# COMPREHENSIVE REENTRY SOLUTIONS... TO DECREASE RECIDIVISM

Healing takes a Village!



Presented by Ronnie's House

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## Ronnie's House Reentry Journey

- Spearheaded Reentry during the Racial Reconciliation initiative in 2020
- Spearhead the Economic Recovery Roundtable focused on Reentry during the City of Long Beach' Economic Recovery initiative in 2021.
- Spearheaded Cal State Long Beach study focused on Reentry in 2021.
- Launched the innovative reentry website www.reentrykeys.com
- Established the only national Reentry Hotline at 1-855-530-5397.
- Launched Rising Entrepreneurs in 2020 in Collaboration with Cal State Long Beach
- Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Reentry Summit in Long Beach, CA in 2020.

## CURRENT SYSTEM

- California has an incarceration rate of **549 per 100,000 people**
- 90% of Crime is money related.
- The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, with approximately 639 prisoners per 100,000 residents with 2.12 million people incarcerated in the United States.
- 70% of people experiencing homelessness have a history of incarceration
- Up to 70% of Individuals return to prison within the first 3 years.
- Children with incarcerated parents have a 60% more chance going to prison.
- Women are the fastest growing group of incarcerated individuals and 60% have been diagnosed with mental health issues.

## **OUR ASK**

Develop an inclusive hiring policy that offers job opportunities to justice-impacted individuals, promoting successful reintegration into society and reducing recidivism rates.

Remove obstacles for justice-impacted individuals to enter into contracts with the city of Long Beach.

Enhance investments in mental health services to provide comprehensive support. Promote inclusive housing initiatives to ensure equitable access for all community members.

## MENTAL HEALTH

#### The State of Mental Health

- People with mental illness in the U.S. are 10 times more likely to be incarcerated than they are to be hospitalized.
- More than 70% of people in U.S. jails and prisons have at least one diagnosed mental illness or substance use disorder or both, and up to a third of incarcerated people have a serious mental illness.

#### Recommendations

- Allocate funding for mental health resources tailored to justice-impacted individuals and their families.
   Ensure that service providers possess the necessary expertise to effectively support this unique population.
- Back community-based organizations that offer reimagined wellness programs tailored to the needs an
  experiences of justice-impacted individuals.



## WORKFORCE

## "90% of Crimes are Money Related"

**Inclusionary Hiring Plan** 

Employ individuals across all sectors of the City Government and the Port of Long Beach and collaborate with local agencies to enhance workforce preparation and development.

### **Create a Second Chance Employment Challenge**

Supply employers with a comprehensive toolkit that highlights the benefits of hiring justice-impacted individuals and initiate a "Second Chance Hiring Challenge" to encourage both existing and new corporations in Long Beach to consider this talent pool for their workforce.

## HOUSING

### **Housing Problem**

- For felony-level offenses, the DA's office of San Diego did a study that discovered that homeless individuals were up to 514 times more likely to commit crimes.
- Formerly Incarcerated People Are Nearly 10 Times More Likely to be Homeless
- Formerly incarcerated women were more likely than men to be homeless with women of color experiencing higher homelessness.

### **Inclusionary Housing**

- Housing Voucher that can be used to rent a room or apartment.
- Work with local landlord and developers to ease their rental restrictions.
- Offer Downpayment support such as first month and security deposit.
- Education on navigating housing.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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### **Switching the Hustle!**

Formerly incarcerated individuals are 45% more likely to become entrepreneurs compared to similar non-justice-involved people. Ex-incarcerees are more open to risk and opportunities of chance. This, coupled with the barriers they experience in the labor market, make the formerly incarcerated—when properly equipped—prime candidates for entrepreneurial endeavors.

### **Inclusionary Entrepreneurship**

**Inclusive procurement policies:** Adopt inclusive procurement policies that give justice-impacted entrepreneurs an equal opportunity to compete for contracts.

**Technical Support:** Investment business coaching and navigation focused on Justice Impacted induvials and ensure they have access to grants.

**Legal and regulatory support:** Advocate for policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels that reduce barriers for justice- impacted individuals to start and operate businesses. This could include "Ban the Box" legislation for business licenses or reducing licensing restrictions based on criminal records.

## PROCUREMENT BARRIERS

#### **Contract Clause 1 added in 2022**

Each Proposer must include in its proposal a complete disclosure of any alleged significant prior or ongoing contract failures, any civil or criminal litigation or investigation pending which involves the Proposer or in which the Proposer has been judged guilty or liable. Failure to comply with the terms of this provision will disqualify any proposal. The City reserves the right to reject any proposal based upon the Proposer's prior history with the City or with any other party, which documents, without limitation, unsatisfactory performance, adversarial or contentious demeanor, significant failure(s) to meet contract milestones or other contractual failures.

#### **Contract Clause 2 added in 2022**

OWNERSHIP OF DATA. All materials, information and data prepared, developed, assembled or recorded by Contractor or furnished to CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to documents, estimates, calculations, studies, maps, graphs, charts, computer disks, computer source documentation, samples, models, reports, summaries, drawings, designs, notes, plans, information, material, memorandum, binary files (e.g. user-submitted attachments), all tabular data, data gathered/generated during the course of CONTRACTOR providing end-user support, helpline phone recordings, and grant applicant/beneficiary information ("Data") shall be the exclusive property of City. Data shall be given to City, in a forma identified by City, and City shall have the unrestricted right to use and disclose the Data in any manner and for any purpose without payment of further compensation to CONTRACTOR. Copies of Data may be retained by CONTRACTOR but CONTRACTOR warrants that Data shall not be made available to any person or entity for use without the prior approval of City. This warranty shall survive termination of this Agreement.

# AVILLAGE

By collaborating and leveraging our collective resources and expertise, we have the unique opportunity to create a safer and healthier Long Beach for not only the justice-impacted individuals but also their families and our community.

United in our mission, we can transform lives, break the cycle of incarceration, and foster a more inclusive and thriving community for all. Let's join hands and make a lasting, positive impact on the city of Long Beach. We have the ability to lead in the area of Justice refor and the time has come for more comprehensive solutions.

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