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

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"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 clearing effort that helps hundreds of thousands of Californians.

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Should I Start My Expungement Process?

Other Charges

- Burglary (under 999)
- Grand Theft (under 999)
- Robbery (under 999)
- Violent Offenses (under 999)
- Non-violent Offenses (under 999)
- Possession of Controlled Substance
- Prop 47 Marijuana Offenses

Probation Sentence
- I was convicted for
- I served a...

Prison Sentence
- I qualify for a Certificate of Rehabilitation
- I qualify for Expungement

What are my next steps?

Contact the Social Impact Center
Helpline Number: 1-818-570-1548
Email: expunge@thesocialimpactcenter.org
Contact: espanol@thesocialimpactcenter.org
Visit @ExpungementWorks on Instagram

*Not everyone qualifies for expungement. Please contact legal aid.

Scan our QR Code for more info on 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 WOAA.

36 folks joined us for our webinar presentations.

38 folks joined CSUN’s Project Rebound Resoruce fair and expungement clinic at Cannasafe.

5 Folks came to get there brake and headlight system repair.
Thank you Matt Sedillo, Ivan Salinas, Terrie Kennon, Xitlali Gamez-Williams, Coach Taylor and the GOGI Artists, Johnnie Elliot, and Sophia Garcia for your art.

**Submissions**

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 o dólar, acorralado en el salón

Mi tío me enseñó su técnica
en un centro de detención
—quedan como guayaberas, me dijo. enjuagados
en una celda familiar
sin noción de la hora
ni luz solar

nos debían galletas de queso pa comer
jugo, y agua pa beber

fue nuestro lunch por dos,
quízás tres días

por eso siempre que me acerco
da una vending machine de la escuela
me hace volver
el estómago

siento un hormigueo en mis piernas
cada que la máquina expendedor"a se come mi dólar.

En la celda (como en el salón de clase de historia)
siempre hacia frio
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

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.

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

Donate to support this crucial work

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