



**1 in 8 Californians
have a record**




With support from The Social Impact Center,
LA County District Attorney George Gascón has identified
60,000 cannabis convictions that will be dismissed.

LA County's Week of Action & Awareness 2021

created by Daniel Rodriguez and Ivan Salinas of the Social Impact Center

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This zine is dedicated to our incarcerated and formerly incarcerated community.



"I have made it my life mission to help and support people who have been impacted by the War on Drugs. Giving people with cannabis convictions a new lease on life by expunging the records is something I have worked on for years and I am grateful that we can now make it happen."

**Felicia Carbajal, Executive Director
of The Social Impact Center**

About



We want to heal the harm of the past. We want to help heal, be healed, and lead our community to a brighter future.

Our mission is to create a safe space for dialogue in marginalized communities and empower underserved communities.

Our vision is to empower the next generation of leaders, focusing on the most marginalized populations. We want to develop local leaders through education, storytelling, and community building.

Our goal is to build, strengthen and empower our community. Making everyone feel seen, heard, accepted, safe, and brave.

Volunteer with us!

Sign up on our website by scanning the QR code



thesocialimpactcenter.org/volunteer

About



N.E.W. is a coalition of grassroots organizers from across the country who advocate for access to record relief and wraparound services that go beyond record clearance. These services create and sustain both personal and public benefit.

In 2018, N.E.W. held the first-ever National Expungement Week, which included 18 events in 15 cities across the U.S.

In 2019, N.E.W. aimed to double our reach and impact, and we succeeded by serving over 3,000 people. N.E.W. 2019 featured more than 40 events in 30 cities.

2020 marked the third annual N.E.W., and it was a year like no other. Despite all of the complications caused by the pandemic that were compounded by the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, which highlighted - once again - the brutality of racism experienced by Black and Brown communities, our organizers convened 70 events that touched over 4,000 people in 24 cities.

What is Expungement?



Expungement typically means a criminal record is destroyed.

Having a record hinders people from having access to public housing, financial aid, mental health resources, the right to vote, and more. Expungement gives folks the fresh start they need to thrive.



Do you think you qualify for Expungement? Please use our diagram to see if you should start the process.

Record Clearing

Reducing felony charges in California



Breaking it Down



What is Prop 47?

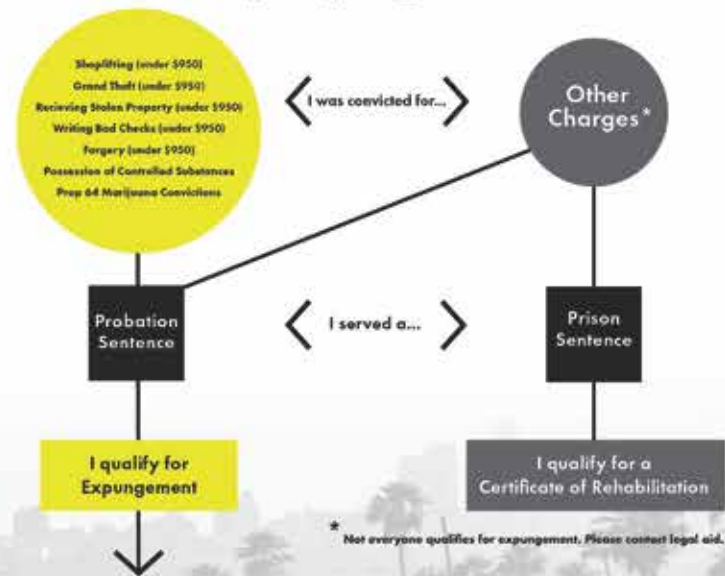
Prop 47 is the nation's largest record-changing effort that helps and barriers for hundreds of thousands of Californians. Prop 47 reduces penalties for low level offenses, reallocates prison dollars, redistributes funds to wrap around services, and gives people with old penalties the opportunity to change their record.



What is Expungement?

Expungement typically means a criminal record is destroyed. A sealed record still exists and can be viewed by law enforcement and some employers. In California, expungement has the Court review a conviction and allow the defendant to withdraw their plea or finding of guilt; a new "Not Guilty" plea is entered by the Court. The case becomes dismissed and the conviction is set aside.

Should I Start My Expungement Process?



What are my next steps?

Contact the Social Impact Center

Hotline Number: 1-818-570-1548

Email: expunge@thesocialimpactcenter.org

Correo Electrónico: espanol@thesocialimpactcenter.org

Visit @ExpungementWorks on Instagram



Scan our QR Code
You may be eligible
for free expungement
services.

2021 Recap

We thank our volunteers, partners and sponsors who helped organize this event.

58,000 folks will get their records expunged thanks to the collaboration of the Social Impact Center and with DA George Gascon and his office totaling **\$336,400,000** in public benefit.

42 women at Prototypes joined us to start the process of clearing their records.

132 folks Joined us at our first expungement clinic during LA County's WOOA

36 folks joined us for our webinar presentations.

38 folks joined CSUN's Project Rebound Resource fair and expungement clinic at Cannasafe.

5 Folks came to get there brake and headlight system repair.

Week of Action & Awareness 2021

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Rest

Monday 9/27

Press Conference At The Hall of Justice

On Zoom

10:00AM - 11:00AM



Solidarity

Tuesday 9/28

Expungement Workshop at Prototypes

*rcaldents only

845 E Arrow Hwy, Pomona, CA 91767

3:00PM - 5:00PM



Create

Wednesday 9/29

Free Legal Services & Giveaway at the Big House

180 E 35th St, Los Angeles, CA 90011

10:00AM - 3:00PM



Ascension

Thursday 9/30

Free Legal Services & Giveaway at Hornies Unidos

2105 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057

10:00AM - 5:00PM



Dedication

Friday 10/1

Project Rebound Resource Fair & Free Legal Services

7027 Haywards Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406

10:00AM - 5:00PM



Legacy

Saturday 10/2

Brake Light Repair Clinic

1999 Lankershim Blvd, Sun Valley, CA 91352

10:00AM - 3:00PM



We thank our Sponsors & Partners!





@ The Big House



@ LA Public Defenders' Team



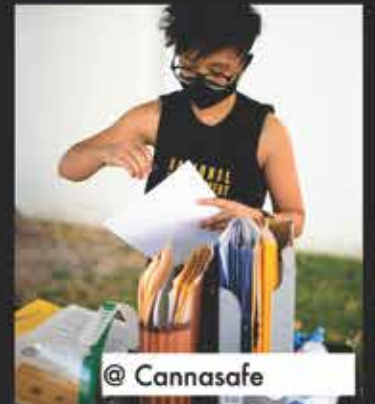
@ Homies Unidos



@ Prototypes



@ M & M Auto



@ Cannasafe

Submissions

Thank you Matt Sedillo, Ivan Salinas, Terrie Kennon, Xitlali Gomez-Williams, Coach Taylor and the GOGI Artists, Johnnie Elliot, and Sophia Garcia for your art.

Down by Law
By Matt Sedillo

Wires

Cages

Campaign speeches

Concrete

Halls of justice

Railroad sentences

Educational pipelines

Boxes

That follow you into freedom

The design of free to cheap labor

Down and out

In the shadow of the law

Down by law

Austin Crackers
By Iván Salinas

En la primaria gringa
me la pasaba doblando billetes
de a dólar, acorralado en el salon

Mi tío me enseñó su técnica
en un centro de detención
—quedan como guayaberas, me dijo.
enjaulados
en una celda familiar
sin noción de la hora
ni luz solar
nos daban galletas de queso pa comer
jugo, y agua pa beber

fue nuestro lunch por dos,
quizás tres días

por eso siempre que me acerco
a una vending machine de la escuela
me hace volver
el estomago

siento un hormigueo en mis piernas
cada que la máquina expendedora
se come mi dolar.

En la celda (como en el salón de clase de historia)
siempre hacía frío
según porque mata las bacterias.

Estos gringos si están hechos de hielo.

Mi tío me dice que de este lado
un billete de dos dólares es pa la buena suerte
por eso
siempre guardo dos: uno doblado como playera y otro
como pantalón.





"YOU

may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, and how you can still come out of it."

-Maya Angelou

♥ *Killalee*



KNOW

that you matter and you are loved!



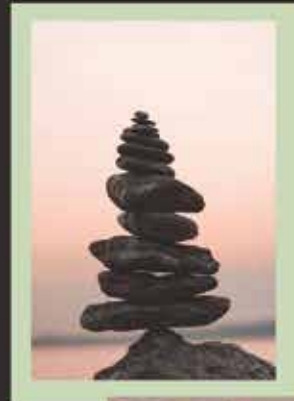
♥ *Terrie*



SMILE!

Through the good times and the bad. When you're happy or you're sad. Your smile is the greatest gift to yourself and those around you.

♥ *Terrie*

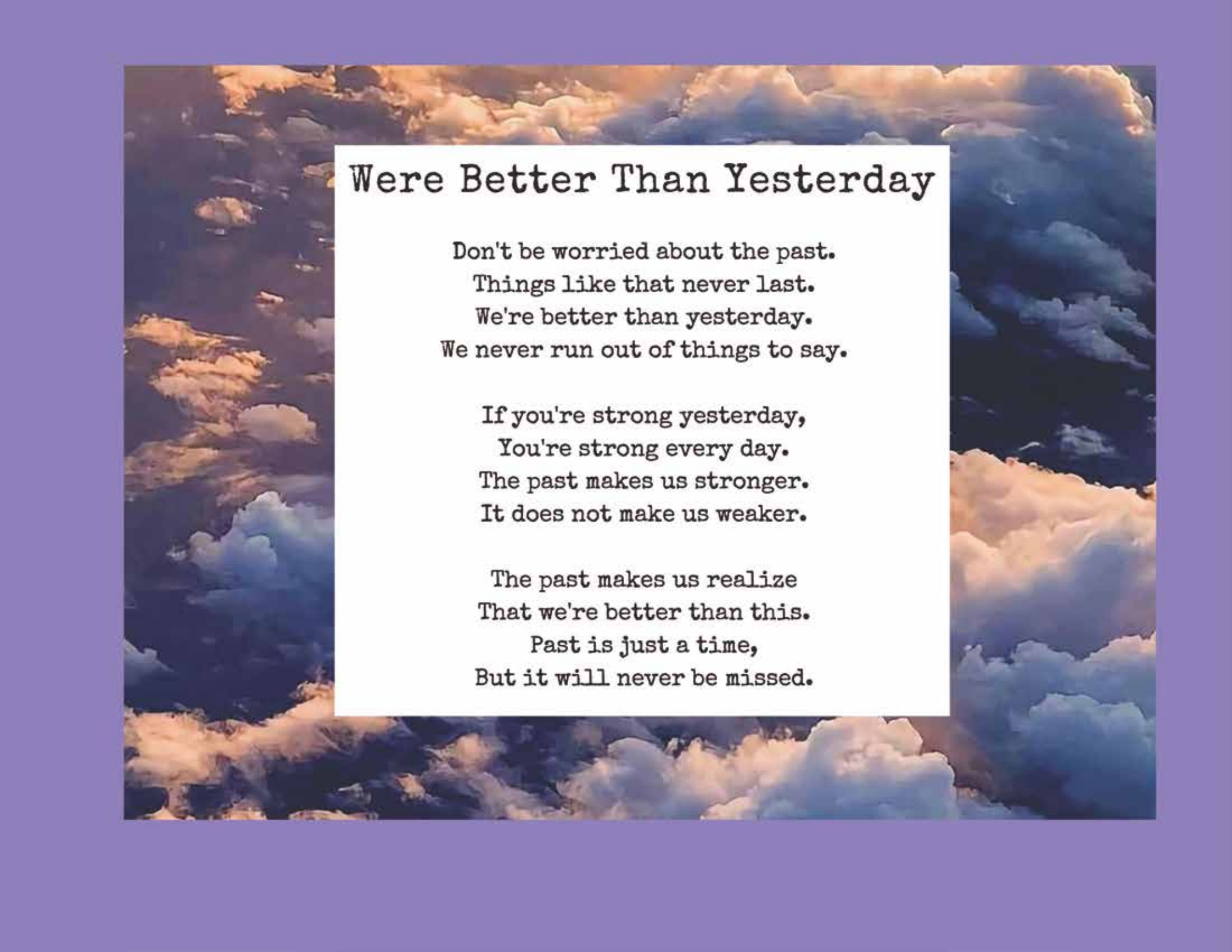


Root

yourself in compassion. When we are grounded with ourselves, we get to be our authentic self.

♥ *Danny*





Were Better Than Yesterday

Don't be worried about the past.
Things like that never last.
We're better than yesterday.
We never run out of things to say.

If you're strong yesterday,
You're strong every day.
The past makes us stronger.
It does not make us weaker.

The past makes us realize
That we're better than this.
Past is just a time,
But it will never be missed.



Nothing is more powerful than watching an individual find **INTERNAL FREEDOM** through self-work and introspection. At GOGI, we teach the **GOGI Life Tools** that help anyone and everyone find a level of freedom that can never be taken from them.

Elegy for Gary Tomlin (1962-2017)

by Johnnie Elliot



No person should be condemned
for their ability to love.
Since birth fled
from a life sentence
criminalizing attraction
to men.
Romantic
journeys ensued-
split the lush
hills of Virginia
southern lisp found
echoing off Sierras &
climbing the biggest
trees imaginable.
Those giants made
you dizzy & posed
questions so deep
they take lifetimes
to answer.
Roots grew &
built community
steeped in lovemaking
down at the lake bottom
while hate never
cracked your code
scribbled on
porta potty walls
where a gentle
riverbed exposed itself.

Rural sexual
outlaw slapped
with 55 year bid-
a silent man
a gun never found &
a toothless dog.
I keep our kites near
imagine your happy places
forced to visit daily
when restrained.
My innocence
you wrote
is why I stay alive.
Denied compassionate release
cancer stole your soul
through cold blank walls
toward a new life while
it was said the cancer
incubated 15 years &
you had served 15 years.

O, Gary! in memoriam we toil.
The hills you graced
set themselves ablaze
protesting the
stench of injustice.
I'm told your sister-in-law
works here now &
when she talks
people feel your spirit.
I can't say
we will ever meet.

Sophia Garcia
To: Home

mixed media: postcard, glass,
acrylic paint, New York 2019



I'm convinced this
door is a portal

All my life I've seen
beloved smiles

through its gates

Yearned to see the
souls who've transi-
tioned

through it

to another plane
As warm as they feel
these bars are cold



We need your help!



Next Steps: Accountability

In order to ensure these convictions are expunged, we must continue to hold the courts and judges accountable in submitting records to be cleared.

This is not an automated process and will require more work and resources from The Social Impact Center team to ensure **no one is left behind**.

If you have a cannabis conviction and you are not sure if it's been expunged fill out the **Prop 64 Relief - Cannabis Conviction Check** on our website.

Donate Today



The Social Impact Center has assisted in 60,218 people with expungement in Los Angeles. Help us continue to do this work.



Scan our QR code and Donate to this cause

Donate to support this crucial work



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