LARRP June 2022 Newsletter

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LARRP IS Hiring!

LARRP is looking for a System Navigator to begin immediately

More Info

LARRP June Committee Meetings

Integrated Health Committee
June 6, 2022
2:00 PM

REGISTER Integrated Health

Education Committee:
July 7, 2022
4:00 pm

REGISTER Education

May 2022 General Meeting
June 16, 2022
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

REGISTER General Meeting

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

REGISTER Employment
Hello LARRP Policy Activists!

May was an incredibly exciting month for us in our legislative work, and we want to begin with the most exciting news!

- **Isaac Bryan’s AB 1816**, the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program, has passed through the Assembly Appropriations and Floor Votes! With 49 votes on the floor, we had almost ⅝ of the entire Assembly support us. This bill, which we have helped by co-sponsoring it, will allocate 200 million dollars over the next 5 years to a pilot program to offer permanent supportive housing and workforce training specifically for the reentry community. It will provide grants to counties, organizations, and tribal councils to develop these programs, and will hopefully show the state that programs like this will play a key role in helping the formerly incarcerated population successfully transition back to the community.

- We also saw the success of **Reggie Jones-Sawyer’s AB 2383** also passed out of the Assembly with 43 votes. This push to ban the box in the initial housing application phase, would help countless formerly incarcerated individuals successfully apply for and secure safe housing. Our sponsorship of this bill with with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition on this is one of the most important policy goals in our slate for the year.

Alongside this success, we have also seen the success of many of the bills we are supporting in the Assembly Appropriations committee.

We lost two bills which will not move forward;

- AB 1670 (Bonta), which would have created women-centric reentry programming, and
- AB 2250 (Bryan), which would have created a statewide program to study alternatives to incarceration.

Every other priority bill which we have identified has passed this difficult and substantial hurdle, and now we can work to pass them on the Assembly floor.

To see a real-time document with up-to-date information, please look at the page which has contextual information for every bill we are co-sponsoring and supporting.

Unfortunately, **Senator Kamlager’s SB 1304** has been amended. Originally, we were working toward a $2600 allocation for each individual returning to the community, but it has been scaled back to provide $1300 as a result of the budgetary process. While this is not the news we wanted, it is still a 650% increase from the $200 allocated now.

With these updates in mind, we want to thank you for your outreach and support on our work. Keep checking your emails to keep up with our legislative pushes, and as always, thank you for your unwavering support for our work.
Key Election Dates

- **May 23** - Last day to register to vote online or by mail
- **May 28** - Same-Day Registration + Vote Centers Open (120 locations)
- **May 31** - Last day to request a replacement VBM ballot
- **June 4** - 4-Day Vote Centers Open (520 locations)
- **June 7** - Election Day
- **May 9 – June 7** Emergency Vote by Mail request period

**LA County Vote-by-Mail**

**LA County Vote by Mail Drop-off Locations**

**Election Accessibility Services, including curbside voting**

**LA County Accessible Vote by Mail**

**Find Your Vote Center**

**Interactive Sample Ballot**

**Track Your Ballot**

**California Secretary of State June Primary Election & Voter Information**

**LAVote.org**

**Download The First Voter Guide written by impacted people.**

The research contains State candidates running for Governor, Attorney General, the Senate and Assembly. We included how they voted on CJ bills, Law Enforcement contributions and their Public Safety platform.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Easy Voter Guide - More Languages**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS State Ballot Measures FAST FACTS**

**Voter Game Plan - Detailed Guides by the LAist**

**LA Times Endorsements**

**Voter's Edge California**

Where voters can look up who they're voting for and compare candidates

**DA's Corner**

The DA’s Corner is a new feature in our monthly newsletter where we will highlight some of the amazing new work happening in the DA’s office. These policies and programs have direct
May 3, 2022: District Attorney Gascón Introduces First AAPI Advisory Board in LADA History

"As we recognize and celebrate the contributions and influence Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to the history, culture and achievements of the United States and Los Angeles County, it is crucial to see the challenges members of the AAPI community face today and find solutions," District Attorney Gascón said. “This new Advisory Board will initiate the necessary dialogue to meet the needs of AAPI communities and find concrete ways to build a more equitable justice system."

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April 25, 2022: District Attorney George Gascón Introduces LGBTQ+ Advisory Board

The Board will advise the District Attorney's Office regarding policies, priority issues, and best practices related to LGBTQ+ Angelenos and the criminal justice system.

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LARRP L.E.A.D.E.R.S. Academy Update

Every week, the LEADERS of the Training Academy attend their scheduled committee meetings, divided into Education, Integrated Health, and Employment. In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings and along with their advocacy efforts, they attend scheduled workshops, such as Public Speaking, Policy, and Life Coaching. This is intended to focus on their Leadership development skills; practical tools that are applicable to everyday life of a LEADER.

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LARRP In Action

It was the DOORS center's first in-person celebration where the community, probation, and providers came together to celebrate client successes with more than 60 attendees. As more events are coming to the DOORS
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Luncheon Client Celebration Luncheon on Friday, May 6th, for the DOORS Community Center clients who have had an accomplishment happen with the support from the center providers.

40 DOORS Clients received a free laptop and a laptop bag, a wireless mouse, and a few different gift cards provided by the center providers. Many successes were celebrated at the luncheon, including clients getting permanent housing, receiving their high school diploma, completing a self-help class, and completing their DCFS cases.

LARRP Team at a rally for the closure of MCJ

Jobs, Opportunities and Information

County of Los Angeles, Director, Department of Youth Development

More Info and Apply

New Website: Afterlives of Conviction Project,

A research-education-action initiative that uses anthropology to deepen understanding of the lived experience of a criminal record and support on-the-ground work to challenge criminal records discrimination.

More Info

A Step to Freedom Job Openings

- Resident Aide
- Case Manager -
- Operations Manager
- Compliance Manager
- Medical Assistant - Maintenance Lead

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The Los Angeles Pierce College Careers for a Cause (C4C) Social Services Employment Training Program

NOW accepting applications through June 16, 2022. C4C is an 8-week training for individuals with lived homelessness, re-entry, or other marginalized experiences.

APPLICATION
Community Events

CA Mortgage Relief Program Webinar with Senator Kamlager
Jun 1, 2022, 6:00 PM
REGISTER

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Webinar Series
June 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. PDT,

DHCS will host the first in a series of three webinars on ECM. The first webinar, “ECM: A New Vision for Whole Person Care”, will explain the vision for the CalAIM ECM benefit, provide a real life example of implementation in Alameda County, and address frequently asked questions. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the webinar to CalAIMECMILOS@dhcs.ca.gov. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions during the webinar.

Advanced registration is required.

The second and third webinars in the series will occur on June 14 (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. PDT) and June 21 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PDT)

Opioid Reversal (NARCNAN) trainings

Each training is around an hour, with time to stay on for q&a. Please use link to register. As always, Narcan training will provide box (two doses) for anyone who completes training. (sent via mail)
- Friday June 10th, 9:30am: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZuwdeihqz8oEtyVfAXr3hBrxWYgQ5ZtwB5I
- Tuesday June 28th, 10am: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpf-yrgzsjEtZ_Y4Jcr1L09ibG8Hdf8Mq3

Rio Hondo Career, Resource Fair and Hiring Event for the Justice Involved sponsored by by Rio Hondo America's Job Center, Rio Hondo College

Sat, June 11, 2022
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM PDT
REGISTER and More Info

LGBTQIA+ Mental Health Town Hall - Promising Practices from New York, Texas, and California
Jun 21, 2022 03:00 PM EASTERN TIME

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, Regions 2, 6, and 9, are convening a town hall to highlight promising practices provided by HRSA funded health centers that address behavioral health disparities that disproportionately affect the LGBTQIA+ community in California, Texas, and New York.

Upcoming Meetings of the Probation Oversight Commission

Commission Meetings (Register Here)
- June 9, 2022
- July 14, 2022

Town Halls (Register Here)
- June 22, 2022
- July 27, 2022
UPCOMING MEETINGS

In the NEWS

Featured News Item

This month we will highlight several stories about the upcoming Primary election

Rising rents and police abolition roil an Eastside race for L.A. City Council

LA Times, By David Zahniser, May 31, 2022

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What to know about the L.A. County sheriff’s race: Is Villanueva staying or going?

LA Times, By Times Staff, May 31, 2022

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Yes, LA Voters Could Pick Their Next Mayor In The June Primary. Here's What Would Have To Happen

LAist, By Brianna Lee, May 17, 2022

If a single mayoral candidate gets 50%+1 of the primary vote, do they automatically become mayor after the primary?

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More news....

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

Funding dries up for program aimed at LA’s ‘sickest of the sick’

KCRW, Hosted by Steve Chiotakis, May 09, 2022

There is a pathway for people suffering from mental health issues to get out of the jail population and into
Fed Gov’t Is Investing $145 Million in Re-Entry Programs for Formerly Incarcerated People

California Black Media by Aldon Thomas Stiles, May 13, 2022

Criminal Justice Reform Incomplete, Not Ineffective

LA Progressive, Shane Murphy Goldsmith, May 12, 2022

The communities most affected by persistent violence, poverty, and over-policing have created alternatives to incarceration that create safer, healthier cities.

Everyone has an idea for solving homelessness. What if we listened to the unhoused?

LA Times, By Theo Henderson, Ananya Roy, May 9, 2022 8:44 AM PT

"It’s a war on the poor," Theo Henderson often likes to note. And indeed, it is, in the liberal city of Los Angeles, where homelessness is the leading public issue of concern. While politicians expand the criminalization of homelessness and promise to "end encampments," thousands of Angelenos are consigned to living and dying on the streets, and thousands more are on the edge of eviction. Rarely, though, do unhoused voices and experiences shape the city’s public discourse and policies about homelessness.

El Camino College formerly incarcerated student program gets $160,000 grant

Daily Breeze, by Kristy Hutchings, May 9, 2022

El Camino is one of 59 colleges in the state to secure a Rising Scholars Network grant designed to support students who have been impacted by the criminal justice system.

Gascón supporters, foes exchange barbs

The Signal of Santa Clarita Valley, May 3, 2022, by Caleb Lunetta

Quoted in Article:

From LARRP Partner Susan Burton: "I have worked with George Gascón to create better victim services to create better policies to not criminalize addiction and mental health and to just transform our criminal justice system," said Burton. "I believe, along with all of you, that there’s a lot of work ahead of us. And I believe in George Gascón heading that work."

From LARRP Co-founder and Steering Committee Member Lynne Lyman: "I’ve seen all these scare tactics before when the Drug Policy Alliance won treatment instead of incarceration at the ballot in 2001 or when we legalized cannabis in 2016," said Lynne Lyman, a justice advocate working in L.A. County. "We heard the same: The sky is falling, the fear-mongering about drug addict criminals getting into our communities."
Social Housing Report Outlines Path to Affordable Housing for All

Non Profit News/Nonprofit Quarterly, Steve Dubb, May 4, 2022

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Working in “a meat grinder”:

by Prison Policy Initiative, May 9, 2022

A research roundup showing prison and jail jobs aren’t all that states promise they will be.

No wonder prisons and jails face constant understaffing and that communities increasingly resist new facilities: Decades of research show that the physical and mental health problems associated with correctional officers’ jobs are inherent to the work, and that new prisons and jails fail to deliver on promises of economic development.

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Second Chance Pell: Five Years of Expanding Higher Education Programs in Prisons 2016–2021

Vera Institute of Justice, May 2022

The Second Chance Pell Experimental Sites Initiative, launched by the U.S. Department of Education in 2015, provides need-based Pell Grants to people in state and federal prisons. The initiative examines whether expanding access to college financial aid increases incarcerated adults’ participation in postsecondary educational opportunities.

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