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TOPIC: NEWS INITIATIVE TO AMEND CALIFORNIA'S THREE STRIKES LAW FOR NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT

TO: MY CALIFORNIA READERS,

GREETINGS IN PEACE. IT'S ME AGAIN, ZAKEE, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, I'D LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO A NEW STATE INITIATIVE TO AMEND THE HORRIBLE AND COSTLY THREE STRIKES LAW. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THIS DRIVE OR GO TO CHOOSE 1 INITIATIVE @ GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA "WAKE UP!" THE SECURITY THAT IN THE PAST WE DERIVED FROM A "LOCK UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY" THAT DEFINED OUR STATE IS FUNDAMENTALLY UNETHICAL AND COSTLY. THE STATE'S ECONOMY THAT OFFERED EACH GENERATION A BRIGHTER FUTURE, AND A CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT THAT GAVE US MORAL PURPOSE IS GONE,

REPLACED BY THE BELIEF THAT IT NO LONGER MAKES SENSE TO ACT AS IF WE SHARED THE SAME FATE OR COULD FIND A COMMON CAUSE. CALIFORNIANS, I ASK YOU? IS THE BEST OPTION, YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE, IS TO SAVE YOURSELVES AND THOSE LIKE YOU ON THE BASIS OF A LIFEBOAT ETHICS THAT REWARDS RUTHLESSNESS, MASS INCARCERATION BASED UPON RACE AND A PUNITIVE CRIME POLICY, AND RETRIBUTION?

ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE DO, NO MATTER HOW WE FEEL ...

IT YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS / COMMENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE IN CONTACTING ME AT MY ABOVE MAILING ADDRESS OR LEAVE A "COMMENT" HERE. UNTIL NEXT TIME, MAY YOU ENJOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND MAY THE NEW YEAR OF 2016 BE FILLED WITH PEACE AND BLESSINGS...

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CHOOSE1 is a nonprofit organization designed to reunite families via the initiative process. We look to reestablish communities as a whole. CHOOSE1 will rebuild the trust and tackle the disproportionate sentencing that affects everyone. Our mission is to correct the grave injustice here in California when it comes to unfair Three Strikes sentencing laws. No individual should receive 25 to 700 years to life via the three strikes law for felonies committed prior to 1994. Also no one shall be called for two strikes on just one swing. We aim to improve public safety by making rehabilitation programs available for all inmates; programs that will address criminal thinking, cycles of addiction, restorative justice, and emotional intelligence. As it stands in CDCR today it is not a prerequisite for inmates with determinant sentencing to attend rehabilitation programs and gain insight into why they committed their crimes. These men and women parole without ever addressing their issues.

This will prepare inmates for a successful reentry in the community.

1. No felonies committed prior to 1994 may qualify as strikes.
2. Make self-help rehabilitation programs available to all inmates.
3. Eliminate criminal threats off the serious list.
4. Take burglary off serious list if no one was home at the time of the burglary.

This endeavor will make a bold statement not only to ourselves but also show the youth that we have a loud voice that can influence change in the political arena.

Money, Power and collective efforts change laws; CHOOSE1 has a blueprint to changing the political narrative and bringing Smart on Crime policies to our state. Enshrined on the statue of Liberty are the words "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE," CHOOSE1 embraces that philosophy as we embark on this momentous undertaking on reforming our state's criminal justice and prison system.

If you want to help contact Julie Piccolotti at:

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CHOOSE1 is a grassroots organization that was formed to represent incarcerated men and women who have been sentenced unfairly.

On August 13, 2015, CHOOSE1 submitted an initiative to the attorney general Kamala Harris entitled "The Three Strikes Rehabilitation Reform Act of 2016" .

Our first goal is getting 500,000 signatures (365,880 valid registered voters) in 100 days. This is where your help is needed. CHOOSE1 ask those affected by 3 Strikes (and those that are not) to get 50 or more signatures, via family, friends and supporters, i.e. registered voters.

Donations are accepted. Donations can be sent to:

CHOOSE1

80 Cabrillo Hwy N, STE Q #609

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

or

gofundme page @ www.choose1.org

You can also utilize cdc-193; trust account withdrawal order forms; title 15 3240.1(d). The money will be used for signature gathering, website upgrades, campaign, commercials, office supplies, postage, advertisement, and all related CHOOSE1 endeavors.

Julie Piccolotti