



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
8.		Favor	Aaliyah Evans	I urge the board to support Prop 6, which will end involuntary servitude in California. This is a critical step toward justice for system-impacted individuals, many of whom are forced into labor without fair compensation. I also strongly oppose Prop 36, as it aims to turn misdemeanors back into felonies, pushing us further toward mass incarceration. This would undo the progress made with Prop 47 and disproportionately affect our communities. We need policies that promote rehabilitation, not mass incarceration.
			Alicia Zamora	My name is Alicia Zamora with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6. For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation. By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation. Thank You,
			Christopher Lodgson	My name is Chris Lodgson with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6. For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation. By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation. Thank You



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8.		Favor	Fatima Malik	Please see the attached document. The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County urges the Board of Supervisors to take an official position in support of Proposition 6. By supporting this measure, Los Angeles County will demonstrate its leadership in promoting justice, rehabilitation, and equality for all.
			Jaylyn A Broadway	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Jaylyn with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6. For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation. By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation. Thank You.
			Jose A Figueroa	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Jose Figueroa with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6. For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation. By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation. Thank You, Jose Figueroa
			Jules Yun	



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8.		Favor	Justin D Cox	I was formerly an inmate in the California prison system. Forced labor for 20 cents a day . Is modern day slavery.
			Katrina Yanez	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Katrina Yanez with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6. For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation. By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation. Thank You, Katrina Yanez
			Kent G Mendoza	Hi Board of Supervisors, Thank You Supervisors Holly J. Mitchell for bringing this motion to the board. On behalf of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC), I'm here to speak in support of item 8: LA County taking a position in supporting CA Proposition 6. We urge the board to pass this motion, Supporting prop 6 would not only end slavery once and for all in CA, but it would end the racist forced labor on incarcerated people and lead us in being a state where we value, respect, and honor human rights for all people. No form of slavery should exist, even for those who are incarcerated. Involuntary servitude not only violates basic dignity and rights for people, but it contradict, what we constantly center here in our county, which is care first, and this is part of that, care first for all people. At ARC, not only did many of our members worked while in prison through forced labor, but where exploited and punished even for being sick unable to work, further expanding their time in jail. We are better than this and it is time for LA County to fully support CA ending slavery. I urge you to take a stance and support Prop 6.
			LaKisha G Camese	
			Melody Taylor Stark	



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8.		Favor	Paul Little	<p>At its most recent meeting, the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce voted to support passage of Proposition 6.</p> <p>Quite simply, the Board sees this as a human rights issue. Involuntary Servitude of any kind is dehumanizing, inhumane and unjust.</p> <p>The prison system will find ways to encourage work among inmates that will not severely impact budgets and may alleviate overcrowding and offset other costs.</p> <p>Please vote to support Proposition 6.</p>
			terissa m marcum	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Terissa Marcum with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6.</p> <p>For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation.</p> <p>By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation.</p> <p>Thank You,</p>



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8.		Favor	Tyrique Shipp	<p>Hello Board of supervisors My name is Tyrique Shipp, and I'm the Advocacy and Community Organizing Associate with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I'm here to express our support for Proposition 6, which would end involuntary servitude in California.</p> <p>Right now, involuntary servitude is still allowed as punishment for a crime, which mostly impacts Black and Brown communities. This practice has long been an injustice, and it prevents people from fully recovering and reintegrating into society. By ending it, California can take a big step toward equality and fairness for everyone.</p> <p>LA County has committed to a "Care First" approach—putting care and support ahead of punishment. Supporting Prop 6 aligns with that promise. We believe that ending involuntary servitude will help formerly incarcerated people rebuild their lives and have a real chance at success. Forced labor during incarceration only makes it harder for people to recover and move forward after they are released.</p> <p>At the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, our members want to live with dignity and purpose after serving their time, and this proposition will help make that possible. We urge you to support Prop 6 and help California create a more just and caring system for all.</p>
			Walter G Landaverde-Ramirez	<p>My name is Walter Ramirez with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for bringing forth this motion to support Proposition 6. For too long, California's prison system has been built on a foundation of exploitation and punishment, with incarcerated individuals subjected to forced labor under threat of punishment or jeopardized chances at freedom. Proposition 6 will end this practice, providing more opportunities for rehabilitation and education by allowing individuals to focus on their personal development while incarcerated. This will enhance their chances of success upon release, marking a monumental step toward a justice system that prioritizes human dignity and rehabilitation over-exploitation. By passing Proposition 6, we can end slavery and involuntary servitude in California, restore human dignity for incarcerated individuals, and offer them meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation. Thank You,</p>
		Oppose	Ana R Arias	

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8.		Oppose	Paul c burt	Strongly oppose!! - - - Clearly Ms. Mitchell's perception of the state of public safety is skewed when compared to those of the taxpayers and or the general public; one need look no further than the outrage of the citizenry surrounding our current District Attorney to see public opinion has swung WIDELY where crime, punishment, prosecution, and sentencing are concerned! The incarcerated are already provided and allowed gymnasium, playground and other recreational luxuries. Some felons leave prison in incredibly intimidating physical condition, stronger and more fit than they were upon entering prison. To not compel the incarcerated, convicted criminal to do basic work in and around the facility smacks of stupidity!
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Grand Total			18	



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September 24, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Agenda Item 8 – Support for Proposition 6: Eliminate Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated People

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County (LWVLAC), we are writing to express our strong support for Supervisor Mitchell's recommendation to support **Proposition 6** on the November 5, 2024, California General Election Ballot. **Proposition 6, the End Slavery in California Act**, seeks to amend the California Constitution to eliminate involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime and prohibit state prisons from disciplining incarcerated individuals who refuse to work.

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County aligns with the **League of Women Voters of California (LWVC)** in supporting **Proposition 6**. This proposition is crucial for two key reasons:

1. Moral Imperative:

The current exception in the California Constitution that permits involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime is an outdated and unjust provision that allows for modern-day slavery. This exception disproportionately impacts black and brown communities due to longstanding racial disparities in arrest and sentencing, perpetuating systemic racial and economic inequalities. As an organization that champions **human dignity and fundamental rights**, the League believes that **freedom from forced labor** is a basic right that should extend to all residents, including incarcerated individuals.

2. Practical Necessity for Rehabilitation:

Abolishing involuntary servitude enhances the rehabilitation and reintegration of incarcerated people. By eliminating forced labor, **Proposition 6** empowers incarcerated individuals to choose meaningful educational and rehabilitative programs, which have been shown to reduce recidivism. **Rehabilitation, rather than punishment**, is essential for helping individuals successfully reenter society, and this in turn fosters stronger, safer, and more equitable communities.

The League's position is clear: **correctional systems should provide humane, dignified, and non-discriminatory treatment of incarcerated people**, with a focus on promoting successful reentry into communities. **Proposition 6** directly supports these values by prioritizing rehabilitation over forced labor.

Proposition 6 will:

- Prohibit involuntary servitude in any form.
- Prevent the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from disciplining incarcerated individuals who refuse to work.
- Encourage voluntary work programs, allowing incarcerated individuals to opt into work without the threat of punishment for refusal.
- Ensure that the CDCR can still award time credits to incarcerated individuals who voluntarily participate in work programs, allowing them to benefit from earned credits toward their sentences.

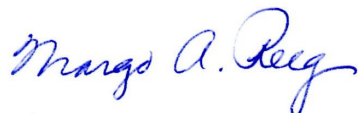
The **League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County** further supports a **California Constitution that protects the rights of all residents, not just citizens**, ensuring that fundamental rights, such as freedom from forced labor, are upheld for everyone. **Proposition 6** will right a centuries-old wrong and align our state's constitution with modern values of justice and equality.

While there may be fiscal considerations regarding potential legal challenges or the possible requirement to compensate incarcerated workers, we believe these issues can be addressed through future legislation. The overall objective of **ending involuntary servitude** outweighs these concerns, as it is a step toward a more just and equitable legal system.

For these reasons, we urge the Board of Supervisors to take an official position in **support of Proposition 6**. By supporting this measure, Los Angeles County will demonstrate its leadership in promoting justice, rehabilitation, and equality for all.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. We are available to provide any additional information or assistance you may need.

Sincerely,



Margo A. Reeg, President
League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County