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: AOUON Editor, 4400 Market St., Oakland, CA 94608

All of Us or None is an organizing movement started by people who have been in prison in order to challenge the pervasive discrimination that formerly incarcerated people, people in prison, and our family members face. Our goal is to strengthen the voices of people most affected by mass incarceration and the growth of the prison industrial complex. Through our grassroots organizing, we are building a powerful political movement to win full restoration of our human and civil rights.
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Submit your art and/or news articles for publication.

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‘Easy Come, Easy Go’ 2021, Acrylic, by Henry Frank

It was featured in the SF Opera, during the showing of Fidelio, along with other pieces from incarcerated and formerly incarcerated artists. For more on the work of Henry Frank go to: www.redalliant.com

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AB 57 (Gabriel) Teaching police on hate crimes (Pen. 422.87, 13519.6)
• Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop a course on hate crimes that among other things will explain that discriminatory selection of victims is a form of bias motivation and targeting religious symbols is evidence of religious discrimination.

AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer) PEACE (Peace Officers Education and Age Conditions for Employment) Act (Gov. 10.5, Pen. 15511.1)
• Requires a minimum age for police officers from 18 to 21 (as other law enforcement) and the law also applies to individuals who were 18 to 21 who fail to intervene to stop the use of excessive force.

AB 48 (Lenna Gonzalez) Limiting use of rubber bullets and tear gas against protesters. (Pen. 13562 and 13562.1)
• Prohibits law enforcement from using aerial energy projectiles and chemical agents to disperse any gathering solely due to violation of a curfew, a verbal threat, or noncompliance of a law enforcement directive. May be used only by trained officers and according to specific guidelines. To be used against those who fail to live or seriously bodily injury, or control an objectively dangerous and unlawful situation. This law does not apply to jails or prisons.

AB 118 (Kamala Grimes) CRISES (Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Services) Grant Program (Govt & Ins 15000.96 et. seq.)
• Authorizes funding of pilot programs across state to strengthen community-based alternatives to law enforcement in first responders to crisis situations not related to fines or emergency medical needs. Funding to be distributed by January 1, 2023.

AB 127 (Kamala) Allow DA to provide affidavits for warrantless search warrants for police. (Pen. 517)
• Allows the district attorney’s office, rather than the police department, to provide a probable cause affidavit (exclusionary showing) to obtain a warrant to arrest a police officer.

AB 229 (Holden) Private security guards, alarm companies (Bus. & Prof. 7242, 7294, 7382.5, 7385, 7388.8, 7387.6, 7392, 5966, 5968, 7-5969.3, 7-5969.4, 7-5969.5, 7-5969.6, 7-5969.7, 7-5969.8, 7-5969.9, 7-5969.10, 7-5969.11, 7-5969.12)
• Prohibits private security guards from carrying guns or other unlawful weapons employed by government or a private patrol operation.
• Requires reports of any use of physical force or violence (previously, only discharge of firearm).

AB 385 (Jones-Sawyer) Expands public’s right to demand the right to speak in our own voices (Gov. 7070 et seq.)
• Requires police, sheriffs, DAs, and probation departments to get approval from an affected grouping body to use military equipment and adopt a military use policy.

AB 415 (Wicks) Decertification Act (Pen. 13665)
• Allows the district attorney’s office, rather than the police department, to provide a probable cause affidavit (exclusionary showing) to obtain a warrant to arrest a police officer.

AB 490 (Gipson) Positional asphyxia (Gov. 7252.6)
• Requires law enforcement agencies to conduct training on the techniques that involve a risk of positional asphyxia (including a posture a manner that compresses their chest and reduces the ability to sustain adequate breathing).

AB 780 (Jones-Sawyer) Expands police liability for perjury (Pen. 115.1)
• Expands the crime of perjury to include not only false statements in a police report but also:
  1. False statements to a fellow officer that are added to a police report; and
  2. Including a third party’s statement in a police report as if true, knowing it was false.

AB 958 (Gipson) Strips police of immunity for civil rights violations (Gov. 945.9)
• Requires agencies to report complaints, investigations, and convictions to the state commission.

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INFORM MOBILIZE LOVE LIBERATE COMPASSION DEMONSTRATE POWERFUL UNITY PEOPLE

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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
We know the policy process can be incremental. Sometimes we need to have patience with taking small steps to chip away at an unjust system. But even through compromise, what LSPC and our All of Us or None grassroots organizing and advocacy adds is the expertise that comes from lived experience with the criminal legal and punishment system, and our commitment to the full restoration of our civil and human rights. At no point do we advocate for policies that can take away rights, or subvert our goal for formerly incarcerated people to have equal access to opportunity in employment, housing, education, and all aspects of society.

For example, this month there is a bill, SB 1262 (Bradford) which purports to help formerly incarcerated and convicted people by making access to background checks easier. It’s presented as contributing to “fair chance,” under the assertion that “if employers can get conviction histories faster, they can hire those people faster.”

Caution! This seemingly “helpful” premise runs counter to our core philosophy: the presumption of rehabilitation upon completion of the sentence.

—Dorsey Nunn

In mid-April, several LSPC staff and AOUON organizers traveled to New Orleans to participate in voter outreach technology training provided by the Formerly Incarcerated, Convicted Peoples & Families Movement (FICPFM) and hosted by Voice of the Experienced (VOTE NOLA).

Participants, representing many “Quest for Democracy” organizations funded and supported by FICPFM, spent the three days learning to use voter outreach databases and platforms such as VAN and PDL. LSPC effectively used PDL in our campaign to pass Prop 17 in 2020, restoring voting rights to Californians with felony convictions out of prisons, and so Program Manager Errol Veron was able to facilitate some of the instruction. All of Us or None Organizers and LSPC Policy staff members trained to be ready to effectively campaign at a state and national level, with our Abolish Bondage Collectively campaign possibly succeeding in getting ACA 3 on the California ballot this November.

In addition to learning valuable advocacy and technology skills, LSPC / All of Us or None staff were able to meet and network with formerly incarcerated organizers from across the country. “Hearing about others’ struggles and campaigns in other states really opened my eyes,” said 2022 Policy Fellow Marvin Galdamez, “Both to how much work we have to do, but also to how many amazing people are in the Movement and are working together. We continue to advocate for legislation based on our core beliefs and guided by our experience as experts on the justice legal system.

We don’t need to be given a chance—we’re creating opportunity.

Voter Outreach Tech Training with FICPFM National Network
We Need More Prisoner Reform For Those Serving Life Sentences

By Angel M. Garcia

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Mailbag

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