

## **Time for Change Foundation Celebrates the One Year Anniversary of Prop 47 Passage**

Organization to Provide Petition Process Information at Two Major Events

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November 4th marks one year since California voters passed Proposition 47, which gives thousands of people across the Inland Empire a chance to reduce low level felonies to misdemeanors. Time for Change Foundation (TFCF) has been working to ensure that this victory translates into real change for local families. This includes doing public education and outreach at two major events this week: the first at a Holiday Job Fair organized by Congressman Pete Aguilar's office on Friday, November 6th from 9am to 12pm and at the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches Health Fair on Saturday, November 7th from 10am to 2pm.

Earlier this year, Time for Change Foundation launched Creating Health Alternatives Mobilizing Prop 47 or CHAMP 47. People like Diane Sapp, resident of San Bernardino, have benefitted from a legal clinic that TFCF hosted in July and other informational events. "All of the felony convictions in my record held me back for several years," shares Diane. "It meant always submitting job applications and never hearing back." It wasn't until the July legal clinic when she was able to reduce 3 of her convictions, 2 drug related and 1 burglary related to misdemeanors. "I couldn't believe it finally happened. I was so happy because next I can file for a dismissal." These record changes can help people in their job searches, securing apartments, receiving several professional licenses, student loans, and certain housing and government benefits so they can end generational cycles of incarceration.

In addition, Prop 47 ensures savings from lower incarceration at the state level and the county level will be spent on crime prevention and treatment for both drug addictions and the mentally ill. A study by Stanford Law's Justice Advocacy Project finds 4,454 state prisoners have been released since the law passed. The project also found that it will keep 3,300 offenders out of prison every year, saving the state \$93.4 million a year. The savings for the additional number of county jail prisoner to be released translates to an estimated \$203 million across the state.

The Prop 47 petition window for felony reductions ends in 2 years on November 4 2017. Those eligible should act now and visit [www.Timeforchangefoundation.org](http://www.Timeforchangefoundation.org) for the petition toolkit. Prop 47 Informational Booths at the Following Two Events 11/4/2015 Time for Change Foundation Celebrates the One Year Anniversary of Prop 47 Passage Highland Community News: Political

Holiday Job Fair Friday, November 6th 9am 12pm Inghram Community Center 2050 N. Mt Vernon Ave., San Bernardino, CA

IECAAC Wellness and Resource Fair Saturday, November 7th 10am 2pm New Hope Family Life Center 1505. W. Highland Ave., San Bernardino, CA

Time for Change Foundation provides essential resources through our programs and services to families who desire to change the course of their lives by making the transition from homelessness and recidivism to self-sufficiency. We accept all forms of donations; please call our office for more information at 9098862994 or visit us on the web at [www.Timeforchangefoundation.org](http://www.Timeforchangefoundation.org).