

For Immediate Release:

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When: June 7th and 21st, July 5th, and 19th, August 16th and 30th -
11am-2pm

Where: June 7th at Men's Central Jail/Twin Towers 441 Bauchet St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dignity and Power Now launches artist series in front of Twin Tower's and Men's Central Jail

Los Angeles- Rise of the Dandelions: Shattering Shame, Breaking Silence artist series (project of Dignity and Power Now) is working to use art as a vehicle to host healing and resilience with families and communities whose loved ones are inside L.A. county jails. This artist series intends to break the silence through exchanging knowledge and holding grief as a collective community. The iron bars are not enough to keep our roots from growing. Like the dandelion flower breaking through concrete, we will break through Men's Central, Twin Towers, Mira Loma, Wayside, and the Century Regional Detention Center.

This artist series is an affirmation of collective spirit and determination to support the protection of our loved ones who are behind the walls of the county jails and value the family and community of those incarcerated inside L.A. County jails. Like dandelion seeds, we ascend beyond the intended isolation, guilt and shame that incarceration is plagued with. We understand the shame is not ours, but the state's. We are asking all of you to rise like a dandelion, rise for the dandelions, rise with the dandelions! ASE!

This series will also be highlighting the Coalition to End Sheriff Violence in L.A. jails: #CivilianReviewBoardNow and #STOPTHE2BILLIONDOLLARJAIL campaigns. We will be launching a social media campaign to demand for both 1. Civilian Oversight of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and 2. full and comprehensive mental health diversion for all of Los Angeles County

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We will have a final exhibit on August 31st from 9am-3pm.

Visuals: 5 foot dandelion sculpture, drummers, singers, Live Mural painting, Signs, Photography