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Houston Event Will Highlight System-Impacted Leaders, Build Community for Formerly Incarcerated Locals
“From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration” Will Take Place on January 29, 2022

(HOUSTON, TX) – On January 29, a group of formerly incarcerated and justice system-impacted Texans will convene in Houston. The event, “From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration,” is organized by the Texas Center for Justice and Equity’s Statewide Leadership Council (SLC) and partners. Event details are listed below; with questions, please reach out to Madison (mkaigh@TexasCJE.org) or Savannah (savannah.eldrige@befrank4justice.org).

WHAT: “From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration.” A free event featuring presentations from speakers, along with resources and information about local organizations in Houston.

WHO: The Statewide Leadership Council (SLC), a group of formerly incarcerated and system-impacted Texans who are fighting to change the state’s INjustice system. Partners and participating organizations include [Be Frank for Justice](#), [Clean Slate Texas](#), [Collective Action for Youth](#), [Council on Criminal Justice](#), [Pure Justice](#), [Restorer Of City Streets](#), [Texas Advocates for Justice](#), and [Texas Fair Defense Project](#).

WHY: To share stories from formerly incarcerated people, provide resources for system-impacted people, and help those new to advocacy find their voice.

WHERE: S.H.A.P.E. Community Center’s Nia Becnel Family Center, 3815 Live Oak St., Houston, TX 77004

WHEN: Saturday, January 29, 2022, 1:00-3:00pm CST

TOPICS:

- *Introduction to the Statewide Leadership Council* (Maggie Luna, Texas Center for Justice and Equity)
- *Solutions for Confronting Injustice in the System* (Marc Levin, Council on Criminal Justice)
- *The INjustice system in Harris County, Alternatives to Mass Incarceration, and COVID-19 in Jails* (Sasha Legette, Pure Justice)
- *Youth Justice Landscape in Houston* (Charmet Findley, Collective Action for Youth)
- *Women’s Justice Landscape and Community Involvement* (Kirsten Ricketts, Restorer Of City Streets)

In-person and virtual registration options for “From Prison to Power: Finding Your Voice After Incarceration” are available [at this link](#). The event will also include a Waffles Wangs & Thangs food truck; proceeds from meals will go to the Restorer Of City Streets transitional home for women.

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The Texas Center for Justice and Equity (formerly the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition) advances solutions and builds coalitions to end mass incarceration and foster safer Texas communities.