VOTE YES ON R: DEMAND HUMANE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT & INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF THE L.A. SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Reform L.A. Jails is taking on the world’s largest jail system. Our movement – powered by Black Lives Matter, community organizations, and grassroots citizens – collected over 247,000 signatures to put this measure on the March 3, 2020 ballot. It is the first time L.A. County voters have taken criminal justice reform to the ballot box.

THE PROBLEM:

✗ Substandard mental healthcare in L.A. Jails
✗ Over jailing of people with mental illness
✗ L.A. Sheriff corruption and misconduct

BY THE NUMBERS:

- L.A. County has the world’s largest jail
- 17,000 - Average daily population at LCJ
- $1 Billion - Annual cost to jail L.A. residents

WHO’S IN L.A. JAILS?

- 5,500 have acute mental illness
- 70% suffers from substance abuse disorder
- 25% are chronically homeless
- 40% cannot afford bail

VICTORY AT THE BALLOT MEANS:

 ✓ L.A. County will be required to invest in rehabilitation and mental health treatment
 ✓ L.A. County will be required to grant the Sheriff’s Department Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) with subpoena power to effectively and independently investigate misconduct
 ✓ The COC will be mandated to develop a plan to reduce jail populations
 ✓ L.A. County will be mandated to redirect all cost savings from reduced incarceration to public priorities like drug treatment, housing, and mental health care

Learn more at: VoteYesOnR.org    Contact us at: info@voteyesonr.org    Connect with us: @ReformLAJails
ENDORSEMENTS: MEASURE R HAS OVER 100 ENDORSEMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND NATIONAL LEADERS, INCLUDING:

Ava DuVernay
Bernie Sanders, U.S. Senator
Herb Wesson, L.A. City Council President
Holly Mitchell, California State Senator
Kendrick Sampson
Jane Fonda
John Legend
Mike de la Rocha
Bishop Noel Jones
Rabbi Heather Miller
Reverend John Edward Cager III

ACLU
Anti-Recidivism Coalition
Bend the Arc
Black Community Clergy and Labor Alliance
Black Lives Matter Los Angeles
Californians for Safety and Justice
Community Coalition
Dignity & Power Now
L.A. County Democratic Party
L.A. County Sober Living Coalition
L.A. Regional Reentry Partnership
Mexican American Bar Association
National Lawyers Guild
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