

Students to Hold Teach-In on Civilian Oversight of County Jails

Youth Impacted by Sheriff's Violence Promote More Humane, Accountable Management

LOS ANGELES – The Dandelion Risin' Leadership Institute, a project of the Coalition to End Sheriff Violence in L.A. Jails (C2ESV), will host a teach-in on civilian oversight of the L.A. County Jails Friday, March 8th, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., at 202 North Saratoga St. Los Angeles, Ca 90033.

The students, members of the YouthBuild Boyle Heights Charter School, have either directly experienced abuse inside of the L.A. County Jails or have loved ones who have experienced the abuse and will be presenting different models of civilian oversight and making the connections of why such oversight is necessary here in Los Angeles.

The Dandelion Risin' Leadership Institute is a unique project that provides young people (ages 16-24) inside of the South L.A. and Boyle Heights YouthBuild Charter Schools the opportunity to build leadership while being involved in civic engagement strategies that uplift and empower their communities. Within the past three months, students from the Institute have presented testimony at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' meeting and have held press conferences and marches/rallies in support of civilian oversight of the L.A. County Jails.

VISUALS: Students will be leading art activities and presenting art work based on the themes of incarceration, sheriff's violence, and alternative models of law enforcement and punishment.

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The Coalition to End Sheriff Violence in L.A. Jails is a grassroots multiracial organization bringing together community organizations, health providers, clergy, attorneys, community residents, friends and families and survivors of the brutality inside L.A. jails to fight for real accountability. We are proposing a People's Civilian Review Board comprised wholly of citizens that has subpoena power, where citizen complaints are reviewed and investigated, and recommendations for disciplinary or policy action are made by the board.

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