upcoming Events Added on the Website Everyday!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

OCTOBER 29TH & 30TH

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
Prison to University Conference – ALIGN-Ed

July 7 & 8

More Info

Upcoming Meetings of the Probation Oversight Commission

Town Halls (Register Here)
- July 27, 2022
- August 24, 2022
- September 28

Commission Meetings (Register Here)
- July 14, 2022
- August 11 2022
- September 8, 2022

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SAVE THE DATE
Justice on Trial Film Festival

Saturday, October 29th & Sunday, October 30th

The Justice on Trial Film Festival highlights justice-impacted people by exposing the injustices of incarceration and exploring solutions through films and panel discussions. The Justice on Trial Film Festival will be held at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.

MORE INFORMATION

In the NEWS

Featured News Item

This month we are proud to feature former LARRP Steering Committee Member Eunisses Hernandez, who won the race for District 1 City Council member.

With all ballots counted, L.A.’s left makes big gains; Bass is mayoral front-runner

MSN, by David Zahniser, July 1, 2022

Nearly a month after the June 7 election, officials from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on Friday certified the results in races for L.A. mayor, City Council, school board, supervisor and sheriff, identifying the outright winners in many cases and paving the way for the final round.

On the Eastside... Cedillo lost to community activist... 

To learn more about former LARRP Steering Committee member Eunisses Hernandez, read this endorsement by the Times Editorial Board, May 9, 2022

...Hernandez has been a leader in one of the most significant criminal justice system reforms in the country — first persuading county leaders to scrap plans to build new jails and instead invest in community-based mental health treatment and rehabilitation services, and then persuading voters to pass Measure J, which directed the county to budget at least 10% of its locally generated revenue for youth programs, affordable housing, restorative justice, job training and similar programs...

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On the Eastside... Cedillo lost to community activist Eunisses Hernandez, who will become the council’s first abolitionist — an advocate for dismantling prison systems, jail facilities and law enforcement agencies and funneling the savings into mental healthcare, addiction services, affordable housing and antipoverty programs. During the campaign, she said she would vote against the hiring of police officers, including recruits who would replace those who retire or resign.

More news....

LA County Supervisors Pass Diluted Motion To Expand ODR With No Set Deadline

WitnessLA, by Taylor Walker, June 30, 2022

California budget approved: What to know about record spending plan

Cal Matters, By Alexei Koseff June 27, 2022

Criminal justice reform groups say LA County budget shortchanges jail alternatives

LA Daily News,By Steve Scauzillo, June 22, 2022

Navigating Freedom, Reentry and Motherhood: The Challenges for Formerly Incarcerated Moms

KQED, Hannah Maria Wright, Jun 11, 2022

Slavery Is Still Legal for Two Million People in the U.S.

Vera Institute for Justice, Nicholas Turner and Erica Bryant, Jun 15, 2022

Last year, President Biden made Juneteenth a federal holiday, but the United States has yet to acknowledge the direct line from chattel slavery in the fields to forced labor in U.S. prisons today. To finally end this injustice, states must ratify the Abolition Amendment and prohibit forced labor in all forms.
Governor Newsom’s CARE Court Proposal Moves Forward

Published: Jun 21, 2022

SACRAMENTO – On the heels of California awarding over half a billion dollars for housing and services serving people experiencing mental health and substance use crises, Governor Gavin Newsom’s CARE Court proposal today cleared a major legislative hurdle. Governor Newsom issued the following statement on CARE Court legislation passing through the Assembly Judiciary Committee with overwhelming support: “Mental illness. Substance abuse. Homelessness. These are all existential crises we have to address with urgency.

Column: No, the criminal justice reform movement isn’t dead. But it may need to grow up

LA Times, By Anita Chabria, June 9, 2022

...Voters’ rejection of Boudin does mean something and he may have even earned it, seemingly never having made the jump from winner to leader. But races across the state were split when it came to criminal justice reform. There is no grand takeaway, other than the world has not recovered from a pandemic in its third year that has left us socially, economically and even physically off kilter — overwhelmed by drugs, mental illness and poverty, and unsure how to fix it all...

The 1990s Law That Keeps People in Prison on Technicalities

The Marshall Project, By Keri Blakinger And Beth Schwartzapfel, 05.26.2022

How the Supreme Court expanded the most important law you’ve never heard of

Chronic Punishment: The unmet health needs of people in state prisons

Prison Policy Initiative, By Leah Wang, June 2022

Over 1 million people sit in U.S. state prisons on any given day, and the health needs of people in state prisons are often neglected. Chronic Punishment: The unmet health needs of people in state prisons explores the gaps in health care for people in state prisons and the urgent need for reform in this area.
Over 1 million people sit in U.S. state prisons on any given day. These individuals are overwhelmingly poor, disproportionately Black, Native, Hispanic, and/or LGBTQ, and often targeted by law enforcement from a young age, as we detailed recently in our report Beyond the Count. And all too often, they are also suffering from physical and mental illnesses, or navigating prison life with disabilities or even pregnancy. In this, the second installment of our analysis of a unique, large-scale survey of people in state prisons, we add to the existing research showing that state prisons fall far short of their constitutional duty to meet the essential health needs of people in their custody. As a result, people in state prison are kept in a constant state of illness and despair.

READ THE REPORT

Nothing But Time: Elderly Americans Serving Life Without Parole

The Sentencing Project, June 23, 2022, by Ashley Nellis, Ph.D.

Almost half of the people serving life without parole are 50 years old or more and one in four is at least 60 years old.

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The Red City Defund Police Problem

The Third Way, June 8, 2022, by Jim Kessler and Kylie Murdock

In recent years, Republicans have tagged Democrats as the party of “defund the police”... But is the Republican charge even remotely true? It has been taken as a given by much of the media just as Democrats have been pigeon-holed as soft on crime and being responsible for rampant crime across the country. Yet as our March 2022 report showed, the 25 states that voted for Donald Trump had a murder rate 40% higher than the 25 states that voted for Joe Biden. And 8 of the 10 states with the highest murder rates not only voted for Donald Trump, they voted Republican in every presidential election this century. Is the Democrats’ defund the police portrait as inaccurate as its soft on crime portrait?

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California Sentencing Institute

From the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice

An interactive map presenting detailed crime and incarceration numbers, rates, and trends for California and each of its 58 counties.

See the Map

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