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Are you formerly incarcerated or convicted? Here are 5 Rights You Might Not Know You Have!

- **VOTING RIGHTS:** Formerly incarcerated people, people with felony records, youth ages 18+ in juvenile hall, and most people in jail CAN VOTE IN CA! (You only lose your right to vote in California while currently serving a prison sentence.) You must also be a U.S. Citizen, California resident and 18 years or older to vote.
- **HOUSING RIGHTS:** California law allows housing providers to run criminal background checks, but prohibits blanket bans, use of arrests, dismissed, juvenile and other protected records, and requires individualized decisions tied to legitimate housing concerns. In some cities like Oakland & Berkeley, landlords can't run a criminal background check (with very few exceptions).
- **EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS:** In California, most employers with 5 or more employees can't ask a job candidate about their conviction history until after the employer has made a job offer (among other requirements under the CA Fair Chance Act).
- **CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS:** You do NOT have to talk to police or ICE! And you do NOT have to sign anything! If you are arrested or detained, you can simply say: "I want to remain silent" and "I want to speak with a lawyer."
- **RECORD-CLEANING RIGHTS:** You may be able to clean up your criminal record by contacting the public defender in the county of your conviction or locating a local legal aid organization. Record-cleaning helps impacted people when applying for housing, jobs, professional licenses, and more!

**IF YOU ARE IMPACTED AND WANT
TO GET INVOLVED, ALL OF US OR
NONE (AQUON) HAS A GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**EVERY 3RD
THURSDAY EVERY
MONTH
6:30 PM**

**ADDRESS: FREEDOM &
MOVEMENT CENTER
4400 MARKET STREET
OAKLAND, CA 94608**

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