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PROP 47 RESOURCE FAIR TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The Prop 47 Felony Record Change Resource Fair set for January 28 will bring together a vast array of resources and expertise to help Santa Cruz County residents take advantage of an unprecedented opportunity to change their lives for the better.

A state law approved overwhelmingly by California voters in 2014, including 77 percent of Santa Cruz County voters, allows those with minor drug and other low-level felonies on their record to convert them into misdemeanors, opening up opportunities for employment, education, housing and more. The Prop 47 Resource Fair is the first major local effort to reach as many as 11,000 Santa Cruz residents potentially impacted by the law, and is a continuation of similar efforts across California.

“This is an unprecedented opportunity for people to clear their records, get a good job and live productive lives here in Santa Cruz County,” Santa Cruz County Supervisor John Leopold said. “If we want to lower the recidivism rate, we have to take advantage of opportunities like this.”

To be held at Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., the event will include booths staffed by over 40 local nonprofits and resource providers, and as well as a press conference featuring a beneficiary of Prop 47 and some of the leading local voices on criminal justice reform. They include Assemblymember Mark Stone, D-Monterey Bay, chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee; Supervisor John Leopold; Santa Cruz County Public Defender Larry Biggam; Santa Cruz County Probation Chief Fernando Giraldo; and the host of the event, Senior Rabbi Richard Litvak.

The event is free and open to the public, and individuals wishing to begin the process of record change should bring a valid California identification. A limited number of



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scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis for people who need a copy of their rap sheet (regular charge is \$15).

Light refreshments and child care will be provided. Limited parking is available on site, though additional parking is available nearby. The event is accessible along several Santa Cruz Metro bus lines. In addition, free transportation is available from the following South County locations:

- 2:30 p.m. - Watsonville Library (front entrance at 275 Main St., Watsonville)
- 2:45 p.m. - Kmart (1702 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville)
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- 4:00 p.m. - Kmart (1702 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville)
- 5:00 p.m. - Watsonville Library (front entrance at 275 Main St., Watsonville)
- 5:15 p.m. - Kmart (1702 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville)

In addition to information and services available, experts will offer a series of brief seminars to help inform people of their rights and responsibilities when it comes to record change. They are:

- 3:00 p.m. - Prop 47 & Other Record Clearance Remedies: Am I Eligible?
- 3:30 p.m. - Prop 47 and Immigration
- 4:00 p.m. - Employment Background Checks: What Can An Employer See?
- 4:30 p.m. - Job Search Tools & Tips
- 5:00 p.m. - Prop 47 & Immigration
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- 6:00 p.m. - Job Search Tools & Tips
- 6:30 p.m. - Prop 47 & Other Record Clearance Remedies: Am I Eligible?

The Resource Fair will also include Prop 47 training for service providers from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend may register at:

<http://www.unitedwaysc.org/prop47training>

Volunteers are also welcome. To sign up, go to:

http://www.scvolunteernow.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Search_Page?Org=001F000000hhr53IAA&p=orp

Confirmed service providers include: Cabrillo College ACE Program, Watsonville Aptos Adult Education, Community Action Board, Goodwill Career Center, Labor Ready, Workforce Santa Cruz County, Encompass Community Services, Janus of Santa Cruz,



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What: Prop 47 Felony Record Change Resource Fair

When: Thursday, Jan. 28 from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. (press conference at 3 p.m.)

Where: Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd. (next to Cabrillo College), Aptos