

Item #4 – Padric Gleason Gonzalez

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I urge the council to take a position in favor of Proposition 17, the Voting Rights Restoration for Persons on Parole Amendment. First, for reasons relating to racism, bias, and even misconduct, we know that the judicial system results in disproportionate incarceration of people of color. Second, we also know that disenfranchising people- taking away their right to vote- discourages active participation in civil society. Finally, formerly incarcerated individuals have served their time and were released because their punishment is complete. Why are we perpetuating a system whereby black and brown people are systematically discouraged from participating in civil society? Please support Proposition 17 to restore voting rights for all eligible citizens.

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