Our All of Us or None newspaper is a multi-faceted venture linking those of us who have been locked up, those who are locked up, as well as our families and allies in this struggle. As we envision a monthly paper that speaks to our concerns and hears our cries, we want to ensure that the voices of our people inside are heard and the inside artists are recognized for their contributions to this movement. Your articles and poetry are important to us and your art is a valuable tool as we work together to dismantle the injustices in the Prison Industrial Complex. Please submit any articles, poetry and artwork to the following address:

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All of Us Or None
Self-Determination
Pledge

As members of All of Us or None, we pledge:
• To demand the right to speak in our own voices
• To treat each other with respect and not allow differences to divide us
• To accept responsibility for any acts that may have caused harm to our families, our communities or ourselves
• To fight all forms of discrimination
• To help build the economic stability of formerly-incarcerated people
• To claim and take care of our own children and our families
• To support community struggles to stop using prisons as the answer to social problems
• To play an active role in making our communities safe for everyone

Legal Advocacy

The LSPC legal staff has been very busy working on matters that we believe properly advocate for the rights of those affected by the carceral system. Some of the matters in which LSPC is involved include:

CDCR Orchestrated Gladiator Fights
There is information to indicate that CDCR Correctional Officers have been orchestrating gladiator fights. It appears this has been going on for approximately 30 years, as there was a civil and criminal case brought in the 1990s, albeit unsuccessful. However, we have knowledge that some Correctional Officers went to federal prison and some civil lawsuits were successful.

LSPC is reviewing the evidence we have to make sure we can bring a new case that seeks to end this barbaric practice permanently.

Mental Health Issues Within Alameda County
We are working with other attorneys to review a recently proposed legal settlement with the County of Alameda regarding mental health care in the county’s jails. Our intent is to advocate for the most effective mental health services for those who are currently or may be incarcerated in Alameda County.

Solitary Confinement
We are continuing to work with other attorneys and monitor CDCR to make sure the institution is compliant with the settlement in the Ashker litigation that challenged long-term solitary confinement in CDCR.

Parental Rights
We are filing an amicus brief in a California Supreme Court case, In re DP, to challenge the practice of using juvenile dependency jurisdiction findings as a basis for denying grievance hearings to challenge someone’s listing on the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI).

Correspondence
We are continuing our ongoing commitment to respond to letters from incarcerated persons who are seeking assistance.

Support for Legal Services Offices
To support legal services offices on issues affecting directly and system impacted people, LSPC is developing trainings on the tiered sex offender registry and criminal justice debt, and supporting efforts to prevent companies from selling cheap background checks based on their unlawful access to online criminal records searchable by birthdate.

About the Artist: 
Cover image

The cover art was drawn by Scott W. Smith a.k.a. Scotty Scott who is a frequent contributor incarcerated at Corcoran State Prison in California.

Submit your art and/or news articles for publication.
Nominate a formerly incarcerated person for the Coming Home section or submit your own story about reentry.

Nominations and submissions may be sent to:

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Movement Maker

We're adding a puzzle to the newspaper for your enjoyment. This month we're calling it the Movement Maker puzzle, but you're welcome to send us feedback and a new name for our monthly addition to this paper. We look forward to hearing feedback as we envision more collaboration with our folks on the inside.

*HINT…. The word freedom will be in every puzzle!

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EDUCATION  PRISONER  EQUALITY  FAITH
FREEDOM  ABOLISH  VOTE  DOCTOR
MOBILIZE  IMMIGRATION  ORGANIZE  STRIKE
FEAR  RESTITUTION  DEMOCRACY  HEALING
FIGHT  UNITY  RESOLUTION  REFUSE
NURSE  LEGAL  HUMAN  RIGHTS
Michael Satris attended UC Davis School of Law after graduating from UC Berkeley in three years. He became legendary at the law school: he slept in his car in the parking lot during his first year and finished near the top of his class. His classmates followed like sheep into bar review classes after graduation while Michael grabbed an armful of outlines and headed for an island in Washington to study for the bar. Michael remained for the rest of his life a tough, resilient, resourceful, and colorful, loving character in his own quiet, unassuming way (usually quiet, except for his life-affirming “cackle”). As a lawyer friend of Michael’s put it, “He was an agnostic who lived the gospel.”

Michael will remain forever known for the enduring project he and UC Davis Law School classmate Paul Comiskey launched in 1976 shortly after being admitted to the bar: the Prison Law Office, first located in a converted hot dog stand next to San Quentin State Prison for $50 a month in rent. It started with a $20,000 grant from the Vanguard Foundation; Michael was paid $7,000 the first year. The office, now based in Berkeley, was the nation’s first private organization dedicated to representing prisoners in their challenges to prison conditions and terms of confinement. It was established in a state with the nation’s largest prison population and some of its longest sentences. Paul left shortly after, but Michael remained in charge for eight-plus years. Michael filed suits that led to improvement of conditions at San Quentin, its Death Row, prison segregation status statewide, as well as victories (and defeats) for individual prisoners whose visiting was denied, whose rule violations did not comply with due process, whose parole dates were taken away, as well as many other individual issues. He represented prisoners in about twenty published decisions while at the Prison Law Office, and many others not published or in the superior court. (See, e.g., In re Carrafa, Thompson v. Enomoto, Wright v. Enomoto.)

Thus began the long course of Michael’s career as an attorney fighting in every arena of the law for the rights of those convicted of crimes and incarcerated – even those sentenced to death, among the most despised people in our society.

Although primarily a habeas and appellate lawyer whose record through 2020 included almost 120 published opinions, Michael was also co-counsel in two death penalty trials. One was in Marin County Superior Court and the defendants were prisoners at San Quentin; the other was a federal RICO capital prosecution of alleged gang members in which there were numerous co-defendants. All told, Michael was lead counsel on automatic appeal and/or habeas challenges in 11 death-penalty cases; he assisted in two others.

Michael was a tireless advocate for those affected by the criminal justice system. At the same time he was litigating direct appeals and death penalty cases, he defended against the Three Strikes Law, the Sexually Violent Predator Law, and new laws adding onerous crimes on appeal of their convictions in the state appellate courts, as well as in federal court. During this time he also began to be appointed by the state courts at every level, and later the federal courts, to represent individuals in prison who had, on their own, challenged various prison conditions or terms of imprisonment. Particularly in the latter cases, he would often obtain a court’s permission to visit his clients at prisons all over the state; he forged enduring relationships with many of those clients that lasted until the end of his life.

In Memory of
Michael Satris

Michael Satris | March 25, 1950 - July 29, 2020

LSPC’s Board Secretary Margaret Littlefield and LSPC Executive Director Dorsey Nunn share memories of a beloved comrade and friend to All of Us or None

The Lawyer, The Man, Our Friend
gang enhancements. He also fought for the rights of second and third strike prisoners when Proposition 36 provided opportunities for those prisoners to mitigate their sentences, and for drug and theft-related felons to reduce their sentences under Proposition 47.

Another area in which he excelled was representing those sentenced to life in prison, almost always for murder, at administrative hearings in which parole release was sought. If parole was not granted at a hearing, more often the case than not, Michael would frequently challenge the denial in court, or be appointed by the various California courts of all levels to challenge parole denials. Here, it was Michael who was instrumental in bending the state courts' interpretation of parole laws to adhere more to their letter and spirit - in the direction of justice - ultimately resulting in the California Supreme Court decision in *In re Lawrence* (not his case but heavily influenced by his prior cases). (See, e.g., *In re Scott, In re Lee.*) Under *Lawrence*, parole is now getting closer to being “normally” granted, as required by the parole statute. The grant rates in recent years moved up to about 30% a year instead of the low single digits of the preceding decades. Michael has maintained contact with many of his paroled lifer clients whom he believed in and knew would become productive, law-abiding members of society after release, as the law predicted.

In the final years of Michael's almost 45-year legal career, he again helped turn the laws in practice toward justice and their original intents as anticipated by the voters or the legislature to potentially ameliorate many of the draconian sentences from the last 30 years under the “Three Strikes Law.” In two cases he successfully litigated, *In re Edwards* and *In re Gadlin*, the latter pending at the time of his death, his advocacy & legal skills made it possible for approximately 14,000 people in prison to become eligible for parole now. Thus, following his passion from the beginning and true to the end of his career, he was still challenging the Corrections Department’s wrongdoing and achieving for prisoners potential earlier release.

Recently I had the honor of attending two memorial services for Michael Satris. The second memorial service was held at our Freedom and Movement Center. At both, I listened to how great an attorney he was, that he had well over a hundred published opinions, and how detailed he was when arguing before the parole board or the courts. However, the argument I remember and appreciate the most was the one he made in a San Quentin visiting room that saved the lives of two people. He saved mine and the guard that I was seriously thinking about killing after I left the visiting room.

I had been brutally assaulted by San Quentin Staff, drug out of Receiving and Release to the prison hospital to be beaten, tied to bed and assaulted under the guise of looking for contraband. My first real visit with Michael Satris required him to talk this old lifer off the ledge where murder-suicide seemed to be the only reasonable solution in sight. The oral argument he personally made to me was to ask, if I took the course of action that I was considering, would it stop staff from assaulting other prisoners. It set in motion a more critical series of questions that was much more than a distraction. He tapped into my compassion and humanity. He held out a well-reasoned option, but he had to first endure the rage of the moment. It ultimately changed the degrading search procedure within San Quentin.

I wish I could say that I was the sharpest knife in the drawer. Over the course of time, I began to see how one could use a litigation strategy to drive administrative and public policy.

At the time of our first meeting, I certainly didn’t see at the time that he would become a strategic thought partner and, more importantly, a friend. Outside of his wife and himself, I was the first one to hold his first born. He gave me a job and, more importantly, introduced me to a support system that enabled me to prosper and maintain my freedom. I learned vicariously the importance of giving people a hand up -- because he gave me his hand. Often people say they stood on the shoulders of giants and I definitely can say I have stood on his shoulders. I do not know how many times I called him for counsel when I was in doubt over the forty plus years that I have known him. He never fell short in our personal and professional relationship.

Dorsey E. Nunn
LSPC Executive Director
The Vision Act | AB 937 – Immigration Enforcement (Carrillo)

The Voiding Inequality and Seeking Inclusion for Our Immigrant Neighbors (VISION) Act would protect refugee and immigrant community members who have been deemed eligible for release from being funneled by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention.

The bill did not pass out of the Senate floor. We will push to get it out of the Senate and signed by the Governor in 2022.

Visitation as a Right | AB 990 – Prisons: Inmate Visitation (Santiago)

This bill would establish a right for incarcerated people to receive visits from their loved ones on the outside. It would work to remove limits on visiting hours and restricted modes of communication, allowing incarcerated people to connect with their loved ones more easily. It would make visiting more respectful and predictable.

Passed the legislature, but vetoed by the Governor on October 6th. We are exploring our options for re-introducing the bill in 2022.

FREE Bill | SB 354 – Foster youth: relative placement (Skinner)

This bill addresses needless impediments to appropriate relative and foster care placements due to criminal records. It would make it easier for children in crisis to be placed with family members who have criminal convictions unrelated to their ability to provide care and support to children.

Signed by the Governor on October 8th. Will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

Sunsetting Criminal Records | SB 731 – Criminal Records: Relief (Durazo)

SB 731 would implement a comprehensive system to seal criminal and arrest records. It would automate the sealing of all arrest records that do not result in conviction. It would expand record sealing to certain felony convictions following completion of terms of incarceration, post-release supervision, and an additional period of time.

The bill did not pass out of the Assembly floor. We will push to get it out of the Assembly and signed by the Governor in 2022.

The Cunningham Fix | SB 567 – Criminal Procedure: sentencing (Bradford)

If a statute specifies three possible sentence lengths, this bill allows the court to impose the upper/maximum term only if sufficient aggravating facts are first considered by a jury. This will end the practice of individuals serving maximum prison sentences without the opportunity to effectively refute alleged aggravating facts.

Signed by the Governor on October 8th. Will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

Abolish Unjust Fees | SB 586 – Criminal Fees (Bradford)

SB 586 would have eliminated over 60 fees that can be charged to Californians moving through the criminal justice system. The bill was gutted and amended to include language around police decertification related to another of Senator Bradford’s bills. We are now exploring other opportunities to eliminate fines and fees in 2022.

Reentry Housing and Workforce Development | AB 328 – Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program (Chiu, Kalra, Quirk-Silva, and Wicks)

AB 328 would redirect a portion of prison closure savings to the Reentry Housing Program to house and provide services to formerly incarcerated individuals at risk of homelessness and to other services to help people reenter society.

The bill did not make it out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. We are looking into other avenues to support reentry housing in 2022.

Protecting Incarcerated Students | SB 416 – Corrections: Educational Programs (Hueso)

SB 416 will reflect advancements in higher educational programming in prison. It would require the California Department of Corrections (CDCR) to work with regionally accredited, non-profit institutions of postsecondary higher education and prioritize college programming. SB 416 will protect incarcerated students from becoming prey to for-profit institutions that promise degrees or credits as an attempt to access Pell Grants.

Signed by the Governor on October 9th. Will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

Occupational Licensing | AB 677 – Community Care Facilities: Criminal Background Checks (Holden)

This bill would affect licenses issued by the Department of Social Services only. If you have any prior conviction, the department currently bans you or requires an exemption. This bill would prevent you from being asked questions about your criminal history in your license application or being rejected because of your criminal record.

Did not make it out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. We are exploring other avenues to remove occupational licensing barriers in 2022.
Mailbag

Change the World
One Person at a Time
(Partially published)
Harry C. Goodall, Jr.
San Quentin, Ca.

Many things are wrong with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). It could be the housing standards that are in place, or the sub-standard food that is served daily.

One issue that I can truly relate to is the double standard that is applied to indeterminately sentenced inmates (lifers). In my opinion, there is a higher standard required by the Board of Parole Hearing (BPH) for a (life) offender to be granted parole.

A part of this requirement is for an offender to gain insight into their commitment offense. The person is required to articulate who they were, and what changes they have made in the process. In addition, a psychological evaluation to determine an individual’s risk of committing further harm. The indeterminate sentenced person will not be granted parole until they can articulate how criminality evolved and the steps they have taken to remedy this criminal/antisocial behavior.

Due to the Three-strikes law, all indeterminate sentenced people are required, regardless of the nature of their third strike, to participate in this system of inequality. Factually, the California penal code does classify violations as non violent/violent or serious/non-serious crimes.

On the other hand, determinately sentenced people have no standard other than completion of duration of time.

These vast differences in what is required from each cohort are very clear. However, why would or should there be a difference in how CDCR is allowing people to go home? This question is one I continue to ask myself.

Does the CDCR have the right to require insight versus no-insight programming from its residents? In my opinion, NO!

This thorough process allowed me to look within myself and the training from all the self-help groups I participated in over the years. However, this higher standard of insight cannot be what will make me a better citizen. As in most cases, self-help does not come free in society, nor are people required to take self-help in any part of the K-12 educational plans. It became apparent to me that the requirement of insight by CDCR could be only based upon CDCR’s opinion, which should face harsh scrutiny. If not, why require lifers to prove their worthiness for release?

With your permission, we would like to responsively present your opinions, experiences, and suggestions to stakeholders, allies, the public and the like. If you would like, you can also send us artwork alongside a description of why the piece of art resonates with a policy you would like to see changed. We’ll highlight it. Ultimately, we work to encourage and support you.

You can mail your responses, artwork, and anything related to civic engagement to:
Joanna – Policy Manager
Legal Services For Prisoners With Children
4400 Market Street

Civic Engagement

An Invitation to continue to impact our 2022 Civic Engagement

As you know, LSPC organizes communities impacted by the criminal justice system and advocates to release incarcerated people, to restore human and civil rights and to reunify families and communities. We build public awareness of structural racism in policing, the courts and prison system, and we advance racial and gender justice in all our work. All of our work is led by directly impacted people. As a result, we invite you to share your voice with us as LSPC centers our advocacy around it.

You are the heart of our civic engagement. Would you kindly share:

1. What areas of policy would you like to support or continue to support?
2. If you would be willing to share your experience with lawmakers and stakeholders? This would primarily look like sending in written experiences and perspectives about the following:
   a. Involuntary Servitude
   b. Pursuing education while incarcerated
   c. Welfare and livelihood of your children while you are incarcerated
   d. Your welfare and livelihood as impacted by family and loved ones visiting
   e. Your transitional needs, support, and civic engagement
3. Anything else you believe we should know about civic engagement?
Y es, I want to become a member of ALL OF US OR NONE!

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

Weakness gives us strength to lend you.

Hear your wounded brothers calling.

Taught the time by need and sorrow,

Counts the blows that arm his spirit.

Who, oh wretched one, shall dare it?

You, on whom the blows are falling,

contribute to the All of Us or None

If you would like to send feedback or contribute to the All of Us or None newspaper, please contact the Editor.

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All of Us or None Membership Form

Yes, I want to become a member of ALL OF US OR NONE!

Name & Number: ____________________________

Institution: _____________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________

Country of Origin: _______________________________________

Do you have children? YES / NO. Do you need support with family issues? YES / NO

Earliest Parole/Release Date: _____________ County of Parole/Probation:

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I can organize & facilitate group meeting  
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If it’s bread you would be carving,

Come to us, we shall avenge you.

Comrade, only these can see you

Those in deepest darkness lying.

Only hungry men can feed you.

Come to us and let us lead you.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

One alone his lot can’t better.

Either gun or fetter.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

You who hunger, who shall feed you?

If it’s bread you would be carving,

Come to us, we too are starving.

Come to us and let us lead you.

Only hungry men can feed you.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

One alone his lot can’t better.

Either gun or fetter.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

Beaten man, who shall avenge you?

You, on whom the blows are falling,

Hear your wounded brothers calling.

Weakness gives us strength to lend you.

Come to us, we shall avenge you.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

One alone his lot can’t better.

Either gun or fetter.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

Who, oh wretched one, shall dare it?

He who can no longer bear it.

Counts the blows that arm his spirit.

Taught the time by need and sorrow;

Strikes today and not tomorrow.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

One alone his lot can’t better.

Either gun or fetter.

Everything or nothing. All of us or none.

Bertolt Brecht (1898–1956)