

Date: September 21, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Formation of the Long Beach Reentry Advisory Council and Upcoming Strengthening the Reentry Network Symposium**

As part of the implementation of the Framework for Reconciliation, the City of Long Beach (City) explored the development of a reentry hub to integrate and coordinate services for formerly incarcerated persons and support family reunification. To ensure the continued engagement of community members with lived and professional experience in the field of reentry and to help guide the process towards developing a reentry hub, the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) formed the Long Beach Reentry Advisory Council (LBRAC).

The LBRAC was established in May 2022 and is staffed by the Health Department's Community Impact Division, and co-chaired by Jose Osuna, Osuna Consulting, and Irene Soto, Program Manager with Rising Scholars at California State University Long Beach. Comprised of Long Beach reentry serving organizations and persons with lived experience, the LBRAC's vision, mission, and cultural statements are:

Vision: We envision a Long Beach that reintegrates and empowers community members that have experienced incarceration through holistic, equitable, and inclusive support systems.

Mission: The Long Beach Reentry Advisory Council's mission is to establish and maintain solutions for recidivism reduction rooted in collaboration to create a system of accountability for community members, community-based organizations, educational systems, and government agencies.

Cultural Statement: We strive to create a diverse culture where people are valued and respected! Provide hope, kinship, and compassion to all.

The Health Department and LBRAC will be hosting a Long Beach Reentry Symposium - *Strengthening the Reentry Landscape in Long Beach* on October 26, 2022 at the Billie Jean King Main Library from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The symposium will bring together reentry serving organizations, policy and systems change leaders, government agencies and higher education representatives, elected officials, and youth and families impacted by incarceration. This diverse group of reentry leaders will explore pathways to integrate and strengthen the reentry service network in Long Beach and recognize the contributions these organizations make to support persons impacted by incarceration.

Please see attached symposium flyer. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

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For more information regarding this event, please contact Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity
Manager at Teresa.Gomez@longbeach.gov or by phone at (562) 570-6730.

Attachment

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SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 26, 2022

*The City of Long Beach Reentry Advisory Council
cordially invites you to the*

LONG BEACH REENTRY SYMPOSIUM

Strengthening the Reentry Landscape
in Long Beach

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Billie Jean King Main Library

200 W. Broadway
Long Beach, CA 90802

REGISTER TODAY!



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