Resource Booklet Mini

- Help Pass Critical Racial Justice Legislation in CA!
- Demand Mass Release for Incarcerated Folks during COVID-19
- Transformative Justice & Alternatives to 911
2020 Ballot Propositions Voter Guide
Created by Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Bay Area

- **YES** on Prop 15, Schools & Communities First
- **YES** on Prop 16, Opportunity for All
- **YES** on Prop 17, Free the Vote
- **NO** on Prop 20
- **YES** on Prop 21, Keep Families in their Homes

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Click [here](#) for SURJ's 2020 Ballot Propositions Voter Guide
Recent Racial Justice Legislative Wins!
From Ella Baker Center's Fall 2020 Newsletter

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**AB 2542 California Racial Justice Act (Asm. Kalra)** - The Act asserts civil rights in the courtroom by prohibiting the state from using discriminatory means to seek or obtain a conviction or sentence. Upon a showing to a judge, the Act allows the challenge of certain types of explicit or implicit discrimination in the case, including blatantly racist statements said at trial, and stark statistical evidence showing systemic, racial bias in charging and sentencing. The Act was amended to apply prospectively-only beginning January 1, 2021. Co-sponsored by the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (@ellabakercenter).

**AB 1869 & SB 824 Families Over Fees Act (Sen. Mitchell)** - These bills eliminate 21 of the administrative fees imposed by the criminal legal system and reduce the suffering caused by court debt. Fees eliminated would include those for home detention, cost of counsel, work furloughs, and electronic monitoring. This bill was amended to eliminate some fees, but we still see it as very robust. This bill is in the assembly. These bills were formerly SB144 and were reintroduced as budget trailer bills. Co-sponsored by the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (@ellabakercenter).

**AB 1868 & SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration** - In response to the Governor’s Budget proposal to close the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), this bill package restructures how youth are sent to DJJ facilities to keep youth closer to home; under supervision within their home counties. The plan ends intake to DJJ in 2021 (for most cases), includes an oversight body within HHS, as well as safeguards to ensure that youth who would be eligible for DJJ aren't placed in the adult system.

**AB 732 Reproductive Dignity for Incarcerated Peoples Act (Asm. Bonta)** - This bill will improve the quality of reproductive health care, support, and accommodations for incarcerated people in state prisons and county jails. Addressing the urgent need for a state-mandated program that protects the rights of incarcerated people experiencing pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, lactation, abortion, or menstruation, with dignity and respect, and with the necessary care, support, services, and accommodations in safe environments, without fear of violence from individuals or institutions.

**AB 2147 Expungement: Incarcerated Individual Hand Crews (Reyes)** - A bill that eliminates barriers that prevent formerly incarcerated fire crews from pursuing a career as a firefighter once they served their time. Allowing people to have their records expunged, paving the way for individuals leaving fire camps to seek meaningful employment and further training.

**AB 1950 Probation: Length of Terms (Asm. Kamlager)** This bill would instead restrict the period of probation for a misdemeanor to no longer than one year, except as specified, and authorizes the court to imprison the defendant in a county jail for a period not exceeding the maximum time affixed by law. This bill would instead authorize a court to impose a term of probation not longer than 1 year and to imprison the defendant in a county jail for a period not to exceed 1 year.
Support Mass Release for Currently Incarcerated Folks during COVID-19!

Prisons have always been a public health crisis:
In CA our prisons have been overcrowded for decades, meaning that "social distancing" is not possible for our communities inside the walls. COVID-19 is spreading through CA prisons, jails and detention centers like wildfire and due to the CA Department of Corrections and rehabilitation (CDCr)'s neglect and disregard for human life, the numbers continue to rise.

TAKE ACTION!

#StopSanQuentinOutbreak Toolkit - use this online toolkit regularly to learn more about COVID-19 in CA prisons, jails and detention centers & ways to take action and demand mass release! Organized by the #StopSanQuentinOutbreak Coalition.

- COVID-19 #s at San Quentin State Prison
- COVID-19 #s at Folsom & Avenal State Prisons
- Weekly Updates
- Virtual/In-Person Actions
- Emails/Calling Scripts/Petitions
- Social Media: 5 Tweets to Post Today
- Other Resources
- #StopSanQuentinOutbreak Toolkit
- #StopSanQuentinOutbreak Demands
- Join the Email List Serve

Check out this Language Guide for communicating about those involved in the carceral system, by the Underground Scholars

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Resources for Resisting Police-Terror & Alternatives to 911

Direct Action

- **Participating in Direct Action**: A Guide for Transgender & Queer People, by the NLG Chicago (@nlgchicago)
- **Know Your Rights as a Protester**: by the ACLU (@aclu_nationwide)
- **Derechos de los Manifestantes**: by the ACLU (@aclu_nationwide)

Alternatives to Calling 911

- **Anti Police-Terror Project’s #MentalHealthFIRST Hotline** - MH First Oakland, a project of Anti Police-Terror Project, is a cutting-edge new model for non-police response to mental health crisis, including but not limited to, psychiatric emergencies, substance use support, and domestic violence situations that require victim extraction. MH First Oakland is available in the form of a free hotline – **(510) 999-9MH1** – on Friday & Saturday nights from 8pm to 8am, when there are currently no other mental health support options available. Organized by the Anti Police-Terror Project (@antipoliceterrorproject) and Mental Health First Oakland (@mhfirstoak)

- **Don't Call the Police: Alternatives to Police in Your City** - Check out this online tool to find your city and community-based resources and alternatives to calling 911. Organized by Don't Call the Police (@whocanicall)

- **Critical Resistance Resources for PIC Abolition, Transformative Justice and more**: Organized by Critical Resistance (@criticalresistance)
Resources for Continued Learning & Action!

History of Criminalization Web Series
Organized by CURB (@CURBPrisons) & Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus’s #ICE Out of CA (@aajalc)

- **Part 1:** The History of Police, Policing & Caging in the US - click [here](#) for recording

- **Part 2:** The History of Border Enforcement in the US - click [here](#) for recording

- **Part 3:** Crim-Migration: The Convergence of the Immigration and Criminal Justice Systems - click [here](#) for recording

- **Part 4:** Tools of Criminalization & Control: the War on Drugs, Gang Allegations, Databases, Joint Task Forces, Surveillance & Privatization - click [here](#) for recording

Additional Resources
- YWCA RJ/Advocacy Political Education Resources: readings, videos & facilitation resources broken down by topic can be found [here](#)

- List of Civil Rights Organizations & Educational Materials on Racism - educate others on systemic racism and anti-Blackness, & social justice organizations fighting against white supremacy can be found [here](#).
  Organized by Immigrants Rising (@immigrantsrising)

- Mental Health & Wellness Support for the Undocumented Community (from Immigrants Rising): Stay grounded and achieve your wellness goals by getting 1-1 support, practicing wellness with others and accessing resources [here](#).
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Learn More About & Support Community Orgs in the Struggle!

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