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Oakland, CA - Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) Announces Retirement of Executive Director Dorsey Nunn and Appointment of Successor Paul Briley

Dorsey Nunn, a visionary leader and architect of the movement to restore full human and civil rights for current and formerly incarcerated people and their families, is stepping down as the first formerly incarcerated leader of a public interest law firm in the country. During Dorsey's 23 year tenure at LSPC, he helped found All of Us or None and the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted People and Families Movement, earned commendation by President Obama for his role in sparking the national wave to "Ban the Box" in employment, brought litigation to restore voting rights for those transferred from state prison to county jail and to end indefinite solitary confinement in California prisons, and championed the passage of legislation granting the vote to people on felony parole, among other achievements.

Dorsey will be succeeded by LSPC Deputy Director Paul Briley. Dorsey explains: "We're in a protracted struggle. By passing the baton to the next generation, I can be confident that LSPC's place at the forefront of our long march for freedom is in good hands." Growing up in the Bayview-Hunters Point district of San Francisco, Paul's grounding in the values and political education he learned through Project Rebound and Berkeley Underground Scholars, combined with his personal experience of the juvenile system, landed him an Elder Freeman Policy Fellowship at LSPC in 2019. Paul has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication and talent in his tenure at LSPC and was promoted to Deputy Director in 2023.

George Galvis, Chair of the LSPC Board, expressed excitement about the transition, stating, "Dorsey Nunn has been one of our premiere leaders in the freedom struggle for advancing the rights and human dignity of formerly incarcerated people. I'm excited that we have selected a young, emerging, and Black formerly incarcerated successor to take up the baton. Paul has served as the Deputy Director and has already proven himself to be an innovator and thought leader. His appointment as Executive Director will ensure that LSPC and All of Us or None will have strong and consistent leadership that is rooted in where we come from and reflects our values for many years to come."

Susan Burton, founder of A New Way of Life, added, "While Dorsey leaves big shoes to fill, I'm confident that Paul will lead LSPC into its next chapter of advocacy and organizing for a community of individuals who are so often unheard."

Hamdiya Cooks-Abdullah, LSPC Board Member welcomed Paul as the new Executive Director, saying, "Today marks the dawn of a new era of leadership at Legal Services for Prisoners with Children as we embrace our new Executive Director."