

**Amer-I-Can Program Foundation for Social Change, Inc.
Long Beach Facility**

**Fact Sheet
August 17, 2004**

- Amer-I-Can believes that all life has value and that transgression can lead to redemption and restoration through a program that is carefully designed to assist at-risk youth and young adults in acquiring the necessary skills and tools to lead a more successful, productive, and fulfilling life.
- Upon invitation, Amer-I-Can has provided specific intervention life-management and services to highly at-risk youth and young adults who have been or have the potential to become captured into the gang lifestyle.
- Seventy-nine graduates of the 15 chapter, 60-90 hour program have successfully integrated the principles into their daily lives have become productive, disciplined, and focused members of the community.

| Program Year | Total Participants Contracted | Total Graduates | Total Graduates Employed | Total Graduates in School | Total Participants Relocated | Total Court Violations | Total Probationers | Total No Shows |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 2002/2003 | 60 | 57 | 37 | 17 | 3 | 3 | N/A | 1 |
| 2003/2004 | 30 | 22 | 06 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Grand Total | 90 | 79 | 43 | 29 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 |

- Eighty-two participants were Long Beach residents.
- By their initiative, eight non-residents participated, seven graduated from the program, three in 2002-2003 and four in 2003-2004.
- At least 50 individuals were unable receive service because they did not meet the age and eligibility requirements.
- Amer-I-Can provides an invaluable public safety service to the community by providing a facility where young people can learn to replenish hope for a better life through its curriculum and mentoring, and are far less likely to enter the juvenile or adult court system.

- Amer-I-Can enjoys the support of businesses on the Atlantic Corridor and community residents.
- Ten businesses on the Atlantic Corridor have signed a petition in support in Amer-I-Can (See attached).
- 200 community residents have signed a petition in support of Amer-I-Can.
- Amer-I-Can is identified by the City of Long Beach as an organization, which provides outreach to avert violence or retaliation (*An Interim Report and Re-examination of Youth and Gang Violence in the City of Long Beach*, Long Beach Human Relations Commission (2003), Appendix I, p.19).
- According to document, *An Interim Report and Re-examination of Youth and Gang Violence in the City of Long Beach*, Long Beach Human Relations Commission, (2003):
 - 33,540 residents between ages 15-19
 - 35,670 residents between ages 20-24
 - Gang activity is prevalent between ages 18-24
- There are approximately 6,000 gang members, and 55 active gang organizations in Long Beach [*An Interim Report and Re-examination of Youth and Gang Violence in the City of Long Beach*, Long Beach Human Relations Commission, (2003)].
- California State Parolee Count in Long Beach as of April 1, 2004

| Age | 18-25 | 26-35 | 36-50 | 51+ | Grand Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|
| Sub Total | 260 | 1,375 | 1,059 | 477 | 3,171 |
| Percent Total | 8% | 43% | 33% | 15% | 100% |

(Data provided by Long Beach Police Department)

- Los Angeles County Probationer Count in Long Beach as of April 1, 2004

| Age | 18-25 | 26-35 | 36-50 | 51+ | Grand Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|
| Sub Total | 237 | 1,020 | 815 | 790 | 2,862 |
| Percent Total | 8% | 36% | 28% | 28% | 100% |

(Data provided by Long Beach Police Department)

- As a demonstration of leadership, commitment, and dedication to the community, Rock Johnson, Executive Director, is a graduate of Leadership Long Beach Class of 2004.
- Recently, Amer-I-Can has received commendations from Commander Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, County of Los Angeles Sheriff Department (June 2004), and Supervisor Don Knabe, 4th, District, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (August 2004), in recognition of its outstanding services to Los Angeles county in the prevention of violence among youth and young adults.
- At the August 24, 2004 regular meeting, Amer-I-Can will receive recognition from Member Marguerite LaMotte, Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, for its 2003-2004 after-school program at Washington Preparatory High School *and the profound changes that have occurred in lives of the 18 students who graduated from the program.*
- Amer-I-Can is a corporate partner of the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), the nation's focal point for crime prevention.
- Nationally, Amer-I-Can is a committed a service provider in 28 states, dedicated to bringing about positive social change through reclaiming lives in correctional facilities, schools, and gang intervention.
- Internationally, Amer-I-Can has partnered with President Nelson Mandela to implement an Afr-I-Can program in the Republic of South Africa.



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Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

June 21, 2004

Ambassador Duane Moody
1010 Gibraltar Avenue
Anaheim Hills, California 92808

Dear Ambassador Moody:

Thank you for inviting me to attend the recent Washington High School graduation. In a world where so much focus is placed on the violence among juveniles, it was a rare privilege to witness a celebration in recognition of the hard work, effort, and leadership your graduates have invested in their future and the future of our local communities.

As a Commander with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, I am fully aware of the repercussions stemming from community violence. Therefore, I was pleasantly surprised to know that the Amer-I-Can program offered in our county jail, is also being offered in the community. It was a unique experience to see youth graduate from both high school and the Amer-I-Can Program.

Amer-I-Can was sought out by Sheriff Baca when racial tensions were at its highest peak throughout our correctional setting. The implementation of this program at our North County Correctional Facility resulted in a significant reduction in the number of inmate disturbances. Coincidentally, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the continuation of the Amer-I-Can partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, just prior to my attending the Washington High School graduation.

Thank you again for extending the invitation to this very unique graduation. I am convinced that if we continue to equip our youth with programs such as Amer-I-Can, we will prevent them from embracing a life of violence which has already taken too many lives.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Alexander Yim, Commander
Correctional Services Division

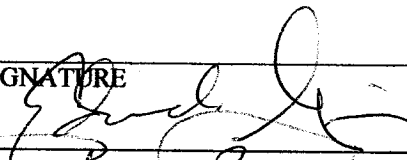
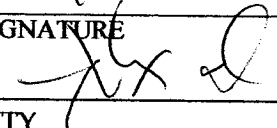
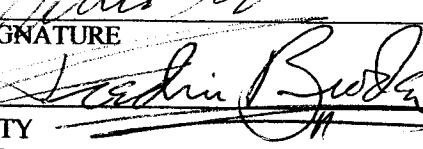
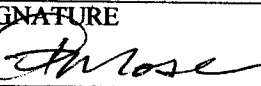

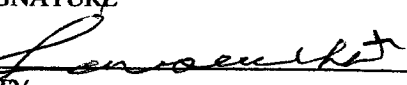
A Tradition of Service

Community Petition

Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change
5641 Atlantic Ave
Long Beach, Ca 90805
562-422-3131

The City of Long Beach is deciding on providing an extension to Amer-I-Can, but there is a question on should the extension be approved, even though we have done more with troubled disadvantaged youth than any other program in the City of Long Beach. "The Amer-I-Can Program teaches program concepts, related to individual self-esteem, which can significantly impact the problems our community disregards, as well as place youth into school, or jobs.

The Signature below are in support of Amer-I-Can and request that the program be extended, and/or continual for years to come.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|-------------------|
| 1 | BUSINESS R.A.C | SIGNATURE  | DATE 8/13/04 |
| | RESIDENCE 5601 ATLANTIC AVE | CITY Long Beach ZIP 90805 | |
| 1 | BUSINESS 5599 Atlantic Ave | SIGNATURE  | DATE 8-13-04 |
| | RESIDENCE 998 only stores | CITY ZIP | |
| 1 | BUSINESS 5647 Atlantic Chayitos Cleaners | SIGNATURE Mayia Palomares | DATE 8-13/04 |
| | RESIDENCE 5659 ATLANTIC Blancos Beauty Salon | CITY ZIP | |
| 1 | BUSINESS RESTO MAGIC | SIGNATURE  | DATE 13 Aug 04 |
| | RESIDENCE 5701 ATLANTIC L.B. 90805 | CITY ZIP | |
| 1 | BUSINESS LETARONA'S ISLE 5707 ATLANTIC AVE L.B. CA 90805 | SIGNATURE  | DATE 8/13/04 |
| | RESIDENCE Happy Nobs Coff 5629 Atlantic L.B. 90805 | CITY ZIP  | DATE 8/13/04 |
| 1 | BUSINESS International Martial Arts 5649 Atlantic L.B. | SIGNATURE  | DATE 8/13/04 |
| | RESIDENCE | CITY ZIP | |

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | BUSINESS <i>Post Tax Financial</i> | SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 8-13-04 |
| | RESIDENCE 5708 Ardente ave | CITY Long Beach ZIP 90805 | |
| 1 | BUSINESS <i>Kang's Appliances</i> | SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 8/13/04 |
| | RESIDENCE 6710 Atlantic Ave | CITY LB ZIP | |
| 1 | BUSINESS <i>GAGE HARNESS</i> | SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 8-14-04 |
| | RESIDENCE 5735 Atlantic | CITY ZIP LB. CA | |
| 1 | BUSINESS <i>[Signature]</i> | SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 8/13/04 |
| | RESIDENCE | CITY ZIP LB - LA CA | |
| 1 | BUSINESS <i>A.J. Barber Shop</i> | SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 8-13-04 |
| | RESIDENCE | CITY ZIP 5731 ATLANTIC AVE LONG BEACH CA 90805 | |
| 1 | BUSINESS | SIGNATURE | DATE |
| | RESIDENCE | CITY ZIP | |