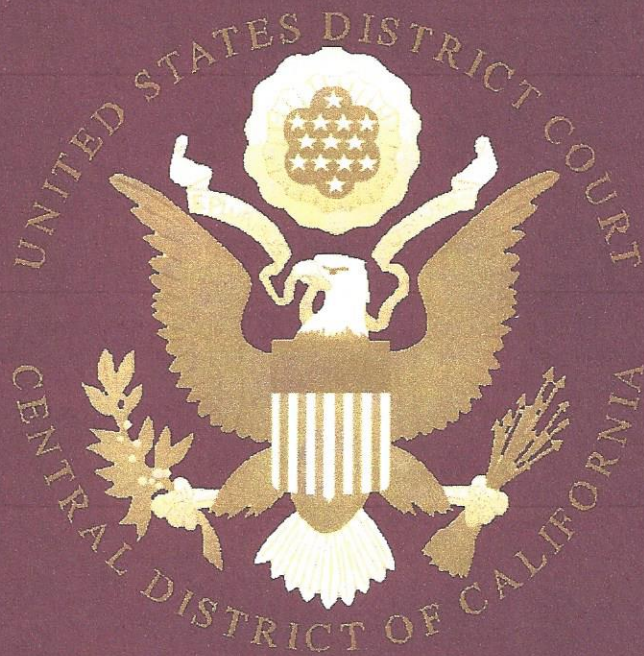


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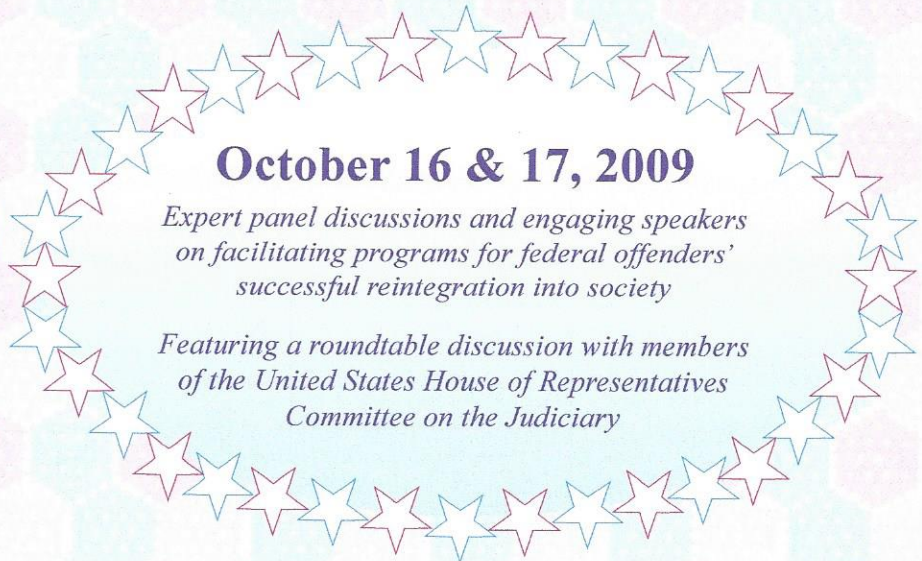




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**October 16 & 17, 2009**

*Expert panel discussions and engaging speakers  
 on facilitating programs for federal offenders'  
 successful reintegration into society*

*Featuring a roundtable discussion with members  
 of the United States House of Representatives  
 Committee on the Judiciary*



**INVITED PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:**

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 Sen. Barbara Boxer  
 Rep. John Conyers, Jr.  
 Rep. Howard L. Berman  
 Rep. Robert Scott  
 Rep. Danny K. Davis  
 Rep. Maxine Waters  
 Rep. Adam Schiff  
 Rep. Diane Watson  
 Rep. Linda Sanchez  
 Rep. Elton Gallegly  
 Rep. Brad Sherman

**State - County - City Officials**  
 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
 Assemblywoman Karen Bass  
 Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
 Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa  
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 researchers  
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# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

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**8:30 am**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 am**  
**WELCOME**

Cherry R. Short, *Assistant Dean, Global & Community Initiatives, USC School of Social Work*

**9:05 am**  
**FEATURED SPEAKER**

Leroy D. Baca, *Los Angeles County Sheriff*

**9:20 am**  
**PRE-RECORDED REMARKS**

Eric H. Holder, Jr., *Attorney General of the United States*

**9:30 am**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Employment: Key to Successful Reentry

*Composed of panelists with years of experience within both the correctional community and the private sector, this panel will discuss perhaps the number one barrier to successful reentry: the lack of job training and available jobs for offenders. In addition, the panelists will address the steps being taken to improve that picture, and what else needs to be done.*

**Moderator**

- Blair H. Taylor, *President, Los Angeles Urban League*

**Panelists**

- Charles A. Daniels, *Senior Deputy Assistant Director, Industries, Education and Vocational Training, UNICOR*
- Angelica Lopez
- Rev. Cecil Murray, *Adjunct Professor, USC School of Religion*
- Ernest M. Roberts, *Executive Director, PVJOBS*
- Nora Uhl, *United States Probation Officer, Central District of California, Ready to Work Program*

**10:45 am**  
**BREAK**

**11:00 am**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Overcoming Barriers to Reentry: Mental Health & Addiction

*This panel will focus on workable solutions. It will also look at some of the failed attempts and how future plans can be developed to help this population become more successful in accessing help.*

**Moderator**

- Cherry R. Short, *Assistant Dean, Global & Community Initiatives, USC School of Social Work*

**Panelists**

- Denise Corrales
- Gretchen Heidemann, *Ph.D. Candidate, USC School of Social Work, and Program Director, A New Way of Life Reentry Project*
- Marvin J. Southard, *Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health*
- The Honorable Maria E. Stratton, *Department 95, Los Angeles Superior Court*

**12:15 pm**  
**BREAK**

**12:30 pm**  
**LUNCHEON**

**INTRODUCTION**

Congresswoman Diane E. Watson (33rd-CA)

**FEATURED SPEAKER**

Chris Hansen, *Correspondent, "Dateline NBC"*

**1:45 pm**  
**BREAK**

**2:00 pm**  
**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall, *Senior District Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California*

**2:15 pm**

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Realizing the Vision of the Second Chance Act of 2007: Where Do We Go From Here?

**Panelists**

- Congresswoman Diane E. Watson (33rd-CA)
- Congresswoman Laura Richardson (37th-CA)
- Congresswoman Judy Chu (32nd-CA)
- The Honorable Otis D. Wright, II, *District Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California*
- Chief United States Probation Officer Richard W. Crawford, *United States District Court for the District of Hawaii*
- Chief United States Probation Officer Chris Hansen, *United States District Court for the District of Nevada*

**4:15 pm**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The Honorable Audrey B. Collins, *Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California*



# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

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**8:30 am**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 am**  
**WELCOME**

The Honorable Audrey B. Collins, *Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California*

**9:05 am**  
**OPENING REMARKS**

Mark Ridley-Thomas, *Los Angeles County Supervisor, Second District*

**9:15 am**  
**REMARKS**

Constance L. "Connie" Rice, *Co-Director, Advancement Project*

**9:35 am**  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Importance of Federal Funding for Reentry Programs  
Congressman Danny K. Davis (7th-IL)

**10:00 am**  
**BREAK**

**10:15 am**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Systemic Challenges in Facilitating Reentry**  
*This diverse panel presenting the viewpoints of the legislature, community groups, academia, and community corrections, will discuss the challenges to reentry presented by the federal criminal justice system, including some specific obstacles in the areas of employment, housing, education, community and family, substance abuse, mental health, and health care that are faced by offenders returning to their local communities.*

**Moderator**

- Keenan Keller, *Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary*

**Panelists**

- Michael Benov, *Warden, MDC Los Angeles*
- Sister Terry Dodge, *Executive Director, Crossroads, Inc.*
- Felix Mata, *National Coordinator, Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Initiative, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts*
- Heidi Rummel, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, USC Gould School of Law*

**11:45 am**  
**BREAK**

**12:00 pm**  
**BOX LUNCH BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

with Federal Judges, Speakers and Panelists.

*Moderators and attendees will share their challenges and experiences with federal reentry programs in smaller group settings. Refer to name tag for assigned breakout session location.*

**1:15 pm**  
**BREAK**

**1:30 pm**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Evidence-Based Practices: Collaborating for New Paradigms in Facilitating Offender Reentry**

*This panel will focus on what research tells us about policies and/or practices that most hinder reentry and reintegration of offenders. It will provide a better understanding of what these problems are from an evidence-based perspective and how those who work with offenders might contribute to more successful outcomes.*

**Moderator**

- Marilyn Flynn, *Dean, USC School of Social Work*

**Panelists**

- Stanley J. Huey, Jr., *Associate Professor of Psychology and American Studies and Ethnicity, USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences*
- Nancy Kaser-Boyd, *Associate Clinical Professor, Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and Forensic & Clinical Psychologist*
- Nancy Merritt, *Chief, Justice Systems Research Division, National Institute of Justice*
- The Honorable Michael A. Tynan, *Department 113, Los Angeles Superior Court*

**2:45 pm**  
**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**3:00 pm**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Practical Experience: Federal Reentry Programs as Solutions to Recidivism**  
*This panel of distinguished judges, joined by an experienced probation chief, will describe innovative reentry programs and measures they have implemented in their districts to ensure offenders' successful reentry to the community, and continued success beyond the term of supervision.*

**Moderator**

- The Honorable Otis D. Wright, II, *District Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California*

**Panelists**

- The Honorable Ann Aiken, *Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Oregon*
- The Honorable David O. Carter, *District Judge, United States District Court for the Central District of California*
- The Honorable Carol E. Jackson, *District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri*
- Chief United States Probation Officer Loretta Martin, *United States District Court for the Central District of California*

**4:15 pm**  
**CLOSING REMARKS**

Marilyn Flynn, *Dean, USC School of Social Work*

**Room 255** - Continental breakfast, box lunch pickup, refreshments  
**Courtroom 2** - All sessions  
**Courtroom 4** - Overflow

**CONGRESSIONAL FORUM ON**  
**THE IMPACT OF REENTRY FROM LOCAL JAILS**

Wednesday, May 7, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building  
Coolidge Auditorium  
1<sup>st</sup> St. SE, between Independence Ave and East Capitol Sts

**Co-Sponsors**

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**Opening Remarks**

Senator Sam Brownback

**Panelists**

Mayor TBD

Sheriff Andrea Cabral, Suffolk County, MA

Arthur Wallenstein, Director, Montgomery County Dept. of Correction and Rehabilitation, MD

Reverend Roosevelt Lightsey, Justice Reinvestment Project, Louisville, KY

Jeremy Travis, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NY

Robert Reischauer, President, The Urban Institute

**Response Panel**

Representative Chris Cannon (R-UT)

Representative Yvette Clarke (D-NY)

Representative Howard Coble (R-NC)

Representative John Conyers (D-MI)

Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) (inv.)

Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA)

Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) (invited)

Representative Stephanie Tubbs-Jones (D-OH)

Representative Diane Watson (D-CA)

**Questions and Answers**

**Closing Remarks**

Representative Danny K. Davis (D-IL)

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## CONGRESSIONAL FORUM ON THE IMPACT ON REENTRY FROM LOCAL JAILS

### **Introduction**

The challenges associated with reentry from jail are daunting—large in scale and complex in task. Each year, U.S. jails process an estimated 12 million admissions and releases. That translates into 34,000 people released from jails each day and 230,000 released each week. In three weeks, jails have contact with as many people as prisons do in an entire year, presenting numerous opportunities for intervention.

The lives of many who cycle in and out of jail are unstable at best. Substance addiction, job and housing instability, mental illness, and a host of health problems are part of the day-to-day realities for a significant share of this population. Given that more than 80 percent of inmates are incarcerated for less than 1 month—many for only a few hours or days—jails have little time or capacity to address these deep-rooted and often overlapping issues. Moreover, no single organization or political leader in the community is responsible—or held accountable—for improving reentry outcomes.

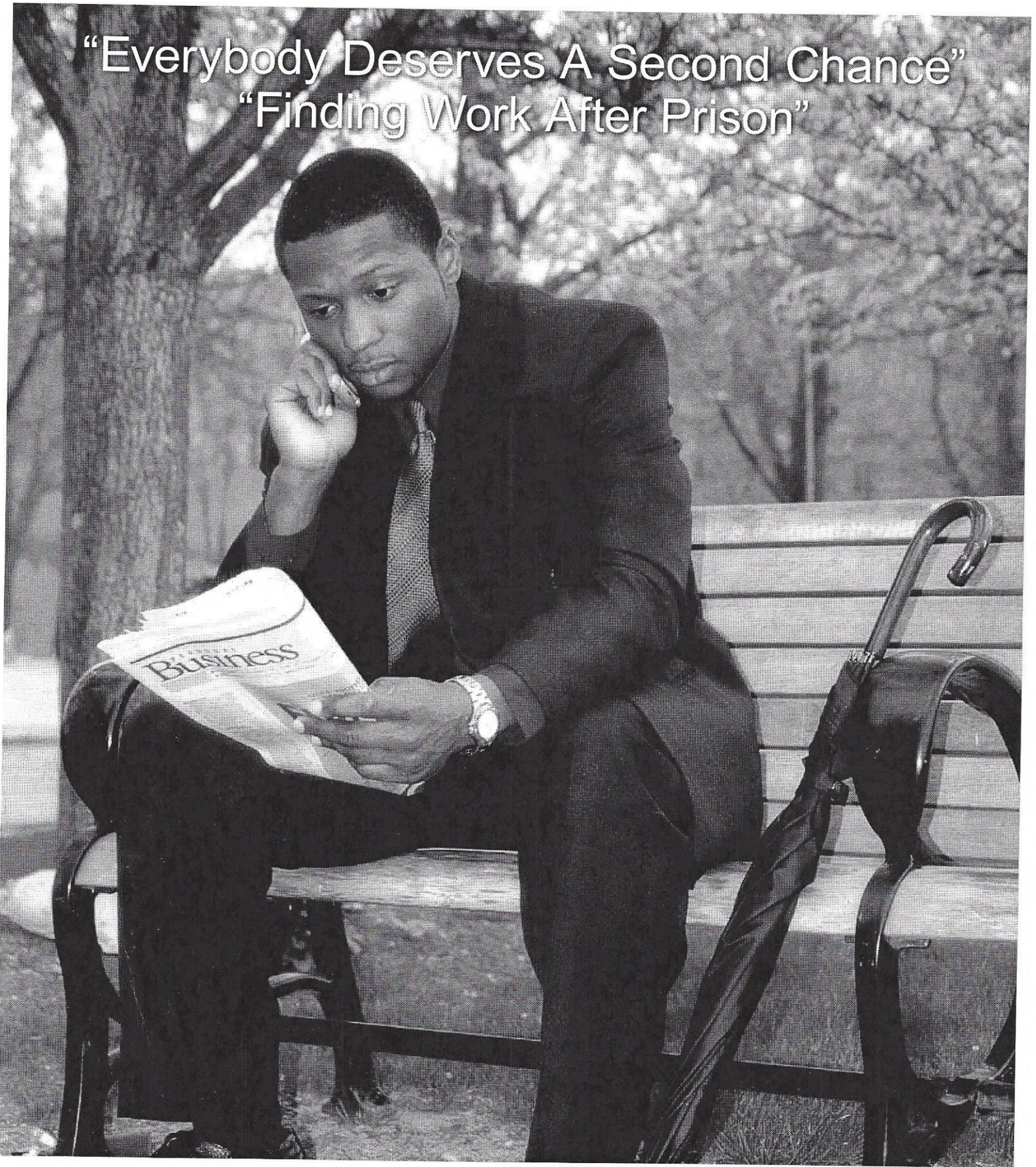
A decade ago, jail administrators could plead ignorance or might respond “not my job” if asked how they assist inmates’ transition from confinement to community. Care, custody, and control were their operational directives and providing timely and accurate intakes, transports, and discharges of inmates their chief priorities. In the intervening years, with increasing awareness about the effects of reentry on public safety and community wellbeing, many of the field’s leading practitioners have begun to consider jail reentry programs and strategies as essential to the mission of jails. And they recognize they cannot do it alone; many jails are collaborating with community-based organizations that have the expertise, commitment, and capacity to work effectively with this population.

Collaboration across disciplines and jurisdictional boundaries is at the core of jail reentry, and in recent years, the field has seen an explosion of creative and productive partnerships between jails and law enforcement, probation, faith-based organizations, mental health clinics, victim advocate groups, the business community, and a variety of other social service and community providers. In many cases, such as the treatment of mental illness, individuals in jails are past or current clients of community-based organizations, and reentry strategies can maintain continuity of care. Reentry information sharing among law enforcement and public safety agencies can lend support to programmatic interventions and also serve to reduce victimization.

At the individual level, short lengths of stay and locally sited facilities translate into relatively little time away from—and even continued contact with—family, friends, treatment providers, employers, the faith community, and other positive social supports. If jail reentry efforts can help strengthen the ties between incarcerated individuals and these important social networks, the efforts could yield substantial gains in terms of safer communities, improved public health, and a reduced burden on taxpayer dollars.



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