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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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