



For Immediate Release

Contact:

Franke Santos

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

323-801-7981 office; 323-481-8959 cell

fsantos@lafla.org

Justice Coming to South LA;

Organizations Offer Important Services for a Better Life

LOS ANGELES, April 13, 2016 — Free direct services for traffic amnesty, Prop 47 felony reduction, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the Harvard Recreation Center in South Los Angeles.

Attorneys and advocates from several organizations will be on hand to assist hundreds of community members with their Prop 47 paperwork, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications, and Traffic Amnesty applications.

For individuals seeking relief from traffic tickets they haven't been able to pay, they must get a Counselor Inquiry Printout or an H-6 form from the DMV and bring it to the event. For people seeking help with Prop 47 relief or expungement applications, they must bring a criminal docket from the LA County Courthouse, or a Department of Justice rap sheet. Free live scans (fingerprinting) will be available.

“It’s at these events where we reverse the negative impacts of a criminal justice system that punishes rather than rehabilitates,” said Eunisses Hernandez, who works on criminal justice reform issues in California for Drug Policy Alliance. “Helping people gain access to employment, housing, and other supportive resources helps reduce recidivism and make our communities safer.”

“This clinic, along with many others planned in the coming weeks, help pave the way toward better opportunity for people seeking jobs and housing,” said Yolanda Arias, who oversees government benefits and economic opportunity work at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. “We’re proud to be a part of this.”

The event is presented by the offices of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer and 8th District Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson. Participating in the event are advocates from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Drug Policy Alliance, Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic, the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Project, The California Endowment, Californians for Safety and Justice, Los Angeles County Public Defender, and A New Way of Life.

The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Harvard Recreation Center, 1535 W. 62nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90047.

Registration is required to attend the event. To register, or for more information, call 213-465-0070.

About Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles is the frontline law firm for poor and low-income people in Los Angeles. It provides legal representation and other legal assistance to low-income people in civil legal matters. It has five offices in the Greater Los Angeles areas, along with four Self-Help Legal Access Centers at area courthouses and three domestic violence clinics.