

FACTS 12th annual Dinner is dedicated to the memory of our too soon departed leader ~Dennis Duncan

A Message from geri silva, FACTS Education Fund Executive Director

Welcome to what we hope will be our last annual dinner as Families to Amend California's Three Strikes - FACTS. The only way to go with this law after we win in November is to see it dismantled.

We have lost some of our best over the years. Our leaders, Dennis Duncan and Leon Shirley, for whom awards were named and Jesse Boyar, the Bakersfield chapter maverick, who a week before his death came to a demo in LA telling us that he almost died a week prior.

Others, who were already senior citizens when their loved ones were caught in the 3 strikes net, are suffering from various illnesses related to age and can no longer participate. So many who were with us in the early days are lost to us today.

In those first years, we were absolutely certain that we would defeat this law within the first few years of our existence. And while it will happen, this year we believe, there is a certain sadness knowing our FACTS family will be diminished by so many valiant, committed members.

In some ways it seems like yesterday when we made our first trip to Sacramento in '98 to support the Vasconcellos Bill and later that year held our first dinner. In 2000, we were included in the Shadow Convention and later attended the first of many Democratic Conventions. We made countless overnight bus trips to Sacramento supporting one bill or another, held actions every March to mark the passage of yet another year under a law so brutal and insane that it drew folks from many countries in the European Union, from Japan, China and Iceland. We marched, held vigils, caravanned, petitioned the Supreme Court, opened chapters from San Diego to Shasta, and became veterans in public speaking, running campaigns, holding Town Halls and organizing rallies. We cheered when one of ours (Strikers) came home and dug in even deeper in the fight for overall change.

We are today faced with the real possibility of completing the first stage of Three Strikes reform. Our deepest appreciation goes out to those of you who have remained true to our cause and to Mike Romano from Stanford's Three Strikes Project, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and many people we hope will come forward to support the Three Strikes Reform Act of 2012. . . . the fight continues!

Dinner Program 2012

Keith Morgan, FACTS LA Chapter President ~ Invocation
Lisa Scott, Human Rights Activist and creator of feature documentary
Under Three Strikes ~ Film Clip in Memory of Dennis Duncan
geri silva, FACTS Education Fund Director ~ Welcome
Kelly Turner, Dinner MC ~ author, Speaker and former third striker
Peter Rosenwald, Long Beach FACTS Chapter 2012 "Leon Shirley
Oralia Cortez, Central Valley FACTS Organizer Activist Awardees"
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas ~ "Wally Marks Pursuit of Change
Award"

Jackie Goldberg ~ Why We're Here
Professor Mike Romano ~ the 2012 Three Strikes Reform Initiative
Homeboy Industries ~ Dennis Duncan "Outstanding Leadership
Award"

Music by Debra Ketchens "Yah's EverLasting Music Ministry"
Our Weekly Newspaper - "Media for the People Award"

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Mike Romano

Professor Mike Romano is widely known for innovative, creative and truly groundbreaking work with the Stanford Three Strikes Project. The "Project" is the only legal organization in the country devoted to representing individuals saving life sentences under California's Three Strikes Law. It

represents defendants charged under the Three Strikes Law with minor, non-violent felonies at every stage of the criminal process: at trial, on appeal, and in state and federal post-con-viction habeas corpus proceedings.

The "Project" also works, on behalf of its clients, in collaboration with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, to reform the harshest aspects of the Three Strikes Law. Michael Romano who founded the clinic with Professor Larry Marshall supervises and instructs the students. He has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in California.



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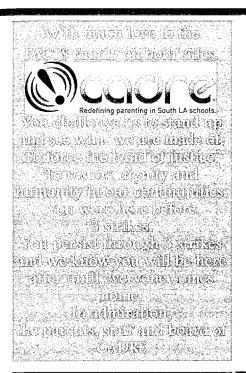
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Thank you Gary, Freddie, & Geri – the wonderful FACTS
Staff for hanging in there and fighting hard to stop this horrible law.

And thank you for keeping hope in our hearts!

In memory of my beloved son, Joey Patrick Warren!

Donna J. Warren, CGFM The Warren Group Campaign Consultants www.thewarrengroup.com

Kelly Jermaine Turner



Author and Inspirational Speaker Kelly Jermaine Turner is a former "resident" of Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) in Chowchilla, California, where she served 13 years of a 2s-years-to-life California Three Strikes sentence for forging a \$146.16 check to a department store.

The normal maximum sentence for her crime was three years. However, because it was Ms. Turner's third strike for a nonviolent offense, she was required to serve a minimum of 2S years before she was eligible for parole consideration, even though her crime was nonviolent. Time off for good behavior was not an option, as it is not allowed under the California Three Strikes Law.

On September 8, 2009, after a three-year appeal effort by her own pro-bono legal dream team, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled that Ms. Turner had been "over¬sentenced." The judge re-sentenced her to seven years, declared that her time had been served, and ordered her immediate release without parole restrictions. Ms. Turner reentered society a free woman - into the loving arms of her supportive family - on September 9, 2009.

While a resident of CCWF, Ms. Turner was an organizer of the prison chapter of FACTS - Families to Amend California's Three Strikes Law (www.factsi.org), Now a free and productive member of society, she remains an active FACTS advocate. Most of all, Ms. Turner is an advocate of positive thinking - of making the best out of the worst situations, and making the best situations even better.

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Scott Johnson and Marla Stone thank FACTS and this year's honorees for all of their hard work. Let's pass this Three Strikes Reform Ballot Initiative!



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Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor L.A. County Board of Supervisors, Second District

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas is an aggressive advocate for the Second District's nearly 2.3 million residents.

He promotes economic development job creation and retention, and local hiring. He's successfully introduced motions to jump start the opening of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, facilitate deployment of Health Information Technology and a more integrated approach to health delivery including mental healthy and a prominent role for school based clinics. His advocacy secured equitable funding for Public-Private Partnership health clinics in underserved areas.

Prior to his election to the Board, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas served the 26th District in the California State Senate. He served as Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus in 2008 and led the Caucus in unprecedented levels of cooperation and collaboration with the Latino and Asian-Pacific Islander Legislative Caucuses.

Mark Ridley-Thomas was first elected to public office in 1991. He served with distinction on the Los Angeles City Council for a dozen years departing as Council President pro Tempore. He later served two terms in the California State Assembly where he chaired the Assembly Democratic Caucus. His legislative work addressed economic and workforce development, health care, public safety, education, budget accountability, consumer protection and civic participation.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas is widely regarded as the foremost advocate of neighborhood participation in government decision-making. As the founder of the Empowerment Congress, arguably the region's most successful experiment in neighborhood-based civic engagement, he is considered the founder of the Neighborhood Council movement.

Before Supervisor Ridley-Thomas started his political career, the supervisor was a dynamic high school teacher and executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles.

He's a graduate of Manual Arts High School and Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, earning baccalaureate degrees in Social Relations and Government and a master's degree in Religious Studies. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas received his PhD in social Ethics and Policy Analysis from the University of Southern California.

He is married to Avis Ridley-Thomas, the Director of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Dispute Resolution Center. They are the proud parents of twin sons, Sebastian and Sinclair who recently graduated from the historic Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Second District includes Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Lynwood, portions of ten out of fifteen Los Angeles City Council Districts and the unincorporated communities of Alondra Park, Athens, Del Aire, Dominguez, East Compton, El Camino Village, Florence, Ladera Heights, Lennox, View Park, West Athens, West Carson, West Compton and Willowbrook. Against the backdrop of a nationally historic election, voters of the Second District made their own mark on history by electing the first African American male ever to serve on the County Board of Supervisors.

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Oralia Cortez
and A Hip-Hip Hooray to FACTS
for staying the course since 1996

Peter Rosenwald



Peter Rosenwald has his Master of Science in Library Science from Wayne State University in Detroit with a specialization in library services to disabled and institutionalized people, and health sciences librarianship. He has worked in New Mexico as a staff and patients' librarian, and retired from the County of Los Angeles Public Library with 25 years of service, as a library manager, community, and special projects librarian. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from California State College, Sonoma, and an associate's degree in social science from Napa College.

Peter has received commendations for his work from Supervisor Gloria Molina, The League of Latin American Citizens, and the Northwest San Gabriel School Administrator's Golden Apple Award.

In addition to the Long Beach Chapter of FACTS, Peter is active in community groups including the Gray Panthers of Long Beach, OCCUPY LONG BEACH, and the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition.

Congratulations Peter.
You are a tireless advocate
for *FACTS*Your friends in Long Beach
and Seal Beach

Oralia Cortez

Oralia Cortez, is a mother of five, a grandma of twelve, and great grandma of six. She joined FACTS in 2000 as a member when her son got a 37 year to life sentence under the Three Strikes Law. In 2008, Oralia took the position of FACTS Central Valley Organizer working in all the cities in the



Central Valley from Bakersfield to Fresno. Her motto: "you work hard to help others and it comes back to you".

At age 66 she works with a passion for all those prisoners, who have no family support and is known as a "Mama" to a few of those inside. In her years of service she has surpassed cancer and many serious illnesses, but she refuses to give in.

She views her role with FACTS as fighting for justice for all those inside. This, she sees as her calling.

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Award for grassroots activism. I have known him for many years, and admire his work within the community. My works are available on the shelves of libraries and bookstores.

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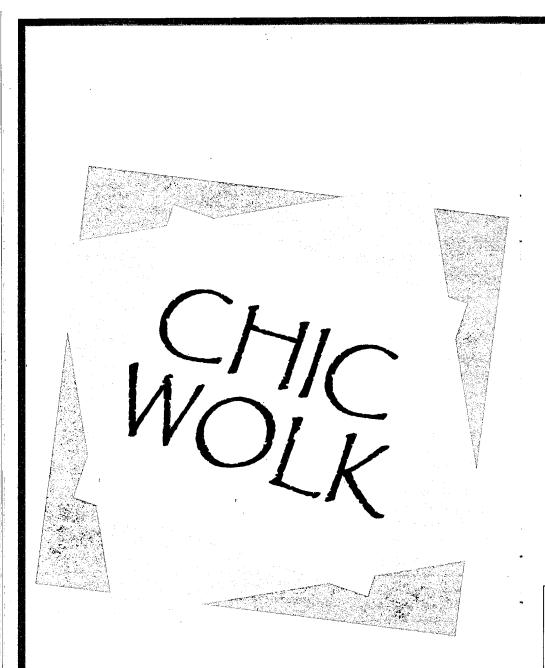
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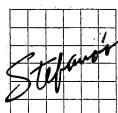


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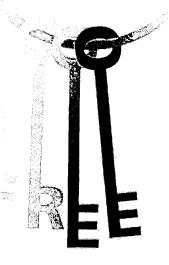
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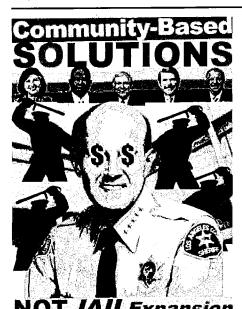
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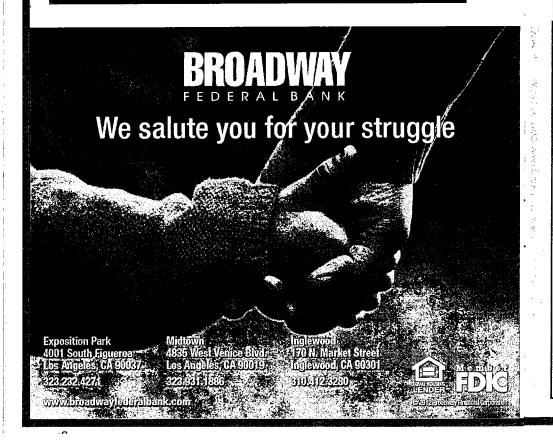
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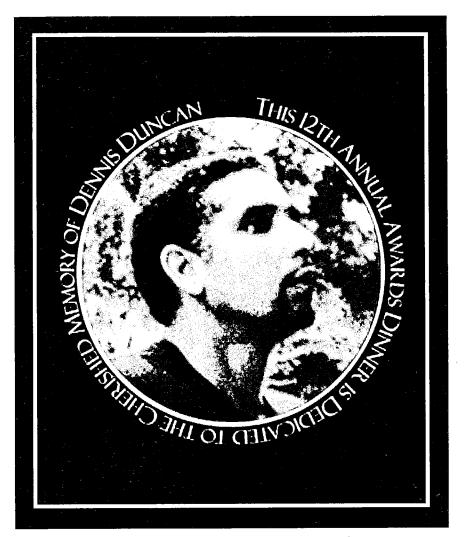
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What brought Dennis Duncan to FACTS in 1997 was commitment, passion, intelligence, energy, creativity and a revolutionary outlook, none of which could be measured nor duplicated. FACTS was incredibly fortunate to have had Dennis as a leader, a friend and a voice.

Those of us in the fight over all these years have become comrades tied together by our vision of a more just universe. That vision has not faded, nor has our drive, but it has not been the same without Dennis' bigger than life presence. The long-awaited finish line, which we are nearing, will mark the absence of Dennis Duncan.