

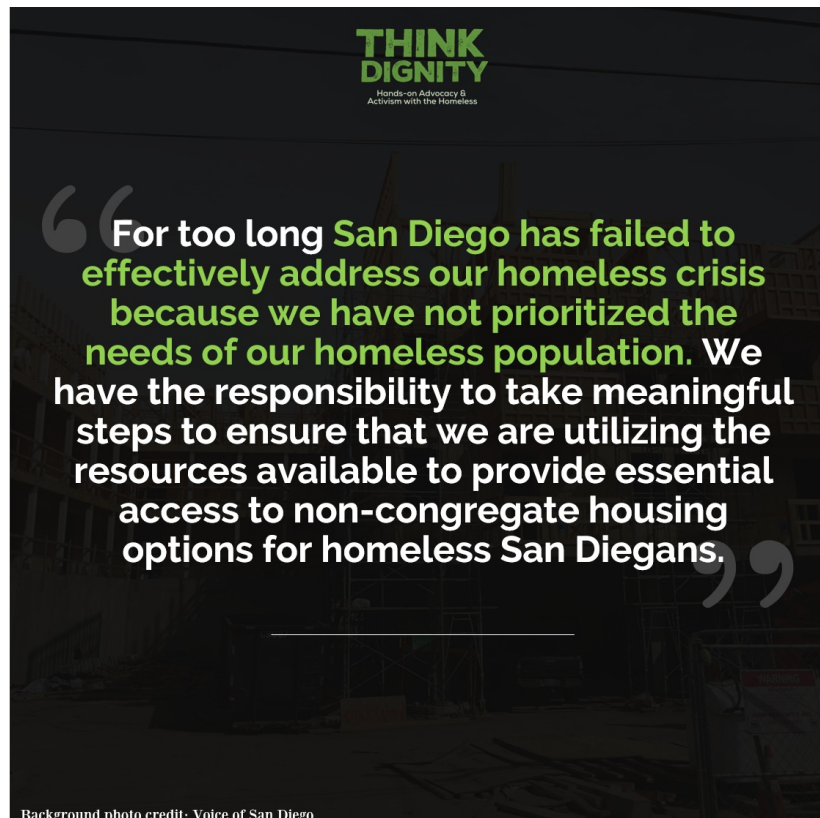
THINK DIGNITY

APRIL 2021

NEWSLETTER

[Click here for our COVID-19 update of our services](#)

Think Dignity Supports Call For Non-Congregate Housing Through FEMA Funds



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Did you know that under the Biden administration, FEMA now offers 100% reimbursement for non-congregate shelter operation expenses? We have always believed that housing is a basic human right, so we are proud to officially support Councilmembers [Sean Elo-Rivera](#), [Joe LaCava](#), [Chris Cate](#), and [Raul Campillo](#)'s memo, requesting Mayor Todd Gloria to utilize FEMA's full reimbursement of non-congregate operational expenses.

[Read the full memo and our letter of support](#)

Support Unsheltered San Diegans Through Our Summer Survival Supply Distribution



Our Summer Survival Supply Distribution is back in a modified COVID-19-safe format to distribute essential supplies to unsheltered San Diegans! To ensure the safety of our unhoused communities, our staff will be creating Dignity Packs, or backpacks and/or duffel bags filled with hygiene items, socks, sunscreen, and other essential supplies, which will then be distributed through our staff and agency partners during their homeless outreach efforts from June 14-18.

Over the past few months, our staff members have received many requests for hygiene items, sunscreen, and other essential supplies from unsheltered San Diegans as many still have limited to no access to basic hygiene services and housing during the pandemic. **Our goal for this summer is to distribute at least 500 Dignity Packs**, so please consider donating with the buttons below to help us advance basic dignity for our unhoused neighbors.



DID YOU KNOW?

\$20 can sponsor 1 Dignity Pack filled with hygiene items, essential supplies, and resource packets.

View our list of requested supplies and donate items

Donate \$20 to sponsor a Dignity Pack

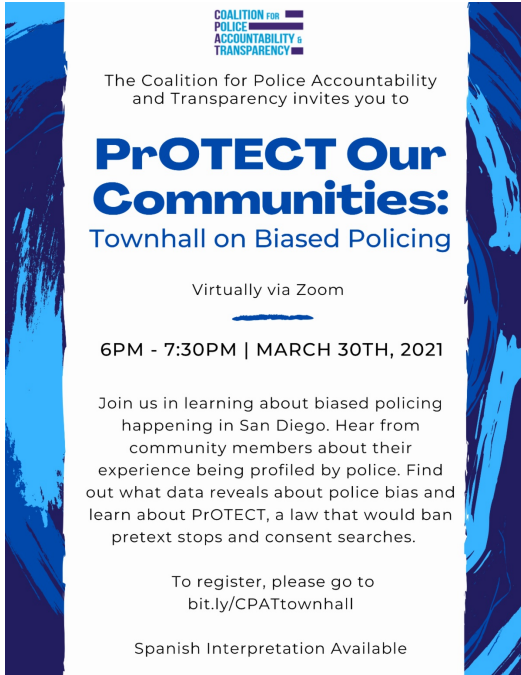
Donate items through our Amazon Wishlist



HOMELESSNESS FACT

In 2012, California became the first U.S. state to legislatively recognize the human right to clean water. Yet, amongst the 130,000 Californians experiencing homelessness, **over 71% are living unsheltered with limited to no access to clean water.**

Upcoming Events: Stand In Solidarity With Us



COALITION FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

The Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency invites you to

PrOTECT Our Communities:

Townhall on Biased Policing

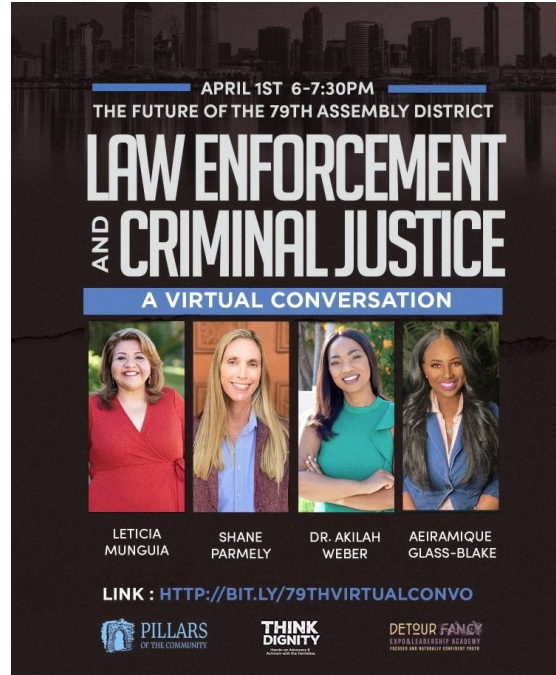
Virtually via Zoom

6PM - 7:30PM | MARCH 30TH, 2021

Join us in learning about biased policing happening in San Diego. Hear from community members about their experience being profiled by police. Find out what data reveals about police bias and learn about PrOTECT, a law that would ban pretext stops and consent searches.

To register, please go to bit.ly/CPATtownhall

Spanish Interpretation Available




APRIL 1ST 6-7:30PM

THE FUTURE OF THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A VIRTUAL CONVERSATION



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LINK: [HTTP://BIT.LY/79THVIRTUALCONVO](http://bit.ly/79thVirtualConvo)

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PrOTECT Our Communities: CPAT Townhall on Biased Policing

*Tuesday, March 30th
6:00 - 7:30 PM*

Join us in learning about and taking action against biased policing. Hear from community members about their experiences of being profiled by police. Find out what data reveals about police bias and learn about PrOTECT, a law that would ban pretext stops and consent searches.

Think Dignity is a founding member of CPAT (the Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency).

Register for the CPAT Townhall

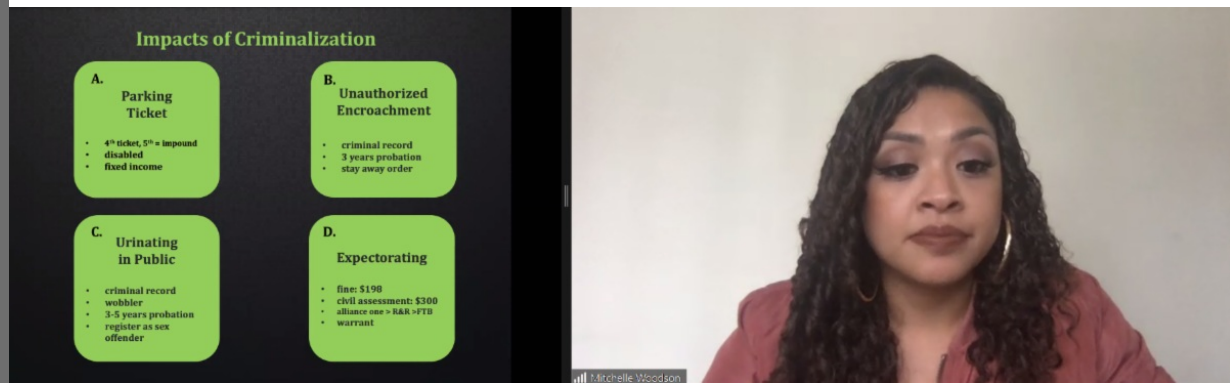
The Future of the 79th Assembly District: Forum on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice

*Thursday, April 1st
6:00 - 7:30 PM*

Our homeless communities in San Diego are frequently criminalized for life-sustaining activities, so, along with our community partners, we will be hosting a virtual conversation with candidates running for the 79th State Assembly district seat on their stances and how we can hold them accountable on issues regarding law enforcement and criminal justice.

Register for the 79th Assembly District Forum

Executive Director's Corner



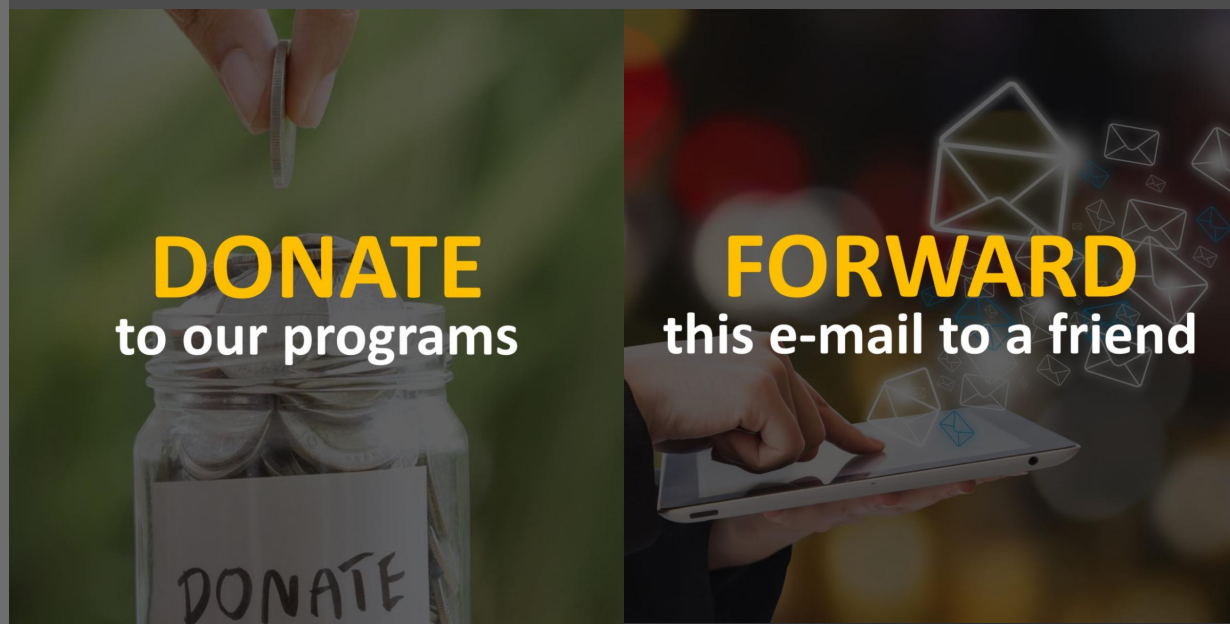
San Diego City College hosted their 6th Annual Social Justice Conference on March 24th and 25th, with the theme of "Dignity to Dream," and Think Dignity was selected as both the agency highlight and beneficiary for their conference fundraiser.

I also had the opportunity to host a conference session on "The Perpetuation of Poverty Through the Criminal Justice System," which detailed the numerous ways that homeless San Diegans are criminalized for life-sustaining activities and the importance of advocating for human-centered policies and practices that create effective and long-term solutions towards ending homelessness.

The engagement and stimulating conversations with the session participants emphasized the importance of speaking about the realities of homelessness within our networks and uplifting the stories of our unhoused neighbors to dispel the societal stigma and shift the narrative on homelessness. I encourage you to stand with us in using your voices and hearts every day to advance basic dignity to people experiencing homelessness.

In Solidarity,
Mitchelle Woodson, Esq.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT





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Select "Think Dignity" to
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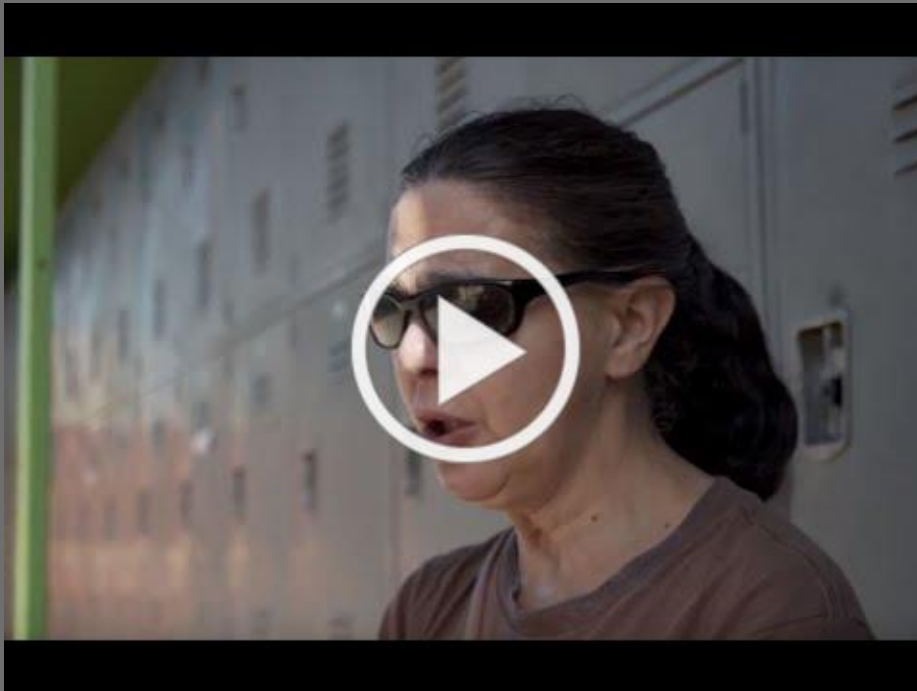
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to support the success and
longevity of our efforts



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Your generosity can make a great impact in another person's life and transform our communities as shown in our new video below.



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