

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT



2024



PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

ADVANCING JUSTICE, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

WHO WE ARE

THE PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) IS A DIVERSE GROUP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS DEDICATED TO SHAPING LOCAL JUSTICE POLICIES. WE WORK ALONGSIDE CITY OFFICIALS, ADVOCATES, AND DIRECTLY IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT REFORMS THAT ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY, FAIRNESS, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING.

OUR MISSION

THE CAC SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHILADELPHIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE, A NATIONAL INITIATIVE AIMED AT REDUCING UNNECESSARY INCARCERATION, ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES, AND IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

WHAT WE DO

ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT CREATE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE SYSTEM.
ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ELEVATE THEIR VOICES IN JUSTICE REFORM.
ADVISE CITY LEADERS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR REENTRY, DIVERSION, AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.
SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.

The CAC in 2024

Judges Circle

In February the CAC hosted a virtual Judges Circle to engage the community in conversation with local judges to discuss policies, procedures and reform aimed at a more equitable justice system.

New Members

The CAC welcomed two new members, Alexis Noland and Michael Childs in February 2024



Microgrant Committee

CAC members were engaged in the design and selection of 8 recipients for the city's Criminal Justice Microgrants totaling \$180,000



Resource Fairs Behind the Walls

The CAC attended 2 resource fairs In April and November at the Philadelphia Industrial Correctional Institute (PICC) to speak with incarcerated individuals, understand their needs, and share information about available resources

Reentry Job Fair

In April the CAC partnered with Temple University's Lenfest Center for Community Workforce at their Reentry Job Fair & Resource Village event

REV Van Ribbon Cutting

In January the CAC gathered for the official launch of the Rolling Engagement Vehicle



CAC Embracing Philadelphia Resource Fair

In June the CAC hosted a resource fair in collaboration with multiple community organizations



Community Outreach with the District Attorneys Office

In December the CAC partnered with the District Attorney's Office to provide resources to the community.

Reclaiming Lives: Philly's Collaboration on Justice and Rehabilitation

CAC hosted a roundtable discussion to share thoughts, empowerment, and vital information in collaboration with the juvenile facility Junior Defenders at the Henry House

Farewell to our members

In December the CAC gathered together to celebrate the contributions of three members who completed their final term of service with the committee. Ms. Margaret, Eileen, and Rev Michelle.



JUSTICE PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

CAC members continued engagement with justice partners throughout the year to elevate and advocate on behalf of the larger Philadelphia community by attending and participating in the following:

- Quarterly Implementation Team meetings
- Data Team meetings
- Microgrant Subcommittee meetings
 - 911 Traige meetings
 - Pretrial Workgroup meeting
- Special meeting with Christopher Keough
 - Community engagement event with the District Attorney's Office

CAC Recommendations:

- 988 recommendations sent to the Department of Behavior Health and Intellectual Disability Services
- Jail recommendations sent to the Department of Prisons
- Request for detainer data to multiple justice partners

CAC MEMBERS

Dr. Charlotte Brickhouse, Chair
Reverend Michelle Simmons, Co-Chair
Andrea Rivera, Co-Chair elect
Mary Archer Incoming Chair
Chaka Fattah, Jr.
Stephanie Wilkins
Alexis Noland
David Buck
Michael Childs
Selena Williams
Michelle Sossino

Special thank you to Kea Greene from the Managing Director's Office for supporting and assisting the CAC!

[READ MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS ON THE CAC WEBSITE](#)

Community Outreach

VOTING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD OR WHILE INCARCERATED IN PENNSYLVANIA



WHO IS ALLOWED TO REGISTER AND VOTE?

ALMOST EVERYONE IN PA WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD IS ALLOWED TO REGISTER & VOTE INCLUDING PEOPLE:

- Who have a prior felony or misdemeanor conviction*
- Who are on probation or parole
- Who are on house arrest (must vote with an MAIL-IN ballot)
- In jail awaiting trial (must vote with a MAIL-IN ballot)
- In jail /prison who have a misdemeanor conviction (must vote with a MAIL-IN ballot)
- Who are on supervision and living in a halfway house (must vote with a MAIL-IN ballot and cannot use the address of the halfway house as registration address. Must use previous or future address.)

*People NOT allowed to register and vote include:

- People in prison or jail because of a felony conviction and who won't be released before the election
- People who have been convicted of violating Pennsylvania election laws within the past four years

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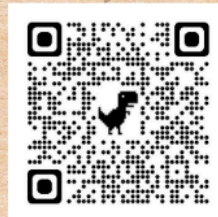


PA VOTER
REGISTRATION

REGISTER TO VOTE
TODAY!
SCAN QR CODE

HOW DO I GET A MAIL-IN BALLOT?

- A voter must request a mail-in ballot by completing an application
- Mail-in ballots must be requested by Tuesday April 16, 2024



PA MAIL-IN BALLOT
APPLICATION

ELECTION DAY & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024: PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND LAST DAY FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED
- TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2024: DEADLINE TO REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT
- MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024: VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR APRIL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

www.vote.pa.gov/register

www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication

- The CAC sent mail in ballot applications to 200 incarcerated women in Philadelphia county jail (PICC).

DATA

PICC survey data snapshot from September event behind the walls:

We surveyed a total of 75 people

Men-15 responses

When asked about needs and challenges:

47% (7 responses) -employment/job support

33% (5 responses) -employment and housing

Other responses included: staying away from old habits, access to resources, new mindset, not going back to jail, money/financial support

Age Range:

67% (10 respondents) were between 25-34 years old

13% (2 respondents) were between 35-44 years old

13% (2 respondents) were between 45-54 years old

1 respondent did not include their age range

Women- 60 responses

When asked about needs and challenges:

22% (13 responses) -employment/job support

23% (14 responses) -housing/place to live

42% (25 responses) -employment and housing

Other responses included: staying sober, access to resources, getting an ID, probation, money/financial support, education, and childcare

Age Range:

20% (12 respondents) were between 18-24 years old

42% (25 respondents) were between 25-34 years old

13% (8 respondents) were between 35-44 years old

12% (7 respondents) were between 45-54 years old

8% (5 responses) were between 55-64 years old

2 respondents did not include their age range

Reclaiming Lives: Philly's Collaboration on Justice and Rehabilitation

- **12 total participants**
- **11 completed the survey**
- **Participants rated the session on a scale (1-10) Avg score 9.6**

Support needed when released: Education(6 respondents), housing (4), mental health (3), employment (3)