

LARRP October 2024 Newsletter

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This newsletter is **packed** with information. When you get to the place where it says "Message clipped" make sure to click "View entire message"

NEWS FLASH!

GOV. NEWSOM SIGNED AB 1810 INTO LAW!



AB 1810 by Assemblymember Isaac Bryan allows for menstrual products to be made readily available to any incarcerated individual who needs them, removing the discomfort and anxiety around asking for menstrual products.

Our win is your win, and we are proud to share with you this major step forward for menstrual equity and the dignity of the incarcerated population!

Thanks to all who helped advocate for this!!

LARRP Meetings

Integrated Health Committee

October 7, 2024,
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Register Integrated Health

LARRP General Meeting

October 17, 2024
10:00 - 11:30am

Register General Meeting

AV LARRP

October 15, 2024
11:00 - 12:00pm

Education Committee

November 7, 2024
3:30 - 4:30pm

Register Education

Employment Committee Meeting**October 16, 2024****2:00 - 3:30pm**[Register Employment](#)**Housing Committee****November 22, 2024****10:00 - 11:00am**[Register Housing](#)**Last Chance!! Membership Offer****A FREE YEAR OF LINKEDIN PREMIUM?**

This September, transform your professional journey by becoming a member of LARRP. When you sign up, you'll receive a **FREE year of LinkedIn Premium, valued at over \$370!** Expand your network, access exclusive tools, and connect with like-minded professionals who are driving change in reentry reform. Don't miss this limited-time opportunity to invest in yourself and the future of our community. Current members, check your emails to claim your LinkedIn Premium access.

We're stronger together - Join LARRP today!

[BECOME A MEMBER](#)

Become a LARRP member within the next 30 days and enjoy a free one-year subscription to LinkedIn Premium (a \$480 value)!

**** All inactive members will be removed from the portal November 1st, 2024 ****

[Join Us Now](#)**Election 2024 Countdown to November 5, 2024**

THIS ELECTION COULD SET BACK CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BY DECADES!

THINK LOCAL!

While the presidential race may be grabbing headlines, don't overlook the significance of what's on your local November ballot. Beyond the top-ticket race, there are local and state elections, commonly known as "down-ballot" contests, that are equally important. These elections—spanning from city council positions to state legislature seats and various ballot measures—directly influence critical issues to reentry, like affordable housing, local budget allocations, and funding for reentry initiatives.

Participating in these races allows you to help shape the future of your community based on informed choices. With election season ramping up, expect an increase in campaign outreach.

**VOTE NO ON 36**

Don't let them take away your rights

Proposition

This is a prime opportunity to engage with candidates and understand their positions on issues that matter most to the reentry community. Look into endorsements and analyses from reputable organizations to ensure your vote aligns with your values and the community's priorities.

Keep an eye on these races:



LA District Attorney:

Recent [polling data](#) indicates that George Gascon, the incumbent District Attorney of Los Angeles County, is significantly trailing his challenger, Nathan Hochman.

[Here](#) is a really detailed look at the function of the LA District Attorney, and a breakdown of their key differences from the [LAist](#)



District Attorney Gascón: Part 4 - Nathan Hochman vs. George Gascón

The LAist, Imperfect Paradise Podcast, Sep 25, 2024

Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón is locked in a

tough reelection battle this November against Nathan Hochman. In candid, in-depth interviews with LAist Correspondent Frank Stoltze, Hochman and Gascón make the case for their differing approaches to running the country's largest prosecutor's office and differing views on criminal justice reform.

[Listen](#)



36

Don't let misinformation dictate our future! This is a dangerous proposition which would enhance sentencing for low-level property crimes and charge drug users with treatment-mandated felonies, leading to more folks being incarcerated and taking money from frontline services to pay for these new incarcerated folks. This Proposition is supported by Law Enforcement and retail megacorporations seeking to impose harsher sentences and fill prisons with low level offenders. By sending more folks to jails and prisons, funding allocated to frontline service providers by the state would be spent on expanding carceral facilities and their staffers.

For detailed information please see the LARRP [Proposition 36 page](#)

Proposition 6



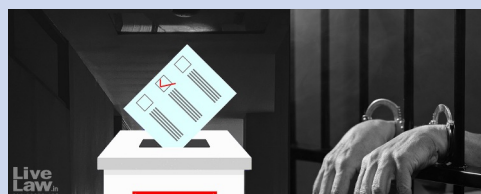
Proposition 6 is a positive step toward uplifting human rights by ending slavery in California and replacing carceral involuntary servitude with voluntary work programs. It has bipartisan support, and aligns with national efforts to reform the 13th Amendment. It will prioritize rehabilitation, lower recidivism, and improve public safety, and is supported by California State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas and the California Legislative Black Caucus.

Key dates:

October 7, 2024 County elections officials will begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots

October 21, 2024
Last day to register to vote.

November 5, 2024
Election Day!
Polls are open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm





Just the Facts:

California
General Election
November 5, 2024

Official Voter Information Guide

[Propositions](#) [Candidates](#) [Quick Reference Guide](#) [Voter Information](#) [Audio/PDF/Large Print](#)

CA Secretary of State Official Voters Guide

Voter Guides

LA-st Voter Game Plan

A Thorough Interactive Voters Guide - Including races for City of LA, LA County, LAUSD, State of California and the Federal Government

Courage California Progressive Voters Guide

LA Times 2024 PROPOSITIONS Voter Guide

CalMatters 2024 Voters Guide

ACLU Socal Voter Guide

Voter
Hub

Justice-Impacted Voters Voter Registration Hub

1. Check your **ELIGIBILITY**
2. Check your **REGISTRATION STATUS**
3. Register to Vote (if needed)
4. Request Absentee Ballot (if desired)
5. See what's on your ballot
6. Find your polling location and make a plan to vote

All on one super easy to use page!

Voter Hub

Initiate Justice Action Legislative Scorecard



When deciding who to vote for in local elections it helps to know how California State Senators and Assemblymembers voted on critical justice reform legislation. The Scorecard serves as a critical tool to hold our electeds accountable to impacted voters and community members. Stay tuned form their voters Guide!

Legislative Scorecard

Stay up to date with all the information at your fingertips on the [LARRP Voter Engagement Page](#)

LA County Board of Supervisors vote “NO” on Proposition 36.

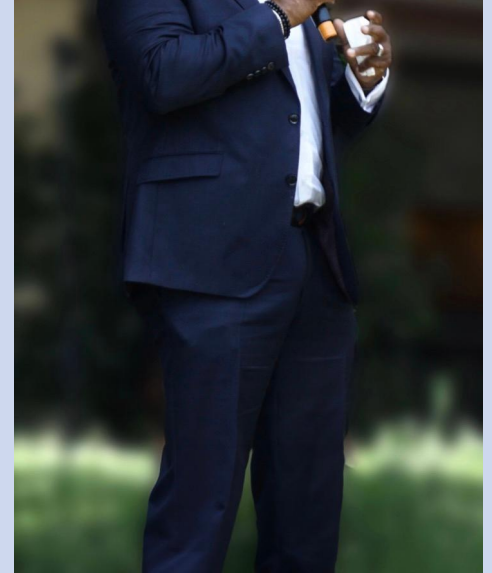
Over the last few weeks, LARRP sent out a number of policy action emails to our network asking for public comments and support for LA County’s vote in opposition to Proposition 36. We are thrilled to announce that your outreach helped us secure one of the biggest victories of this campaign so far, with the **LA County Board of Supervisors voting to take an official “NO” stance on Proposition 36**. This motion, authored by Supervisor Holly Mitchell, passed in response to the immense vocal presence of our community, and we thank you for your dedication to the work!

Just before this Board meeting was held, LARRP was present at a “No on 36” rally held iust outside the building where the Board meets. LARRP



so many held just outside the building where the Board Meeting took place. We mobilized to bring as many local voices and community advocates to this space as possible, and was even asked to bring out "our fearless leader", Troy Vaughn, to speak in opposition to Prop 36.

Troy brought passion and energy to the rally and was able to perfectly encapsulate the danger that would ensue should Prop 36 pass this November. Troy, and the rest of the LARRP team, are appreciative to you all, our community, for your support and passion for the hard-fought work of reentry advocacy.

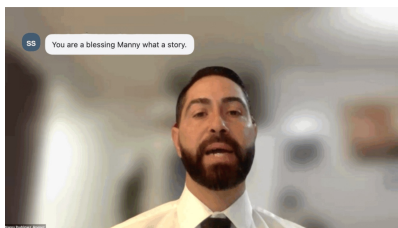


September General Meeting Recap

Grounding us in our space **Manny Jimenez**

At the September LARRP General Meeting, Manny Jimenez shared his powerful story of transformation, describing his path from joining a gang at age 11, serving 25 years in prison, to his reentry into society in 2023. He recounted a turning point during solitary confinement when he realized the need for change and began attending self-help groups, where he found inspiration in role models like Ernesto Rodriguez.

Ernesto Rodriguez then shared his own journey with us from Prison to creating ***Kindful Restoration***, which works with adult and youth both in custody and after they are released by teaching them how to embrace a mindset of kindness towards themselves and others.



Watch the entire video of his talk [HERE](#)

Prop 36 Resources from the ***Vera Institute of Justice***



How would Prop 36 Impact California?

Fact sheet - successful programs LA County stands to lose

Fact sheet - how a retail theft crackdown will increase mass incarceration

Article - Investing in Care Has Kept Californians Safe and Out of Prison for 10 Years. Prop 36 Will Destroy That Progress.

Over the past decade, Los Angeles County's benefits from Prop 47 include:

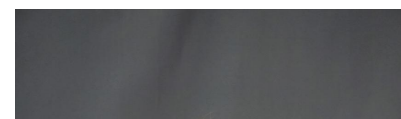
90 percent	\$110 million	10,000+
of people who received diversion and reentry services funded by Prop 47 grants from 2019 to 2023 were not convicted of any new crimes ¹	in funding to help kids stay in school and help people find housing, treatment, and employment ²	people served by Prop 47-funded programs ³

LARRP News!

A warm welcome to our two new interns!

Alma and Jackie, to the LARRP team! Both are seniors at California State University, Long Beach, and will be focusing their efforts on policy and communications. Alma and Jackie are passionate about policy work, reentry, and

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



and Jackie are passionate about policy work, reentry, and criminal justice reform, and they're eager to learn from and contribute to our community. We are excited to see the fresh perspectives and enthusiasm they bring to LARRP's mission, and look forward to the great work ahead!

If you are interested, or know someone who would like to be a part of our Internship Program next semester, please contact charles@lareentry.org



Alma Rangel is a Criminal Justice major at California State University, Long Beach. She grew up in Inglewood and was shaped by her experiences in the community. She developed an interest in the criminal justice system and its potential for reform. Alma is particularly passionate about

understanding reentry processes and the vital role that organizations like LARRP play in supporting individuals as they reintegrate into society.



Jackie Lopez is a Senior at California State University of Long Beach, majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Forensics. I look forward to graduating next Spring and continuing my higher education by pursuing my Master's in Criminology soon. Being born and raised in Long Beach, I have always

been interested in ways to better my community and be a voice for minority groups, specifically those affected by the Criminal Justice system in some capacity.



Cohort 3 LEADERS at an in-person workshop

The LARRP Leaders Training Academy continues to make strides as Cohorts 4 and 5 near the completion of their programs. Cohort 5, focused on Transition-Aged Youth (TAY), is undergoing an immersive training experience in crucial areas like Community Safety and Violence Prevention, Soft Skills Development, Effective Communication, and Mindfulness. These skills are designed to foster both personal and professional growth. Each participant has been paired with an alumni mentor from previous cohorts, ensuring personalized support and guidance throughout their journey.

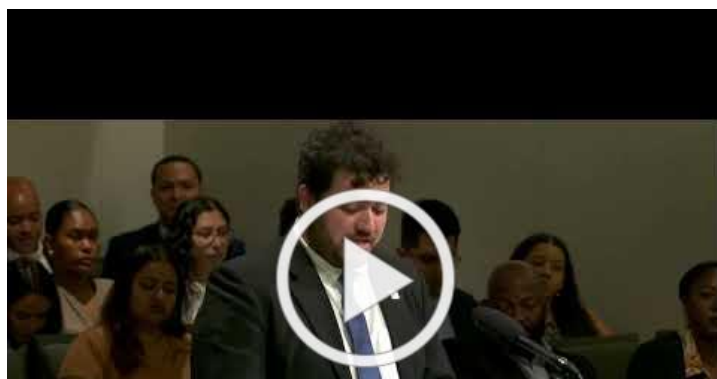
In addition, all LEADERS participants have been awarded a complimentary one-year LinkedIn Premium membership, providing them with valuable tools for networking, career advancement, and optimizing their professional profiles.

For more information about the LEADERS Training Academy, please contact Anthony Garcia at anthony@lareentry.org.

Where was LARRP in September?

HOPICS Job Fair - September 17, 2024

LARRP presents to the State Public Safety Committee, September 10, 2024



LARRP attended a **HOPICS** Client Job Fair as they supported their clients looking for employment by many community based organizations. Our partners at **Chrysalis** who came to share all of their employment services.

LARRP was honored to attend the Inaugural JCOD Service Provider Meeting - September 20, 2024



LARRP was asked to present to the State Public Safety Committee in Sacramento on Tuesday, September 10 to provide a voice for service providers who stand to lose resources should Proposition 36 pass.

This was an exciting opportunity not only to bring LARRP's expertise right to the statehouse, but it gave LARRP's Policy and Legal Manager, Charles Vignola, the opportunity to network with new organizations and even sit down and provide an interview to NPR. As LARRP's unique experience continues to be recognized, we will always be overjoyed to provide our knowledge and fight on behalf of our network!

See: **ABC Sacramento: Community leaders and residents weigh in on California's Prop 36**

LARRP Programs

The UCLA/UC Berkeley Research Project Update



We are entering the fourth month working alongside our research partners at UCLA and UC Berkely on the California MEPS-Hub research project. MEPS, or Mobile

Enhanced Prevention Support, is a suite of novel approaches to getting at-risk folks into treatment for numerous conditions including but not limited to HIV, STI, and SUD treatments. This approach combines financial incentives, peer mentorship, and an app to incentivize treatment for individuals at higher risk of contracting these illnesses.

We have assembled a Board of Advisory Stakeholders, or BASH, which represents the 3 counties receiving MEPS services; Alameda, Riverside, and San Bernardino. We are now in search of an on the ground research partner in San Bernardino which has bandwidth to help the researchers roll out and track the MEPS approach. If you

Community-Based Safety and Violence Prevention Trainings



In September, we completed the first session of the **Community-Based Public Safety and Violence Prevention** program, with strong participation. Attendees actively shared their lived experiences. The discussion focused on social determinants of health and their connection to community-based violence.

Feedback from attendees highlighted key takeaways, including the recognition of systemic racism, the disparities across school districts, and the importance of self-expression. Participants valued learning about violence prevention, hearing diverse perspectives on community issues, and exploring ways to become better leaders with this important information.

"Participating in LARRP's Community-based Public Safety workshops has been a transformative experience for our organization

— Cohort 1 Attendee

For all questions and more information, contact Megan@larentry.org

researchers roll out and track the MEL 3 approach. If you or anyone in your network knows of an organization which may be a good fit, please reach out to Charles@lareentry.org to provide their contact information.

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Join Us

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[Link](#)

Jobs



The Sentencing Project is hiring

[Youth Justice Engagement Manager](#)

[Senior Campaign Strategist](#)



Food Forward, Inc

[Associate Director, Operations & Annual Giving](#)

Closing date Oct. 23, 2024



Legacy LA Youth

[Development Director](#)

Closing date: Oct 11, 2024



Proyecto Pastoral

[Development & Communications Coordinator,](#)

Closing date: Oct 20, 2024

Don't miss out! October Events



Los Angeles Times and KNX News Present
Live Debate with L.A. County District Attorney
Candidates

Oct. 8, 2024, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Watch here:

[latimes.com](#), [KNXNews.com](#), [L.A. Times app](#), [Los Angeles Times YouTube channel](#).



CHIRP/ LA Housing Resource Fair

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Dollarhide Community Center
301 North Tamarind Avenue, Compton, CA 90220



Olive Support's Fall Harvest

October 2, 2-6pm
2231E Palmdale Blve, Suite M,
Palmdale, CA, 93550
(661) 941-8688



JCOD's Together We Thrive Summit! October 17, 2024, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Japanese American National Museum
100 N Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Calling all community members, philanthropists, service providers, creatives, and justice-impacted individuals! Join us for a transformative day where art, culture, and cutting-edge ideas converge to shape a more equitable future.

[More Info and Register](#)

PARENTING PROGRAM



Parenting is one of the most creative and exhausting jobs you'll ever have, and the Proud Parents program is here for you. This program offers a range of support and resources, such as Echo's* DCIS - eligible 10-week parenting classes, case management, counseling, incentives and supplies for your family, employment support, and much more! If you are a parent or a parent figure, you are welcome to join us as we meet together to learn and grow.

FREE

Parenting Classes

- Develop emotional intelligence
- Communicate and stay connected when there is conflict
- Set clear, respectful limits
- Find the love and empathy you need for yourself and your child

Additional Supports

- Counseling
- High School Education
- Employment Support
- Paid Work Experience
- Soft Skills And Resume Building
- Other Resources As Needed

ENROLL NOW

ONLINE PROGRAM

OCTOBER 3rd, 2024

@3:00 PM-4:30 / VIA ZOOM

*Please note that you must pre-register! The program begins on October 3rd, Monday, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

in partnership with:

LA County Probation Department LA County Department of Social Services LA County Department of Public Health LA County Department of Public Works LA County Department of Transportation LA County Department of Public Safety LA County Department of Public Health LA County Department of Public Works LA County Department of Transportation LA County Department of Public Safety

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All Parenting figures ages 18-24 with a history of justice involvement and/or involvement with the foster care system (current involvement not required).

CERTIFICATES AWARDED UPON COMPLETION

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INCENTIVES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

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TAY Parenting Program

SPANISH version starts October 3rd, Thursdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm.

ENGLISH version starts October 3rd, Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

RSVP is required (626) 552-9679



CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM

FAITH-BASED LEADERS WORKSHOP SERIES

PART 1- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND & 29TH | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

PART 2 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH & 19TH | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

LOCATION: CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE, 10200 SUCCESS AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002

TIME: 5:30PM - 7:30PM

PURPOSE

- This training is designed to equip faith leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to cultivate a trauma-informed community. Participants will learn the principles of trauma-informed care and how to apply them in a faith-based setting to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma.
- This training program is designed to equip faith leaders with the understanding and skills necessary to support individuals and communities experiencing grief and loss. Through a series of interactive workshops, discussions, and reflective practices, participants will explore the multifaceted

WORKSHOP TOPICS

PART 1:

Trauma-Informed and Trauma-Focused Community Engagement for Faith Leaders

Instructor: Dr. Adrienne Hillman

PART 2:

Grief Informed Care, Understanding Grief, and Loss

Instructor: Rosalyn Kim Evans

Must attend both parts in order to receive certificate of completion



Breaking the Cycle-Incarceration of Latine Youth

October 7, 2024, 6pm

Join District Attorney George Gascón, LADA's Latine Advisory Board, the Probation Oversight Commission, service providers, and advocates for a powerful panel discussion addressing the state of Latine youth in the criminal justice system. The discussion will focus on systemic issues contributing to the disproportionate incarceration of Latine youth, including racial inequities and socio-economic barriers

[Register](#)



Expanding Social Supports to Achieve Better Outcomes

October 8, 2024

9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. PT

An interactive webinar by [Caltrin](#)

[Register](#)



Office of Violence Prevention's Faith-Based Workshop Series

A special 4-part workshop series hosted by the LA County Office of Violence Prevention's Community Crisis Response Program. This series is designed specifically for the faithbased community and will be held on the following dates:

- Part 1: Trauma-Informed and Trauma-Focused Community Engagement for Faith Leaders - **October 22nd and October 29th**
- Part 2: Grief-Informed Care, Understanding Grief and Loss - **November 12th and November 19th**

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Children's Institute 10200 Success Ave. LA, CA 90002

[Register](#)



Annual CalNonprofits Policy Conference: Strong Nonprofits, Stronger California!

Wednesday, November 20th, 8:45am-5pm

Audrey Irmas Pavilion, Koreatown

Expect a day of inspiration, thought-provoking insights, and networking with your nonprofit peers. You can also look forward to:

- An analysis of what the election outcomes mean for our sector
- A state-of-the-state for California nonprofits
- A stellar slate of speakers & panelists
- Policy strategies for the year ahead

[Learn More and Register](#)

In the News Last Month

Featured News Story

The 2024 California bills Gavin Newsom has signed into law, and the ones he has vetoed

By CalMatters, Updated Sep 29, 2024

While the Legislature approved [hundreds of bills](#) before ending its regular session on Aug. 31, Newsom decides whether they become law. Already he's signed a contentious package of bills to [address retail theft](#) and he agreed to a deal — not written into legislation — to [help fund local newsrooms and AI research](#).



Now the governor has until Sept. 30 to decide on bills passed in the final days, a total of 991; he sometimes [waits until right before the deadline to weigh in](#) on contentious ones. And because he controls the fate of legislators' bills, that could give him leverage during [the special session he called](#) on gas prices.

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More News Stories



'No one interfered': Sex abuse in L.A. County juvenile halls in spotlight at Senate hearing

LA Times, By Andrea Castillo and Rebecca Ellis, Sept. 26, 2024

WASHINGTON — Testifying Wednesday before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee, Breane Wingfield said she was 14 when, in 2005, she was sexually assaulted in a van by a deputy probation officer employed at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey.

It happened again at a holding cell at the Compton Courthouse, she said. And again, almost daily, she alleged, by a guard at Camp Joseph Scott, a juvenile probation facility in Santa Clarita.

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The big-city mayor missing from the Prop 36 debate

Politico, California Playbook, By Emily Schultheis And Will Mccarthy 09/23/2024

Keeping A Low Profile — How long can Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass stay out of the debate over Proposition 36?

Mayors in four of the five biggest cities in California have endorsed the tough-on-crime initiative, with San Francisco's London Breed, San Jose's Matt Mahan and San Diego's Todd Gloria making it a key part of their political work this year.

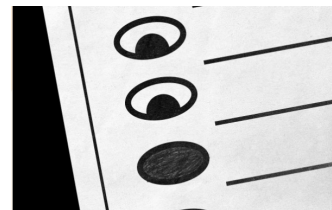
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The Future of Prisons?

The Marshall Project, By Maurice Chammah, Sept.26, 2024

Inspired by Germany, South Carolina let prisoners design their own units, write house rules and settle their own disputes. Then came politics.



What's on the November ballot in California?

LA Times By Seema Mehta, Sept. 19, 2024

[Read](#) the LA Times Ballot rundown



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Candidates for office use jail and prison as “one size fits all” policy solutions. Here’s how to push back

Prison Policy Initiative, by Wanda Bertram, September 24, 2024

Ahead of the November elections, we packaged up the facts you need to push for community safety, not cages. The arguments for more jail can seem endless. But if candidates campaigning for office in your community or state push the narrative that more incarceration is a good idea — or even a necessary evil — we’ve got you covered. Below, we lay out facts you can use to oppose bogus claims about what criminalization can achieve, whether in regard to homelessness, the fentanyl crisis, or public safety in general.

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LA supervisors vote 3-1 to oppose Prop 36, which would toughen penalties for some crimes

Los Angeles Daily News, By Anusha Shankar, September 25, 2024

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a motion formally opposing Proposition 36, which would reverse a previous voter-approved measure and toughen penalties for some drug offenses and thefts.

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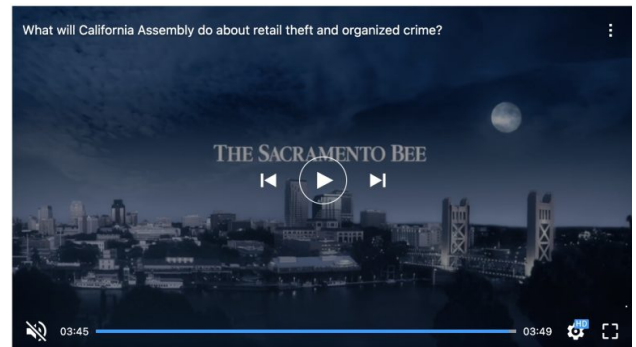


What Prop 36 will mean for California’s prisons

Politico, California Playbook, By Lindsey Holden, Sept. 18, 2024

The Legislative Analyst’s Office estimates the state would likely incarcerate 2,000 to 5,000 more people in prisons under Prop 36 by reinstituting tougher sentences for crimes like shoplifting and drug possession that are currently misdemeanors. There were nearly 91,000 people incarcerated in California prisons as of Sept. 11. Here’s how the measure could affect California’s prison system.

[Read More](#)



Governor Gavin Newsom signs bill toughening California’s retail theft punishment

Sacramento Bee, By Nicole Dixon, September 12, 2024

Assembly Bill 1960 imposes automatic sentence

enhancements for people convicted of stealing property worth \$50,000 or more. They will get an extra year in prison. Thefts or destruction of property worth \$200,000 or more will result in an extra two years. Up to \$1 million will get three years and \$3 million will result in an automatic four-year enhancement. The bill also requires an extra year for each additional \$3 million loss.

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