

# CRIMINAL RECORD CLEANING - SELF-HELP RESOURCES

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This resource packet was compiled by Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) in collaboration with The Access Project (TAP) in April 2026, and contains general legal information and resources that may be useful to people who are interested in pursuing criminal record cleaning through California's "Clean Slate" laws.

California's Clean Slate laws are a patchwork of state laws that allow people to clear their records after convictions through **dismissals** or **reductions**. Clean Slate laws are known by many names, such as "post-conviction relief," "second chance remedies," "record clearing / cleaning," or "expungement."

The type of record cleaning you are eligible for will depend on the specifics of your situation. The Judicial Branch of California created an interactive, self-help tool on their website to help people identify which type(s) of record cleaning they may be eligible for and find the forms to file. You can access it online at <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/clean-your-record>.

While Clean Slate laws are applicable statewide, courts in some counties use their own procedures, so you should always check with their local court before filing for record cleaning. The Access Project offers an online "Counties Map" that may be able to assist you in determining your county's relevant filing rules and forms: <https://accessprojectca.org>.

You do not need to be an attorney to file for record cleaning at a court! However, it may be useful to consult an attorney to discuss your individual circumstances and goals before pursuing record cleaning. We have included a list of free Clean Slate clinics as well as a list of legal aid attorneys by county, who may be able to assist you in seeking record relief.

The following resources and referrals are included in this packet:

- **What Are Second Chance Remedies (The Access Project, 2026)**
  - This resource provides a high-level overview of various Clean Slate laws in California.
- **Record Cleaning: Arrest with No Conviction** (California Courts Self-Help Info, 2026)
  - This resource was created by the Judicial Branch of California, and it has information on who can ask to have their **arrest record** sealed and the different options to consider depending on your situation.

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- **Record Cleaning: Infractions** (California Courts Self-Help Info, 2026)
  - This resource was created by the Judicial Branch of California, and it has information on how to seek dismissal of **infractions** on your record.
- **Record Cleaning: Misdemeanor Convictions** (California Courts Self-Help Info, 2026)
  - This resource was created by the Judicial Branch of California, and it has information on who can ask to have their **misdemeanor conviction** dismissed and different options to consider depending on your situation.
- **Record Cleaning: Felony Convictions and Proposition 47** (California Courts Self-Help Info, 2026)
  - This resource was created by the Judicial Branch of California, and it has information on who can have a **felony conviction** dismissed or reduced.
- **Request for Dismissal** (Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, 2024)
  - This resource provides information on how to fill out the **Form CR-180**, which is used to seek **dismissal** of eligible convictions.
- **Clean Slate Fact Sheet** (Alameda County Public Defenders, 2025)
  - This resource includes a non-exhaustive list of the conditions required for various Clean Slate laws, as well as the result of those forms of record cleaning. It also provides information on how record cleaning may impact employment.
- **Recent California “Clean Slate” Initiatives & Immigrants** (Immigrant Law Resource Center, 2023)
  - This resource provides information on how record cleaning through California’s Clean Slate laws can affect **immigration** cases.
- **Clean Slate Clinics and Events in California** (Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, 2026)
  - This **external Clean Slate clinic and event list** was compiled by Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) in April 2026 to support individuals seeking Clean Slate services in California.
- **Clean Slate Legal Service Providers in California** (Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, 2026)
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# WHAT ARE SECOND CHANCE REMEDIES?

## REDUCTIONS

*Felony → Misdemeanors*

PC § 17(b): Some non-serious felonies without prison time

Prop. 64: Some cannabis felonies, including possession and some possession with intent to sell

Prop. 47: Some low-level crimes that are always misdemeanors now, including some theft and possession charges

## EXPUNGEMENTS

*Post-conviction Dismissals*

PC § 1203.4: Any conviction with probation

PC § 1203.4a: Misdemeanors or infractions with fine or short jail time

PC § 1203.41: felonies with prison or felony jail sentences.

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# Record cleaning: Arrest with no conviction

Information about who can ask to have their arrest record sealed and the different options to consider depending on your situation.

## Who qualifies and what can be sealed

If you had an arrest that did not result in a conviction, you may be able to seal your case under [Penal Code section 851.91](#). This applies to any of the following situations:

- You were arrested but no charges were filed
- You were arrested and charged, but the charges were dismissed
- You completed diversion and the charges were dismissed
- You completed “DEJ” (deferred entry of judgment) and the charges were dismissed
- You went to trial and were found not guilty

You may request that a court seal your arrest records or criminal records. If a judge agrees with your request, the records will no longer be available to the public. However, **some government agencies will still be able to see your sealed record.**

**NOTE:** Your arrest may have already been automatically sealed by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) under Penal Code section 851.93. If so, you may not need to ask the court to seal your arrest—although there may be additional benefits to doing so. If you want to know if your arrest has already been sealed, you can request your Record of Arrest and Prosecution (RAP) sheet from the DOJ, but this is not required.

## How to ask to seal your record



To request sealing, you can use *Petition to Seal Arrest and Related Records* ([Form CR-409](#)), which is translated into [Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese](#).

If the order is granted, the judge will use the CR-410 order form.

**Not all arrests qualify for relief.** Get information in [Form CR-409-INFO](#), also available in [Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese](#).

If the judge grants your request, the arrest and court records will be sealed. But government agencies, like law enforcement, will still have access to them. You must still disclose the arrest when asked about it in applications for public office, for employment as a peace officer, or for a state or local license. You must also disclose the arrest if you are contracting with the California State Lottery Commission.

## Diversion Programs

- If you completed a pre-filing diversion program run by the prosecutor, you can ask to seal the arrest records under [Penal Code section 851.87](#).
- If you had charges dismissed after you completed a diversion program, you can ask to seal the records under [Penal Code section 1001.9](#).
- If you had charges dismissed after you completed a drug diversion program, you can ask to seal the records under [Penal Code section 851.90](#).

## Factual Innocence

If you were factually innocent, the judge can order the arrest records sealed and destroyed.

Factual innocence can be difficult to prove. You will need to convince the judge that there was no reason for the officer to arrest you. If no charges were filed or charges were dismissed before trial, you can use the [California Department of Justice's Petition to Seal and Destroy Adult Arrest Records \(BCIA 8270\)](#). Some courts also have local forms you can use.

There is no statewide form. If you were found not guilty at trial ([Penal Code section 851.85](#)) or if you were convicted but the judge set aside the conviction because you were factually innocent ([Penal Code section 851.86](#)), the attorney who represented you at trial might be able to file the request to seal and destroy the records.

~~Next steps~~**Cleaning an infraction**

If you were found guilty of an infraction, you can ask the judge for a dismissal if all these are true:

- At least one year has passed since the conviction date
- The infraction is not a Vehicle Code infraction
- You do not have any pending cases
- You are not on any probation or parole in any other case

To request this type of dismissal, use Form CR-180. And submit the order (Form CR-181) for the judge to sign.

The judge can decide not to dismiss the infraction if either:

- You did not complete the sentence (for example, if you still owe a fine or community service hours), or
- You have not lived "an honest and upright life" and if you have not "conformed to and obeyed the laws of the land"

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# Record cleaning: Misdemeanors

Information about who can ask to have their misdemeanor conviction dismissed and different options to consider depending on your situation.

## Who qualifies

You can ask the court to dismiss your conviction if both:

- You have no new cases pending
- You are not on probation or parole in any case

If you are still on probation in your case, you must also ask for early termination from probation, under [Penal Code section 1203.3](#). There is no statewide form for this request, but you may write your own request and file it with the court.

## Things to consider if you qualify

- Your conviction may have already been automatically dismissed by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) under Penal Code section 1203.425. If so, you may not need to request dismissal from the court—although there may be additional benefits to doing so. If you want to know if your conviction has already been dismissed, you can request your Record of Arrest and Prosecution (RAP) sheet from the DOJ, but this is not required.
- If you satisfied the terms and conditions of your probation, or if you were granted early termination of probation, the court must grant your petition to dismiss.
- If you did not satisfy the terms and conditions of your probation, it is up to the court whether or not to grant your petition. You may attach supporting documents to convince the court that granting your petition would be “in the interests of justice.”

- If you were never given probation in the case, you must wait at least one year from the date of conviction.
- If the offense is listed in Penal Code section 19.8(a), you can also ask the court to reduce the conviction to an infraction (Penal Code section 17(d)). To request dismissal and reduction, use Form CR-180 and submit the order (Form CR-181) for the judge to sign.
- If you have a misdemeanor conviction that requires you to register as a sex offender (Penal Code section 290), and a court has already dismissed this conviction under Penal Code section 1203.4, you are eligible to apply for a Certificate of Rehabilitation.

## How to make the request

To request dismissal of your conviction, you can use *Petition for Dismissal* (form CR-180). The court will use form CR-181 to grant or deny your request.

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# Record cleaning: Felony convictions and Proposition 47

Information about who is eligible and how to ask to have a felony conviction dismissed or reduced. Whether you're eligible and what steps to take depend on many factors, like what the conviction was for and what your sentence was.

## Paths to dismiss a felony conviction

You can ask to have your felony conviction dismissed if both:

- You have no new cases pending
- You are not on probation or parole in any case

If you are still on probation in the case, you must also ask for early termination from probation, under [Penal Code section 1203.3](#). There is no statewide form for this request, but you may write your own request and file it with the court.

**NOTE:** Your arrest may have already been automatically sealed by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) under Penal Code section 851.93. If so, you may not need to ask the court to seal your arrest—although there may be additional benefits to doing so. If you want to know if your arrest has already been sealed, you can request your Record of Arrest and Prosecution (RAP) sheet from the DOJ, but this is not required.

**Depending on your sentence, there are 4 paths to request dismissal of a felony conviction:**

## Felony conviction with probation or county jail sentence

- If you satisfied the terms and conditions of your probation, or if you were granted early termination of probation, the court must grant your petition to dismiss.
- If you did not satisfy the terms and conditions of your probation, it is up to the court whether or not to grant your petition. You may attach supporting documents to convince the court that granting your petition would be “in the interests of justice.”
- You can ask to reduce the conviction to a misdemeanor if the offense is a “wobbler.” ([Penal Code section 17\(b\).](#)) A wobbler is an offense that can be either a felony or misdemeanor. To find out whether you were convicted of a wobbler, you will need to look up the code section for your conviction. If the code section mentions county jail as a possible sentence, then the offense is a “wobbler.”

To request dismissal, use [Form CR-180](#), and submit the order ([Form CR-181](#)) for the judge to sign.

## Felony conviction with county jail sentence under Penal Code section 1170(h)(5) (with or without mandatory supervision)

- If your sentence included mandatory supervision, the case can be dismissed one year after you complete your sentence. It is up to the court whether or not to grant your petition. You may attach supporting documents to convince the court that granting your petition would be “in the interests of justice.”
- If your sentence did **not** include mandatory supervision, the case can be dismissed two years after you complete your sentence. It is up to the court whether or not to grant your petition. You may attach supporting documents to convince the court that granting your petition would be “in the interests of justice.”

To request dismissal and reduction, use [Form CR-180](#), and submit the order [Form CR-181](#) for the judge to sign.

## Felony conviction with a state prison sentence

- **Before January 1, 2023**, if you were convicted of a felony offense and served time in state prison, you could only ask to have your case dismissed if a change in the law made that same offense punishable by a county jail sentence instead of a prison sentence, or if you participated in a fire camp or institutional firehouse.
- **Starting January 1, 2023**, if you were convicted of a felony offense and served time in state prison, and the conviction did not result in a requirement to register as a sex offender, the case can be dismissed two years after you complete the prison sentence. It is up to the court whether or not to grant your petition. You may attach supporting documents to convince the court that granting your petition would be “in the interests of justice.”
- You may also apply for a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon. See the [Certificate of Rehabilitation](#) and [Pardon](#) section for more information.

To request dismissal, use [Form CR-180](#), and submit the order [Form CR-181](#) for the judge to sign.

### Fire camp or institutional firehouse participants

- If you successfully participated in a fire camp program or institutional firehouse while serving time in state prison or county jail, and your conviction was not for certain serious offenses, you can ask the court to dismiss your conviction under Penal Code section 1203.4b. It is up to the court whether or not to grant your petition. You may attach supporting documents to convince the court that granting your petition would be “in the interests of justice.”

To request dismissal, use [form CR-430](#). You should also include [form CR-431](#) (which the court will forward to the California Department of Corrections or the appropriate county authority to confirm your successful participation) and [form CR-432](#) (which the judge will use to grant or deny your request).

For more information and frequently asked questions, read [form CR-430-INFO](#).

## Proposition 47: Reducing felony convictions for drug possession and low-level theft convictions to

# misdemeanors

Under Proposition 47, some individuals are eligible to have certain felony drug or theft convictions reduced to a misdemeanor.

## Who is eligible

You may be eligible to reduce your felony to a misdemeanor under Penal Code section 1170.18 if prior to November 2014 you were convicted of either:

- Simple drug possession (no sales or transportation) under Health and Safety code sections §§ 11350, 11357(a), or 11377
- Some theft offenses, where the value was not more than \$950

*Which felony theft offenses qualify?* ▼

The following theft offenses are eligible:

- Commercial burglary of \$950 or less from a store during business hours (Penal Code section 459)
- Forgery of \$950 or less (Penal Code section 470-476)
- Fraud/bad checks of \$950 or less (Penal Code section 476a)
- Grand theft of \$950 or less (Penal Code section 487)
- Petty theft of \$950 or less (Penal Code sections 484, 484/666)
- Receiving Stolen Property of \$950 or less (Penal Code section 496)

Some other theft offenses may be eligible, but you must do legal research or consult a lawyer to find out.

Additionally, to qualify:

- You can't have a prior conviction that requires you to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290(c)
- You can't have a “super strike” conviction

## Applications

Previously, the deadline to apply for reduction under Proposition 47 was November 22, 2022. However, effective October 8, 2023, the deadline was removed, and individuals may continue to ask the court to reduce eligible convictions under Proposition 47.

There is no statewide form to apply for Prop 47 relief. Check with the court where the conviction occurred to find out if there is a local form. If no form is available, you may write your own request and file it with the court. You will need to show the court a good cause why you missed the filing deadline. There may be a local legal organization that can help you with the process.

If the court finds that your conviction is eligible, the court will reduce the conviction to a misdemeanor. If you went to state prison for an offense that was later changed to a misdemeanor under Proposition 47, you can apply to have your conviction dismissed. Follow the instructions in the Felony Conviction With a State Prison Sentence section above.

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# **Request for Dismissal (Criminal Record Expungement)**



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## **How-To Guide**

### **Self-Help Legal Access Centers**

#### **Santa Monica**

1725 Main St.,  
Room 210  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

#### **Inglewood**

1 East Regent St.,  
Room 107  
Inglewood, CA 90301

#### **Torrance**

825 Maple Ave.,  
Room 160  
Torrance, CA 90503

#### **Long Beach**

275 Magnolia Ave.,  
Room 3101  
Long Beach, CA 90802

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This guide is designed to help you fill out the forms yourself. It is not intended to provide legal advice nor strategy as to how to complete the case. The information provided in this packet only presents options and examples. This is not a substitute for professional legal advice from an attorney.

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY<br>NAME: <b>PRINT YOUR NAME</b><br>FIRM NAME:<br>STREET ADDRESS: <b>PRINT YOUR ADDRESS</b><br>CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:<br>TELEPHONE NO.: <b>PRINT YOUR PHONE #</b> FAX NO.:<br>EMAIL ADDRESS:<br>ATTORNEY FOR (name): <b>PRINT "SELF-REPRESENTED"</b> |  | FOR COURT USE ONLY                                                    |  |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles<br>STREET ADDRESS: Print Court's Address<br>MAILING ADDRESS:<br>CITY AND ZIP CODE:                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b>PRINT YOUR NAME AS SHOWN ON YOUR CASE RECORD</b>                   |  |
| PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA<br>DEFENDANT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | CASE NUMBER:<br><b>PRINT YOUR CASE # AS SHOWN ON YOUR CASE RECORD</b> |  |
| <b>PETITION FOR DISMISSAL</b><br>(Pen. Code, §§ 17(b), 17(d)(2), 1203.4, 1203.4a, 1203.41, 1203.42, 1203.43, 1203.49)                                                                                                                                                                  |  | FOR COURT USE ONLY<br>DATE:<br>TIME:<br>DEPARTMENT:                   |  |

**Note to petitioner:** Your conviction may have already been automatically dismissed by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) under Penal Code section 1203.425. If so, this petition may be unnecessary—but there may be additional benefits to filing it with the court, including felony reduction under Penal Code section 1203.4. If you are not sure if your conviction has already been dismissed, you can request your Record of Arrest and Prosecution from the DOJ, but this is not required.

1. On (date): \_\_\_\_\_, the petitioner (the \_\_\_\_\_) was convicted of a violation of the following offenses or was granted deferred entry of judgment for the following offenses:

| Code<br>(Penal,<br>Vehicle, etc.) | Section | Type of offense (felony,<br>misdemeanor, or infraction)        | Eligible for reduction to<br>misdemeanor under Penal<br>Code, § 17(b) (yes or no) | Eligible for reduction to<br>infraction under Penal<br>Code, § 17(d)(2) (yes or no) |
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|                                   |         | Print the type of conviction here (i.e. misdemeanor or felony) | Print "yes" if offense was a felony                                               | Print "Yes" if offense was a misdemeanor                                            |
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Print the code of your conviction, e.g., PC, VC, etc.

Print the section number of your conviction e.g., 23152(b).

- If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet to Judicial Council Form (form MC-025).
2. ☐ **Felony or misdemeanor** (Pen. Code, § 1203.4)

Probation was granted in the docket of the above-entitled court; the petitioner is not serving a sentence for any offense, on probation for any offense, or currently charged with committing any crime, and the petitioner (check all that apply)

- a. ☐ has fulfilled the conditions of probation for the entire period thereof.
- b. ☐ has been discharged from probation prior to the termination of the period thereof.
- c. ☐ should be granted an early end to probation.

Check this box if you were given probation

Read sections 2 (a-c) and check the box(es) that apply.

Check box 2 (b) if you were granted an early end to probation.

If you checked box 2 (c) explain in the space below 2 (c) why the judge should dismiss your conviction.

granting a dismissal would be by attaching a letter or document (form MC-025) or attach it to this petition.)

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3. ☐ **Misdemeanor or infraction with sentence other than probation (Pen. Code, § 1203.4a)**

Probation was not granted; more than one year has elapsed since judgment was pronounced. Petitioner has complied with the sentence of the court and is not serving a sentence for any offense or currently charged with committing any crime; and the petitioner (*check one*)

a. ☐ has lived an honest and upright life since pronouncement of judgment and conformed to and obeyed the laws of the land;  
*or*

b. ☐ should be granted relief in the interests of justice. (*Please note: You may explain why granting a dismissal would be in the interests of justice. You can provide that information by writing in the space below or by attaching a letter or other relevant documents. If you need more space for your writing, you can use Attachment (form MC-025) or Attached Declaration (form MC-031) (which is signed under penalty of perjury) and attach it to this petition.*)

Check this box if you were convicted of a misdemeanor and were not given probation

If you checked this box, use the blank space to tell the judge why they should dismiss your conviction.

4. ☐ **Misdemeanor conviction under Penal Code section 647(b) (Pen. Code, § 1203.49)**

Petitioner has completed a term of probation for a conviction under Penal Code section 647(b) and should be granted relief because the conviction was the result of petitioner's status as a victim of human trafficking.

(*Please provide evidence that the conviction was the result of your status as a victim of human trafficking. You can provide that information by writing in the space below or by attaching a letter or other relevant documents. If you need more space for your writing, you can use Attachment (form MC-025) or Attached Declaration (form MC-031) (which is signed under penalty of perjury) and attach it to this petition.*)

Check this box if you were convicted of a misdemeanor for prostitution.

Check this box if you served a county jail sentence for a felony or felony state prison sentence.

5. ☐ **Felony county jail sentence under Penal Code section 1170(h)(5) or felony state prison sentence (Pen. Code, § 1203.41)**

Petitioner is not on parole or under supervision under Penal Code section 1170(h)(5)(B); is not serving a sentence for, on probation for, or currently charged with committing any crime; and should be granted relief in the interests of justice, and (*check one*)

a. ☐ more than one year has elapsed since petitioner completed the felony county jail sentence **with** a period of mandatory supervision imposed under Penal Code section 1170(h)(5)(B).

b. ☐ more than two years have elapsed since petitioner completed the felony county jail sentence **without** a period of mandatory supervision imposed under Penal Code section 1170(h)(5)(A).

c. ☐ more than two years have elapsed since petitioner completed the felony state prison sentence, and the conviction did not result in a requirement to register as a sex offender under Chapter 5.5 (starting with section 290) of Title 9 of Part 1 of the Penal Code.

(*Please note: You may explain why granting a dismissal would be in the interests of justice. You can provide that information by writing in the space below or by attaching a letter or other relevant documents. If you need more space for your writing, you can use Attachment (form MC-025) or Attached Declaration (form MC-031) (which is signed under penalty of perjury) and attach it to this petition.*)

If you checked this box, use this space to tell the Judge why they should dismiss your conviction.

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6. ☐ **Felony prison sentence that would have been eligible for a felony county jail sentence after 2011 under Penal Code section 1170(h)(5) (Pen. Code, § 1203.42)**

Petitioner is not under supervision and is not serving a sentence for, on probation for, or currently charged with committing any crime; more than two years have elapsed since petitioner completed the felony prison sentence; and petitioner should be granted relief in the interests of justice.

*(Please note: You may explain why granting a dismissal would be in the interests of justice. You can provide that information by writing in the space below or by attaching a letter or other relevant documents. If you need more space for your writing, you can use Attachment (form MC-025) or Attached Declaration (form MC-031) (which is signed under penalty of perjury) and attach it to this petition.)*

If you checked this box, use this space to tell the Judge why s/he should dismiss your conviction.

Check this box if criminal charges were dismissed after completing a deferred entry of judgment program.

Print the date the charges were dismissed.

7. ☐ **Deferred entry of judgment (Pen. Code, § 1203.43)**

Petitioner performed satisfactorily during the period in which deferred entry of judgment was granted. The criminal charge(s) were dismissed under former Penal Code section 1000.3 on (date):

Furthermore (check one),

- a. ☐ court records are available showing the case resolution; **or**

- b. ☐ petitioner declares under penalty of perjury that the charges were dismissed after petitioner completed the requirements for deferred entry of judgment. **Read sections (a) and (b) and select if any box applies.**

- (1) ☐ has  
(2) ☐ has not

attached a copy of petitioner's state summary criminal history information.

8. Petitioner requests that the eligible felony offenses listed above be reduced to misdemeanors under Penal Code section 17(b) and eligible misdemeanor offenses be reduced to infractions under Penal Code section 17(d)(2).
9. Petitioner requests that petitioner be permitted to withdraw the plea of guilty, or that the verdict or finding of guilt be set aside and a plea of not guilty be entered and the court dismiss this action under the Penal Code section(s) noted above.

Date: **PRINT TODAY'S DATE**

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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

**SIGN YOUR NAME**

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY)

1. ☐ The court **GRANTS** the petition for reduction of a felony to a misdemeanor (maximum punishment of 364 days per Pen. Code, § 18.5) under Penal Code section 17(b) and/or for reduction of a misdemeanor to an infraction under Penal Code section 17(d)(2) and reduces

a. ☐ ALL FELONY CONVICTIONS in the above-entitled action.

b. ☐ ALL MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS in the above-entitled action.

c. ☐ only the following convictions in the above-entitled action (specify charges and date of conviction):

2. ☐ The court **DENIES** the reduction of a misdemeanor to a misdemeanor.

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3. ☐ The court **GRANTS**  
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a. ☐ ALL CONVICTIONS OR PLEAS FOR DEFERRED ENTRY OF JUDGMENT in the above-entitled action.

b. ☐ only the following convictions or pleas for deferred entry of judgment in the above-entitled action (*specify charges and date of conviction or plea for deferred entry of judgment*):

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4. ☐ The court **DENIES** the petition for dismissal under Penal Code (check all that apply)  
☐ § 1203.4 ☐ § 1203.4a ☐ § 1203.41 ☐ § 1203.42 ☐ § 1203.43 ☐ § 1203.49 for (check one)  
 a. ☐ ALL CONVICTIONS OR PLEAS FOR DEFERRED ENTRY OF JUDGMENT in the above-entitled action.  
 b. ☐ only the following convictions or pleas for deferred entry of judgment in the above-entitled action (specify charges and date of conviction or plea for deferred entry of judgment):

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 (See, e.g., Pen. Code

7. If this order is granted un  
 released from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the offense except as provided in Penal Code sections 29800 and 29900 (formerly sections 12021 and 12021.1) and Vehicle Code section 13555. In any subsequent prosecution of the petitioner for any other offense, the prior conviction may be pleaded and proved and shall have the same effect as if probation had not been granted or the accusation or information dismissed. The dismissal does not permit a person to own, possess, or have in their control a firearm if prevented by Penal Code section 29800 or 29900 (formerly sections 12021 and 12021.1). Dismissal of a conviction does not permit a person prohibited from holding public office as a result of that conviction to hold public office.

8. Dismissal under Penal Code section 1203.4 or 1203.4a does not release petitioner from the terms and conditions of any unexpired criminal protective order issued under Penal Code section 136.2(i)(1), 273.5(j), 368(l), or 646.9(k).

9. In addition, as required by Penal Code section 299(f), relief under Penal Code section 17(b), 17(d)(2), 1203.4, 1203.4a, 1203.41, 1203.42, or 1203.49 does not release petitioner from the separate administrative duty to provide specimens, samples, or print impressions under the DNA and Forensic Identification Database and Data Bank Act (Pen. Code, § 295 et seq.) if petitioner was found guilty by a trier of fact, not guilty by reason of insanity, or pled no contest to a qualifying offense as defined in Penal Code section 296(a).

10. The basis for an order of dismissal granted under the provisions of Penal Code section 1203.43 is the invalidity of petitioner's prior plea due to misinformation in former Penal Code section 1000.4 regarding the actual consequences of making a plea and successful completion of a deferred entry of judgment program.

11. Notice: Except as provided in Penal Code section 1203.425(a)(4), if this order is granted under Penal Code section 1203.4, 1203.4a, 1203.41, or 1203.42, the court must not disclose information concerning a conviction granted relief to any person or entity, in any format, except to the person whose conviction was granted relief or to a criminal justice agency.

FOR COURT USE ONLY

Date:



(JUDICIAL OFFICER)

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

## Instructions

- Before using this form, read *Information on How to File a Proof of Service in Criminal Record Clearing Requests* (form CR-106-INFO).
- This form is only for providing proof that a document or form was served (delivered) in a case requesting that a court review a criminal record for dismissal, vacatur, resentencing, reduction, sealing, or other **record clearing remedy**.
- The person who serves (delivers) a document or form in this case and who fills out this form must be at least 18 years old.
- This form is for proof of service by mail or personal delivery. For proof of electronic service, use *Proof of Electronic Service* (form POS-050/EES-050).
- A completed form should be filed with the court for your records.

Select where  
paperwork was  
served from.

- ① At the time I served the document or form listed below, I was at least 18 years old.

- ② My ☐ home ☐ business address is:

PRINT address of person who served the paperwork for you.

Street City State Zip

- ③ I mailed or personally delivered the following document or form (fill in the name of the document you are serving and complete ④ or ⑤):

PRINT: CR-180 - Petition for Dismissal; and CR-181 - Order for Dismissal.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of  
LOS ANGELES

PRINT COURT'S ADDRESS

Fill in criminal case number and case name:

Case Number:

Print your case # as shown your case record

Case Name:

People of the State of California

V. PRINT Your Name as Shown on Your Case Record

## ④ Service by mail



- (a) I put one copy of the document or form in an envelope addressed to each agency (and person, if applicable) listed below, sealed the envelope, and put first-class postage on the envelope.
- (b) The envelope or envelopes were addressed as follows:

- (1) Name of agency served (and person, if applicable): PRINT the District or City Attorney that Prosecuted Your case  
Address on envelope: Print the complete business address of the District or City Attorney that prosecuted your case

Street City State Zip

- (2) Name of agency served (and person, if applicable):

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State Zip

e people or agencies. Attach a  
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- (c) I mailed the envelope or envelopes on (date): Print date forms were mailed from (city): Print city forms (state): Abbreviate  
by depositing the envelope or envelopes (check one): were mailed from State forms  
were mailed from

- (1) ☐ With the U.S. Postal Service.

- (2) ☐ At an office or business mail drop where I  
with the U.S. Postal Service.

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your paperwork.

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**5 Service by Personal Delivery**

I personally

(a) Name

(1)

(2)

(3)

(b) Name

(1)

(2)

**Skip Section 5**

(3) Time when you gave the document or form to this person:

- ☐ Check here if you gave copies of the document or form to more people. Attach a separate page listing the names of each of these people, the address where you gave each of them the document or form, and the date and time you gave them the document or form. Write "CR-106, Item 5" on the top of the page.

**6** I declare under penalty of perjury under California state law that the information above is true and correct.

Date: Print date form is being signed

Person who served the documents, prints their Full Name

*Type or print server's name*

The same person signs their name

*Server signs here after serving*

## CLEAN SLATE FACT SHEET

### NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF RESULTS & CONDITIONS:

- 851.91**      **Partial Sealing of Arrests Not Leading to Conviction.**
- 17(b):**      **Felony Reduction to Misdemeanor.** If your eligible felony is reduced to a misdemeanor under PC 17(b), it is reduced to a misdemeanor for almost all purposes.
- 17(d):**      **Misdemeanor Reduction to Infraction.** If your eligible misdemeanor is reduced to an infraction under PC 17(d), it is reduced to an infraction for almost all purposes.
- 1203.3:**      **Early Termination of Probation.** If the judge grants a PC 1203.3, then you are no longer on probation for that case.
- 1203.4:**      **Dismissal.** This relief does not erase/seal the conviction from your record or court records, but it can relieve some of the effects of your conviction and help with obtaining employment and, in certain circumstances, occupational licensure in California. Additionally, a dismissal limits who is entitled to receive/review information about your dismissed conviction. If you have to register as a sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act, a dismissal does **not** end that requirement. A dismissal of a conviction also does not reinstate firearm rights that are lost with a felony conviction and in other circumstances. (For more info. about eligibility for firearms, visit <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>.)
- 1203.4a:**      This relief does not erase/seal the conviction from your record or court records, but it can relieve some of the effects of your conviction and help with obtaining employment and, in certain circumstances, occupational licensure in California. Additionally, a dismissal limits who is entitled to receive/review information about your dismissed conviction. If you have to register as a sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act, a dismissal does **not** end that requirement. A dismissal of a conviction also does not reinstate firearm rights that are lost with a felony conviction and in other circumstances. (For more info. about eligibility for firearms, visit <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>.)
- 1203.41:**      This relief does not erase/seal the conviction from your record or court records, but it can relieve some of the effects of your conviction and help with obtaining employment and, in certain circumstances, occupational licensure in California. Additionally, a dismissal limits who is entitled to receive/review information about your dismissed conviction. If you have to register as a sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act, a dismissal does **not** end that requirement. A dismissal of a conviction also does not reinstate firearm rights that are lost with a felony conviction and in other circumstances. (For more info. about eligibility for firearms, visit <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>.)
- 1203.42:**      This relief does not erase/seal the conviction from your record or court records, but it can relieve some of the effects of your conviction and help with obtaining employment and, in certain circumstances, occupational licensure in California. Additionally, a dismissal limits who is entitled to receive/review information about your dismissed conviction. If you have to register as a sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act, a dismissal does **not** end that requirement. A dismissal of a conviction also does not reinstate firearm rights that are lost with a felony conviction and in other circumstances. (For more info. about eligibility for firearms, visit <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>.)
- 1203.4b:**      These dismissals generally have the same limitations as those listed above and some additional benefits about which you can contact your Clean Slate attorney.
- 1203.425**      This CA Department of Justice automated conviction record relief has largely the same benefits and limitations as PC 1203.4 relief. You will not receive an order for PC 1203.425 relief.

**\*\*Please review your court orders for more information about the impact and limitations of the relief you received.**

### CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS:

Some employers ask only about felony convictions or recent convictions, not misdemeanor convictions or arrests that did not lead to conviction. **Disclose ONLY the information requested.** If you have concerns about how to answer a question related to any application, please contact the Clean Slate Unit.

Please Note: Most California employers may not ask you any questions about criminal history until after they have made a conditional offer of employment. Exceptions include law enforcement and criminal justice employers, and employers required by law to run a background check (e.g., schools, banks, ride sharing companies like Uber or Lyft).

## **Public Jobs:**

Generally, “public jobs” are those at government entities, that require a LiveScan (fingerprinting), that require a permit or certificate, government issued license or security clearance, or that involve working with children or the elderly, healthcare work, etc.

A criminal background check prepared for a “public” entity will sometimes include all convictions, including, for example, those dismissed under PC 1203.4, PC 1203.4a, PC 1203.41, PC 1203.42, and PC 1203.425. If your convictions have been dismissed pursuant to those sections and the job-related document asks you about dismissed convictions, you may provide the information requested and write: “conviction dismissed pursuant to PC (1203.4, 1203.4a, 1203.41, 1203.42, 1203.425).”

## **Private Jobs:**

Many other jobs are considered “private” (e.g., non-government companies hiring for jobs that do not involve work with sensitive populations or government contracts; jobs that do not require fingerprinting.)

With certain exceptions, your California background report for private employers should **not** include any of the following information about your criminal history:

- Convictions over seven years old (how this period is calculated depends on your sentence; note that transportation network companies (e.g., Uber and Lyft) have different rules and, for example, can receive information about some convictions older than seven years);
- Arrests not leading to conviction (typically unless they are pending pronouncement of judgment);
- Dismissed convictions;
- Successful diversion programs.

After you have had ALL of your convictions dismissed under PC 1203.4, etc., in California you are legally permitted to state that you have “no convictions” when applying for a private job.

## **YOUR RIGHTS:**

- Potential private employers must first get your permission before running your criminal background check.
- You have the right to request a copy of your background check report. Always ask for a copy.
- Your criminal record should be reported correctly. If for some reason there is an error, you have the right to have those mistakes corrected.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**For more information or for questions about the relief you have received, contact:**

- Alameda County Public Defender’s Office, Clean Slate Unit
  - 510-268-7400
  - [www.acgov.org/defender](http://www.acgov.org/defender)

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# RECENT CALIFORNIA “CLEAN SLATE” INITIATIVES & IMMIGRANTS

How a new automatic expungements law **does not** erase  
convictions for immigration purposes

JULY 2023

There is a new law in California that went into effect in 2023 called the **California Clean Slate Act (SB 731)**. Under the Clean Slate Act, authorities will automatically expunge – or dismiss – certain arrests and criminal convictions. The California Department of Justice will be reviewing criminal records state-wide on a monthly basis for those convictions and arrests that will be expunged. When identifying records to be expunged, the government will consider, among other things, whether the person has successfully completed a drug diversion program.

**It's important to note that an *expungement* is a dismissal of a conviction or arrest record, but not for all purposes.** While expungement provides relief in the California state criminal legal system, it doesn't provide the same relief in the immigration context. The general rule in immigration law is that state expungements are not recognized by immigration authorities as erasing a conviction or arrest. This means that, even though a conviction or arrest may be expunged under California law, it will still be on the record for immigration purposes and could result in deportation or make certain immigrants ineligible for permanent residence (green card) or U.S. citizenship.

## CONSULT WITH AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY BEFORE FILING

If your criminal arrest or conviction was automatically expunged under the new law, it could still be on your record for immigration purposes. You should consult with a

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trusted immigration attorney before applying for any immigration benefit, seeking any immigration relief, or applying for naturalization. Even if your conviction is “expunged” under the new law, you must disclose the prior conviction if you are trying to obtain an immigration benefit or relief from deportation. Failure to do so can result in denial of your application.

To find a trusted immigration legal services provider in your area, you can access the National Immigration Legal Services Directory from the *Immigration Advocates Network* here: [ilrc.me/gethelp](https://ilrc.me/gethelp).

## WHAT STEPS TO TAKE IF YOUR CONVICTION IS EXPUNGED

1. Obtain a full copy of the criminal case that was expunged including court records and police records. You may be asked by immigration authorities to present evidence about the expunged convictions. If so, it will be helpful to have records of the expunged convictions.
2. If you need your criminal conviction erased for immigration purposes to prevent a deportation or to apply for status, you can still file a “vacatur for cause” on the expunged case. A “vacatur for cause” will be recognized as eliminating the prior conviction for immigration purposes. Consult with an attorney to find out if there was a defect in your criminal proceedings. **Examples of defects in the criminal proceedings could include the following:**
  - Your lawyer did not advise you of the immigration consequences of the plea or participation in a diversion program.
  - The court failed to advise you at the time of the plea that the conviction could have immigration consequences that could lead to deportation, inadmissibility, or denial of naturalization.
  - You failed to understand the immigration consequences of a plea for another reason such as an interpreter was not provided to you.

## HOW AN EXPUNGEMENT CAN AFFECT YOUR CASE

1. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has strict limitations if you've been convicted of certain crimes. However, in certain circumstances an expungement will allow U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) to consider renewing or granting DACA, even where the applicant has an otherwise disqualifying conviction.

**For example:** If you had DACA and you had a prior conviction for a misdemeanor Driving Under the Influence (DUI) which caused you to lose your DACA status, an expungement under the California law will count as having that conviction removed or taken away for DACA purposes and you might be able to get a new DACA issued.

2. If you have a relatively minor drug offense arrest or conviction not related to sales or distribution, such as for a simple possession of controlled substance, that occurred prior to July 14, 2011, the expungement may be recognized for immigration purposes.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. If your conviction or arrest was expunged under the new law, **DO NOT apply for any immigration benefit without consulting an immigration attorney first.** Applying for a benefit where criminal history is an issue could result in detention or deportation even if your conviction has been expunged by the State of California.
2. **If detained by ICE, do not answer any questions about a prior arrest or conviction.** Ask to speak to an attorney. If filling out an application for an immigration benefit, consult with an attorney before answering any questions about a prior arrest or conviction.
3. Before applying for any benefit, **request all records of the expunged conviction**



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**from the court or your previous attorney.**

- 4.** Consult with an attorney to see if you qualify to erase your conviction for immigration purposes through a **“vacatur for cause.”**

Are you a California Community College (CCC) or a California State University (CSU) student? If so, you qualify for **FREE** immigration legal services!

**FIND OUT MORE**

**CCC:** [findyourally.com](https://findyourally.com)

**CSU:** [findyourally.com/csu](https://findyourally.com/csu)

Discover more community explainers, toolkits,  
& alerts about immigration law.

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# Clean Slate Clinics in California

This **external** clinic list was compiled by Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) in April 2026 in recognition of Second Chance Month to support individuals seeking clean slate services in California. Information on each organization was gathered and verified by our team of interns and staff members. An organization may be listed multiple times if it serves more than one county. While we have made efforts to ensure that any general legal information and referrals included herein are current, we cannot guarantee their accuracy, quality, or continued availability. This list is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice or an endorsement of any specific organization or provider. You should consult your own attorney for legal advice tailored to your individual situation.

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## Alameda County

### Alameda County Public Defenders

- **What?:** Walk-in clinic for initial intake & eligibility screening
- **When?:** Thursday 5/7/26 9AM (intakes close at 11AM)
- **Where?:** 545 4th Street in Oakland, CA
- **More info:** If you are unable to attend a walk-in clinic, please call **510-268-7400** and select the Clean Slate option to see if we can provide any further information and/or referrals (future clinic dates will be announced on the website)
- **Website:** <https://publicdefender.acgov.org/CleanSlate.page>

### BayLegal Monthly Reentry Office Hours at BOSS

- **When?:** 2nd Thursdays, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
- **Where?:** Eastmont Town Center, 7200 Bancroft Ave, Oakland, CA 94605
- **More info:** These are office hours where BayLegal reentry staff will be able to meet with people one-on-one about their reentry-related legal issue.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/event/baylegal-monthly-office-hours-at-boss/2026-05-14/>

### BayLegal Monthly Reentry Office Hours at CORE

- **When?:** 3rd Thursdays 10:00 AM-2:30 PM
- **Where?:** Center of Reentry Excellence, 100 Hegenberger Rd, Oakland, California 94621
- **More info:** These are office hours where BayLegal reentry staff will be able to meet with people one-on-one about their reentry-related legal issue.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/event/baylegal-monthly-office-hours-at-core/2026-05-21/>

## Los Angeles County

### LAFLA Whittier Expungement Legal Clinics

- **When?:** Every 2nd Monday | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Where?:** Greater Whittier LGBTQ+ Community Center
- 7639 Painter Avenue Whittier, CA 90602
- **More info:** Clinics are in-person and appointment-only. Schedule an appointment by calling the Center at (562) 261-5611.

- **Other services offered:** Name & Gender Identifier Change Clinic Hours: Every 4th Monday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Website:** <https://lafla.org/get-help/expungement/#Clinics>

#### LAFLA LATTC Legal Intake Clinic

- **When?:** First Tuesday of the Month 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Where?:** LATTC WorkSource Center The Tom Bradley Center for Student Life, C2-106 400 W. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015
- **More info:** Walk-ins welcome!
- **Other services offered:** record expungement, early termination of probation, 290 registration requirements
- **Website:** <https://lafla.org/get-help/expungement/#Clinics>

#### LAFLA Watts Legal Intake Clinic

- **When?:** Third Tuesday of the Month 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- **Where?:** Southeast LA WorkSource Center Watts Labor Community Action Committee 10950 S. Central Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90059
- **Other services offered:** record expungement, felony/misdemeanor reductions, occupational licensing, driver's license and traffic issues,
- **Website:** <https://lafla.org/get-help/expungement/#Clinics>

#### Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Virtual Expungement Clinic

- **When?:** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- **More info:** All participants must be pre-screened for our services and pre-registered for our clinics. Call 1-800-399-4529 or apply online for screening and registration.
- **Website:** <https://lafla.org/get-help/expungement/#Clinics>

## San Francisco County

#### San Francisco Public Defender's Clean Slate Clinic/Justice & Diversity Center Legal Advice + Referral Clinic

- **When?:** Every 3rd Wednesday, monthly, 10AM-12PM
- **Where?:** GLIDE Center for Social Justice 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94102
- **Clean slate services provided:** reducing felonies to misdemeanors, seal arrest records, dismiss or expunge convictions, petitions to terminate probation, vacate convictions for victims of human trafficking, obtain certificates of rehabilitation, terminate registry requirements.
- **Other services:** consult with a volunteer attorney specializing in the following areas of civil law: family, housing, employment, immigration, bankruptcy, and more.
- **More info:** The clinic is in-person and no appointments are necessary. **We may not be able to provide a consult if you arrive after 11:30 AM.** Spanish and Chinese interpreters *may* be available.
- **Website:** <https://www.glide.org/programs/unconditional-legal-clinic/>

## Santa Barbara County

### CRLA Clean Slate Clinic for Santa Barbara County residents

- **When?:** Friday, May 8, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Where?:** The Colleges of Law – Santa Barbara campus located at 20 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- **More info:** If you are interested in clearing your criminal record, please register in advance to receive services at the Santa Barbara Clean Slate Clinic on May 8, 2026 by calling (805) 902-CRLA or emailing [reentry@crla.org](mailto:reentry@crla.org). Walk-ins are welcome but registration is strongly preferred.
- **Website:**  
<https://crla.org/articles/santa-barbara-county-residents-clear-criminal-records-help-crla-and-pro-bono-partners-0>



## Clean Slate Services in California

This referral list was compiled by Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) in April 2026 in recognition of Second Chance Month to support individuals seeking clean slate services in California. Information on each organization was gathered and verified by our team of interns and staff members.

We will use "record clearing" as a shorthand for legal services that include, but are not limited to: Penal Code section 1203.4, 1203.4a, 1203.41, 1203.4b dismissals (commonly called "expungement"), early termination of probation, felony and misdemeanor reductions, vacatur for survivors of human trafficking, vacatur for immigrants, Certificate of Rehabilitation, CA Governor's Pardon, arrest records sealing, etc. **NOTE:** *Not all service providers who have listed record clearing will provide all of the services listed here.*

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This list is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice or an endorsement of any specific organization or provider. You should consult your own attorney for legal advice tailored to your individual situation. *If you are a service provider, and you would like to update/add your organization's contact information, please contact Legal Services for Prisoners with Children at 415-255-7036.*

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children **does not** provide record clearing or other post-conviction legal services.

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### Statewide Resources:

- Courts: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/clean-your-record/legal-help>
- Clear My Record: <https://www.clearmyrecord.org>
- The Access Project: <https://accessprojectca.org>

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### Alameda County

#### Alameda County Public Defenders

- **Contact:** Visit the Clean Slate page of the Alameda County Public Defender's website for the most up-to-date information about seeking services from the Clean Slate Unit. | 510-268-7400
- **Services:** Criminal record remedies (e.g., dismissals of eligible convictions per PC 1203.4, petitions for termination of PC 290 sex offender registration for eligible individuals)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income and other relevant legal eligibility criteria, and eligibility is determined after completion of an intake. Typically, the AC Public Defenders Office is only able to seek relief for Alameda County convictions (with limited exceptions).
- **Website:** <https://publicdefender.acgov.org/CleanSlate.page>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Bay Area Legal Aid- Alameda

- **Contact:** 1735 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612 | 510-663-4755
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://baulegal.org/legal-areas/reentry/>

### **Amador County**

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603 | 530-823-756 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <http://lsnc.net/office/auburn>

### **Butte County**

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 541 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928 | 530-345-9491 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/chico>

### **Calaveras County**

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603 | 530-823-756 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <http://lsnc.net/office/auburn>

### **Colusa County**

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 541 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928 | 530-345-9491 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/chico>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Contra Costa County

#### Bay Area Legal Aid - Contra Costa

- **Contact:** 1025 Macdonald Ave, Richmond, CA 94801 | (510) 233-9954
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/resources/contra-costa-county-office/>

#### Contra Costa Public Defenders

- **Contact:** 800 Ferry Street Martinez, CA 94553 | (925) 608-9600
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony Reductions
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** You must not have any open cases in other counties, not be on parole or probation, and if you are in Alameda county you must be at least halfway done with your parole. Your conviction must also be in Alameda county.
- **Website:** <https://www.cocopublicdefenders.org/clean-slate>

#### Reentry Success Center

- **Contact:** 912 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801 | 510-679-2122
- **Services:** Record Clearing,
- **Website:** <https://reentrysuccess.org/legal-services/>

### Del Norte County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 123 Third Street Eureka, CA 95501 | 707-445-0866 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/eureka>

### El Dorado County

#### El Dorado County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 3976 Durock Road Suite 104, Shingle Springs, CA 95682 | 530-621-6440
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** No eligibility restrictions
- **Website:** <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Public-Safety-Justice/Safety-Justice/Public-Defender>

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603 | 530-823-756 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <http://lsnc.net/office/auburn>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Fresno County

#### Central California Legal Services

- **Contact:** 2115 Kern Street Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721 | 559-570-1274
- **Services:** Record clearing, civil legal services, housing eviction dissent, public benefits, insurance and public health assistance including Medi-Cal and Medicare, veterans legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://centralcallegal.org/>

#### Fresno County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 2135 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721 | 559-600-3546
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in Fresno County or completed probation in Fresno County. Client cannot be on active probation or parole or have pending criminal matters.
- **Website:** <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Defender/Post-Conviction-Assistance/Clean-Slate>

### Glenn County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 541 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928 | 530-345-9491 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/chico>

### Humboldt County

#### California Indian Legal Services

- **Contact:** 2355 Central Avenue, Suite C McKinleyville, CA 95519 | 707-443-8397
- **Services:** CILS focuses on the legal needs of the Native American community. We seek to advance Native American rights through highly efficient and effective legal services. One of the services we offer is record relief.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be Native American, reside in CA (unless your legal issue is in CA and you live outside of CA), and have a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) to qualify for free services, pending review and approval. This office serves the following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou & Trinity.
- **Website:** <https://www.calindian.org/expungement/>

#### Humboldt County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 1001 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501 | 707-445-7634
- **Services:** Record clearing, services for criminal and juvenile cases, social worker referrals
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Court appointed representation only.



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Website:** <https://humboldt.gov.org/1345/Public-Defender>

### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 123 Third Street Eureka, CA 95501 | 707-445-0866 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/eureka>

## Inyo County

### California Indian Legal Services

- **Contact:** 873 N. Main Street, Suite 120 Bishop, CA 93514 | 760-873-3581
- **Services:** CILS focuses on the legal needs of the Native American community. We seek to advance Native American rights through highly efficient and effective legal services. One of the services we offer is record relief.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be Native American, reside in CA (unless your legal issue is in CA and you live outside of CA), and have a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) to qualify for free services, pending review and approval. This office serves the following counties: Alpine, Inyo, Kern, Mono, and Tuolumne.
- **Website:** <https://www.calindian.org/expungement/>

## Kern County

### Kern County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 1315 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301 | 661-868-4799 | [cleanslate@kerncounty.com](mailto:cleanslate@kerncounty.com)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/departments/public-defender/clean-slate-program>

## Kings County

### Central California Legal Services

- **Contact:** 2025 W Feemster Ave, Visalia, CA 93277 | 559-802-1130
- **Services:** Record clearing, civil legal services, housing eviction dissent, public benefits, insurance and public health assistance including Medi-Cal and Medicare, veterans legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://centralcallegal.org/>

## Lake County

### Lake County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 55 First Street Lakeport, CA 95453 | 707-263-0133
- **Services:** Provides direct representation for clients that request legal representation from a public defender at the time of their arraignment. Generally focuses on criminal cases with some special circumstances.



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must only be seeking help from the Public Defender, they cannot also have a private attorney.
- **Website:** <https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/1651/Public-Defender>

### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 421 North Oak Street Ukiah, CA 95482 | 707-462-1471 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/ukiah>

### Lassen County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 1370 West Street Redding, CA 96001 | 530-241-3565 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/redding>

### Los Angeles County

#### A New Way of Life Re-Entry Legal Project

- **Contact:** P.O. Box 875288, Los Angeles, CA 90087 | 323-563-3575
- **Services:** Record clearing, housing reunification program
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Must reside in Los Angeles County.
- **Website:** <http://anewwayoflife.org/>

#### Anti-Recidivism Coalition

- **Contact:** 601 N. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026 | 213 955 5885
- **Services:** Rap Review
- **Cost:** Free, but you must become a member of the organization
- **Eligibility:** Clients must not be under post-release supervision. Clients must have been off post-release supervision for at least two years. Clients have never been convicted of a crime that requires you to register under Penal Code 290
- **Website:** <https://antirecidivism.org/felony-expungement/>

#### Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender

- **Contact:** 210 West Temple St. Suite 18-70, Los Angeles, CA 90012 | 213-974-6626
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Previously represented with them in a criminal case.
- **Website:** <https://apd.lacounty.gov/clear-record/>

#### Loyola Law School's Collateral Consequences of Conviction Justice Project

- **Contact:** 919 Albany Street, Founder's Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90015 | 213-252-7441



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Services:** Record clearing, direct representation of clients facing employment and/or housing discrimination based on criminal history.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** None
- **Website:**  
<https://www.lls.edu/academics/centers/centerforjuvenilelawpolicy/collateralconsequencesofconvictionjusticeproject/>

### Mental Health Advocacy Services

- **Contact:** 801 N. Brand, Suite 240 Glendale, CA 91203 | 213-389-2077
- **Email:** [info@mhas-la.org](mailto:info@mhas-la.org)
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Website:** <https://www.mhas-la.org/programs>

### Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County

- **Contact:** 1104 East Chevy Chase Dr, Glendale, CA 91205 | 1-800-433-6251
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Must be an Antelope Valley resident (i.e. Lancaster, Palmdale, and surrounding cities), and referred to us through the Los Angeles County D.O.O.R.S program. Please note that this program does not assist with any matters outside of Los Angeles County.
- **Website:** <https://nls-la.org/services/clean-slate/>

### Public Counsel

- **Contact:** 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005 | 213-385-2977
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Must reside in Los Angeles County, income restrictions.
- **Website:** <http://www.publiccounsel.org/home>

### The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

- **Contact:** 1550 W 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 | 800-399-4529
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Must reside in Los Angeles County, income restrictions.
- **Website:** <https://lafla.org/get-help/expungement/>

## Marin County

### Bay Area Legal Aid- Marin

- **Contact:** Clients are served by a nearby offices in Richmond, Napa, or San Francisco | 415-354-6360
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/legal-areas/reentry/>

### Marin County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 139, San Rafael, CA 94903 | 415-473-6321



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income restrictions.
- **Website:** <https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/public-defender/clean-slate>

### Mariposa County

#### Central California Legal Services

- **Contact:** 1640 N Street, Suite 200, Merced, CA 95340 | 209 386-1696
- **Services:** Record clearing, civil legal services, housing eviction dissent, public benefits, insurance and public health assistance including Medi-Cal and Medicare, veterans legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://centralcallegal.org/>

### Mendocino County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 421 North Oak Street Ukiah, CA 95482 | 707-462-1471 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/ukiah>

### Merced County

#### Central California Legal Services

- **Contact:** 1640 N Street, Suite 200, Merced, CA 95340 | 209 386-1696
- **Services:** Record clearing, civil legal services, housing eviction dissent, public benefits, insurance and public health assistance including Medi-Cal and Medicare, veterans legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://centralcallegal.org/>

#### Merced County Public Defender

- **Contact:** *Merced Office:* 1944 M Street, Merced, CA 95340 | (209) 385-7692  
*Los Banos Office:* 445 I Street, Los Banos, CA 93635 | (209) 710-6030
- **Email:** [Public.Defender@countyofmerced.com](mailto:Public.Defender@countyofmerced.com)
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://www.countyofmerced.com/903/Post-Disposition-Dismissals-and-Reductio>

### Modoc County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 1370 West Street Redding, CA 96001 | 530-241-3565 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/redding>

### Monterey County

#### Monterey County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901 | 831-755-5058
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** No restrictions.
- **Website:** <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-defender>

### Napa County

#### Bay Area Legal Aid- Napa

- **Contact:** 1250 Main St, Suite 210, Box 18, Napa, CA 94559 | 707-259-0579
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/legal-areas/reentry/>

### Nevada County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603 | 530-823-7560 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <http://lsnc.net/office/auburn>

### Orange County

#### Community Legal Aid SoCal

- **Contact:** 2101 North Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705 | 714-571-5200
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must not be on parole or probation, cannot have open cases, must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, or Riverside counties. Client must have legal status, with an exception for domestic violence cases.
- **Website:** <https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/areas-of-law/expungement/>

#### Orange County Public Defender

- **Contact:** 801 Civic Center Drive West, Suite 400, Santa Ana, CA 92701 | 657-251-6090
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Anyone who has a conviction as an adult on a criminal case. Almost all offenses are eligible for relief. You cannot be currently serving a sentence for any offense, be on probation or charged with committing any crime.



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Website:** <https://www.pubdef.ocgov.com/programs/clean-slate/clean-slate-application>

### Placer County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603 | 530-823-7560 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <http://lsnc.net/office/auburn>

### Plumas County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 541 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928 | 530-345-9491 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/chico>

### Riverside County

#### Community Legal Aid SoCal

- **Contact:** 2101 North Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705 | 714-571-5200
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must not be on parole or probation, cannot have open cases, must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, or Riverside counties. Client must have legal status, with an exception for domestic violence cases.
- **Website:** <https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/areas-of-law/expungement/>

#### Inland Counties Legal Services

- **Contact:** 1040 Iowa Avenue, Suite 109, Riverside, CA 92507 | 888-245-4257
- **Email:** [intake@icls.org](mailto:intake@icls.org)
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** We help individuals who were convicted as an adult of certain misdemeanor and/or felony charges in Riverside or San Bernardino County. **Cannot** assist with the following cases: Juvenile charges; Sex crimes involving a minor; Sidewalk vending; Traffic tickets; Other cases that the law does not allow or that do not meet ICLS's eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://www.inlandlegal.org/get-help/expungement-clinic/>

#### Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Inc. (IELLA)

- **Contact:** 951-369-3009
- **Services:** We provide free expungement services to eligible clients across the Inland Empire. Our volunteer attorneys will walk you through the process of clearing your criminal record so you can move forward with greater confidence and opportunity. If you qualify, our staff will prepare your petition for dismissal at no cost. *IELLA does not file court documents for clients nor do we offer in-court representation for clients.*



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Services available to low-income residents of the Inland Empire
- **Website:** <https://www.iellaaid.org/expungements>

### Law Offices of the The Public Defender- County of Riverside

- **Contact:** 4075 Main St. Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92501 | 951-955-6000
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must not have pending criminal charges, be on probation, have mandatory supervision, have post release community supervision, be on parole, or currently serving a sentence.
- **Website:** <https://rivcopublicdefender.org/fresh-start-program>

## Sacramento County

### California Indian Legal Services

- **Contact:** 106 K Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814 | 916-978-0960
- **Services:** CILS focuses on the legal needs of the Native American community. We seek to advance Native American rights through highly efficient and effective legal services. One of the services we offer is record relief.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be Native American, reside in CA (unless your legal issue is in CA and you live outside of CA), and have a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) to qualify for free services, pending review and approval. This office serves the following counties: Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba.
- **Website:** <https://www.calindian.org/expungement/>

### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 515 - 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 | 916-551-2150 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/sacramento>

### Sacramento County Public Defenders

- **Contact:** 700 H Street, Suite 0270, Sacramento, CA 95814 | 916-874-6411
- **Services:** Review RAP sheets, advise on cases eligible for dismissal
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have successfully completed probation or been successfully discharged before the end of their probationary period, and they must not be serving any sentence or be on probation for any other offense.
- **Website:** <https://publicdefender.saccounty.gov/#gsc.tab=0>

## San Bernardino County

### Community Legal Aid SoCal



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Contact:** 2101 North Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705 | 714-571-5200
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must not be on parole or probation, cannot have open cases, must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, or Riverside counties. Client must have legal status, with an exception for domestic violence cases.
- **Website:** <https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/areas-of-law/expungement/>

### Inland Counties Legal Services

- **Contact:** 3500 Porsche Way, Suite 200, Ontario, CA 91764 | 888-245-4257
- **Email:** intake@icls.org
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** We help individuals who were convicted as an adult of certain misdemeanor and/or felony charges in Riverside or San Bernardino County. **Cannot** assist with the following cases: Juvenile charges; Sex crimes involving a minor; Sidewalk vending; Traffic tickets; Other cases that the law does not allow or that do not meet ICLS's eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://www.inlandlegal.org/get-help/expungement-clinic/>

### Law Offices of the Public Defender - San Bernardino County

- **Contact:** 323 West Court Street, Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401 | 909-387-7050
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been free from custody for at least seven years, been a resident of California for five consecutive years before filing the petition, not be on probation or parole, and must pass a background check.
- **Website:** <https://pd.sbcounty.gov/pcu/>

## San Diego County

### California Indian Legal Services

- **Contact:** 609 S. Escondido Boulevard Escondido, CA 92025 | 760-746-8941
- **Services:** CILS focuses on the legal needs of the Native American community. We seek to advance Native American rights through highly efficient and effective legal services. One of the services we offer is record relief.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be Native American, reside in CA (unless your legal issue is in CA and you live outside of CA), and have a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) to qualify for free services, pending review and approval. This office serves the following counties: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.
- **Website:** <https://www.calindian.org/expungement/>

### San Diego County Public Defender

- **Contact:** 451 A Street, Suite 900, San Diego, CA 92101 | 619-338-4700
- **Email:** SanDiego.PublicDefender@sdcounty.ca.gov
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** As of April 2026- **not accepting applications until further notice.**



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Website:** [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/public\\_defender/fresh\\_start.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/public_defender/fresh_start.html)

### San Francisco County

#### Bay Area Legal Aid - San Francisco

- **Contact:** 1800 Market Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102 | 415-982-1300
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income restrictions, must live in San Francisco County.
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/resources/san-francisco-county-office/>

#### Open Door Legal

- **Contact:** 60 Ocean Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112 | 415-735-4124
- **Email:** [info@opendoorlegal.org](mailto:info@opendoorlegal.org)
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Fair Chance violations, general civil legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income restrictions and live in eligible district in San Francisco. Fill out a screening form at [www.opendoorlegal.org/start](http://www.opendoorlegal.org/start) for eligibility assessment and to request assistance.
- **Website:** [www.opendoorlegal.org/start](http://www.opendoorlegal.org/start)

#### San Francisco Public Defender

- **Contact:** 555 7th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 | 415-553-1671
- **Services:** Record Clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client's arrest, conviction or probation must occur in San Francisco county. If client was convicted in another county but probation was transferred by court order and finished in San Francisco, they are also eligible. Income restriction as well, client must not be able to afford to hire their own attorney.
- **Website:** <https://sfpublicdefender.org/clients/clean-slate/>

### San Joaquin County

#### San Joaquin County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 102 South San Joaquin Street, Stockton, CA 95202 | 209-468-2730
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** No restrictions known. It is recommended that individuals submit an online request through their website to see if they qualify.
- **Website:** <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pubdef/programs-services/clean-slate>

### San Luis Obispo County

#### California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

- **Contact:** 1880 Santa Barbara Ave, Suite 240, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 | 805-902-2752
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in San Luis Obispo County. Income restriction.
- **Website:** <https://crla.org>

#### San Luis Obispo County Public Defender's Office



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Contact:** 991 Osos Street Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 | 805-541-5715
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Case(s) must be in San Luis Obispo County, client must be off probation and parole with no active cases.
- **Website:** <https://www.slodefend.com/expungements/>

### San Mateo County

#### Bay Area Legal Aid- San Mateo

- **Contact:** 1048 El Camino Real, Suite A, Redwood City, CA 94063 | 650-358-0745
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/legal-areas/reentry/>

#### Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto

- **Contact:** 1861 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 | 650-326-6440
- **Services:** Record clearing, RAP sheets, Employment advocacy related to a criminal record, Immigration consultations for immigrants with criminal records, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client has criminal record in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties.
- **Website:** <https://clsepa.org/services/>

#### Stanford Community Law Clinic

- **Contact:** 999 Main Street, Suite 100, Redwood City, CA 94063 | 650-725-9200
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client has criminal record in San Mateo County. *Note: closed to new clients until January 2027*
- **Website:** <https://law.stanford.edu/community-law-clinic/post-conviction-relief/>

### Santa Barbara County

#### California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

- **Contact:** Services available by phone or appointment: 805-902-2752
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in Santa Barbara County. Income restriction.
- **Website:** <https://crla.org>

#### Santa Barbara County Public Defender

- **Contact:** 1100 Anacapa, Santa Barbara 93101 | 805-568-3470
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in Santa Barbara County. Income restriction.
- **Website:** <https://www.countyofsb.org/5000/Thrive-SBC-Fresh-Start>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Santa Clara County

#### Bay Area Legal Aid- Santa Clara

- **Contact:** 4 North Second Street, Suite 600, San Jose, CA 95113 | 408-283-3700
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Driver's license suspensions, traffic tickets, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record, RAP sheets
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://baylegal.org/legal-areas/reentry/>

#### Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto

- **Contact:** 1861 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 | 650-326-6440
- **Services:** Record clearing, RAP sheets, Employment advocacy related to a criminal record, Immigration consultations for immigrants with criminal records, Housing denials/evictions due to a criminal record.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client has criminal record in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties.
- **Website:** <https://clsepa.org/services/>

#### Public Defender Office of Santa Clara County

- **Contact:** 151 West Mission Street, San Jose, CA 95110 | 408-535-4290
- **Email:** [expungement@pdo.sccgov.org](mailto:expungement@pdo.sccgov.org)
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in Santa Clara County and qualify for Public Defender Services. If you are currently a CALWORKS participant you may qualify for additional record clearance/expungement services.
- **Website:** <https://pdo.santaclaracounty.gov/criminal-defense/record-clearance-post-conviction-services>

#### San Jose State University – Record Clearance Project

- **Email:** [expungement@pdo.sccgov.org](mailto:expungement@pdo.sccgov.org)
- **Services:** Record clearing for Santa Clara County only, but we will get RAP sheets, interview clients to prepare declarations for petitions, and analyze eligibility for record clearance for ALL California counties. We also have service navigation mentoring with less restrictive eligibility: <https://www.sjsu.edu/rcp/mentoring-program.php>
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** NO restrictions of income, residence, immigration status, etc. for record clearance.
- **Website:** <https://www.sjsu.edu/rcp/legal-services/index.php>

### Santa Cruz County

#### Santa Cruz County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 420 May Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 | 831-454-5300
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must reside in Santa Cruz County.
- **Website:** <https://www.santacruzdefenders.us/AboutUs/WhatWeDo/CleanSlateProject.aspx>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Watsonville Law Center

- **Contact:** 315 Main Street, Suite 207, Watsonville, CA 95076 | 831-707-2307
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income restrictions.
- **Website:** [watsonvillelawcenter.org/services/](http://watsonvillelawcenter.org/services/)

### Shasta County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 1370 West Street Redding, CA 96001 | 530-241-3565 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/redding>

#### Shasta County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 1815 Yuba Street, Redding, CA 96001 | 530-245-7598
- **Services:**
- **Cost:**
- **Eligibility:**
- **Website:** <https://www.shastacounty.gov/public-defender>

### Sierra County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603 | 530-823-7560 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <http://lsnc.net/office/auburn>

### Siskiyou County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 1370 West Street Redding, CA 96001 | 530-241-3565 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/redding>

#### Siskiyou Public Defenders Office

- **Contact:** 320 South Oregon Street, Yreka CA 96097 | 530-842-8105
- **Services:** Legal counsel to indigent clients charged with committing a felony or a misdemeanor.
- **Cost:** Clients who are appointed a Public Defender are required to pay a \$25 fee to the Court. To the extent they are financially able, they are required to reimburse the County for the cost of these services at the conclusion of their case.



## Clean Slate Services in California

- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility determined by the court during arraignment.
- **Website:** <https://www.siskiyoucounty.gov/public-defender>

### Solano County

#### Solano County Public Defenders

- **Contact:** 675 Texas St # 3500, Fairfield, CA 94533 | (707) 784-6700
- **Services:** Record Clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Eligible if the office represented the individual on at least one of the cases they seek to have cleared.
- **Website:**  
<https://www.solanocounty.gov/government/public-defender/solano-county-fresh-start>

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 1810 Capitol Street Vallejo, CA 94590 | 707-643-0054 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/vallejo>

### Stanislaus County

#### California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

- **Contact:** 1020 15th Street, Suite 20, Modesto, CA 95354 | 209-859-0519
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in Stanislaus County. Income restriction.
- **Website:** <https://crla.org>

#### Stanislaus County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 1021 I St., Ste. 201 Modesto, CA 95353 | 209-525-4200
- **Email:** [cleanslate@stancounty.com](mailto:cleanslate@stancounty.com)
- **Services:** Record Clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Only cases convicted in Stanislaus County are eligible. Client must be off probation and have no open cases.
- **Website:** <https://www.stancounty.com/publicdefender/expungements.shtm>

### Tehama County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 1370 West Street Redding, CA 96001 | 530-241-3565 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/redding>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Trinity County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 123 Third Street Eureka, CA 95501 | 707-445-0866 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/eureka>

### Tulare County

#### Central California Legal Services

- **Contact:** 2025 W Feemster Ave, Visalia, CA 93277 | 559-802-1130
- **Services:** Record clearing, civil legal services, housing eviction dissent, public benefits, insurance and public health assistance including Medi-Cal and Medicare, veterans legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://centralcallegal.org/>

### Tuolumne County

#### Central California Legal Services

- **Contact:** 2115 Kern Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721 | 559-570-1274
- **Services:** Record clearing civil legal services, housing eviction dissent, public benefits, insurance and public health assistance including Medi-Cal and Medicare, veterans legal services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://centralcallegal.org/>

### Ventura County

#### California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

- **Contact:** 338 South A Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 | 805-902-2752
- **Services:** Record clearing
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Client must have been convicted in Ventura County. Income restriction.
- **Website:** <https://crla.org>

#### Ventura County Public Defender's Office

- **Contact:** 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009 | 805-654-2201
- **Services:** Comprehensive record relief services
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income eligibility requirements.
- **Website:** <https://publicdefender.venturacounty.gov/>



## Clean Slate Services in California

### Yolo County

#### Legal Services of Northern California

- **Contact:** 619 North Street Woodland, CA 95695 | 530-662-1065 or 866-815-5990 after hours
- **Services:** Record Clearing, Felony/Misdemeanor reductions; Housing, employment or occupational license denials due to a criminal record
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Clients must meet income & immigration criteria and live in their service area.
- **Website:** <https://lsnc.net/office/woodland>

#### Yolo County Public Defender

- **Contact:** 814 North Street, Woodland, CA 95695 | 530-666-8165
- **Email:** [record.mitigation@yolocounty.gov](mailto:record.mitigation@yolocounty.gov)
- **Services:**
- **Cost:** Free
- **Eligibility:** Income Eligibility Requirements
- **Website:** <https://www.yolocountypublicdefender.com/record-mitigation-reintegration-clinic>