

The DEN

Project Clean Slate's Detroit Expungement Newsletter

welcome back!

July is the month when our nation comes together to celebrate independence and freedom. While many of us are fortunate to experience everyday freedoms, it's important to acknowledge that there are still individuals who face barriers despite their freedom.

The Project Clean Slate team has witnessed firsthand how having criminal convictions can make people feel burdened or "shackled." PCS takes immense pride in providing services that offer Detroiters a second chance and the opportunity to truly embrace freedom. In this edition of the DEN, we shine a spotlight on some of our favorite client experiences - showcasing the transformative power of our work.



Newsletter Highlights

TESTIMONIALS

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2023

Detroiters Registered 3,803 Applications Filed 2,283 Expungements Granted 3,048



JULY 2023 PROJECT CLEAN SLATE

Client Testimonials



Kara J.

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"I feel overwhelmed. There are no words that can express the happiness or relief associated with this subject. It's too soon to tell you. It hasn't been an hour yet. I'm free. After 27 years. I'm free."

Natashia S.

Having my conviction expunged will allow me to get better positions in my career, I can begin to expand my business, travel and just to be free from my childhood mistakes is amazing. Working with the project clean slate team was amazing! I knew what was happening next weeks ahead of time. Constant reminders, an amazing lawyer just an overall amazing experience!

Anonymous

"I feel like a new person. My life changed completely. I have more respect for myself. I am not afraid to fill out any application. Now, I can look at anybody and tell them, I don't have any record. My family is so proud of me. Actually, I feel very emotional when I talk about what I am today. Without Project Slate, I don't think I would be happy or successful in life. Today, I am going forward in life without having to worry about my conviction. Today, I am a free man. THANKS SO MUCH, PROJECT CLEAN SLATE."

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Lorretta P.

It has given me a chance to have a feeling of freedom. I am able to pursue my dreams, without feeling like I have something hanging over my head. Free. I can breath now.

Anonymous

"FREE!!! And a second chance. Very grateful for my wonderful Mayor and his team that put this wonderful program together so HAPPY and THANKFUL!!!"

Charles Martin

"After following my lawyers instructions, from beginning to end, it was well worth it. It's a feeling of freedom and opportunity to do as anyone else, without restrictions, but within the law."

PCS Client

"First, I started crying, I could not stop saying thanks to God and Project slate. It was a mix of feelings. My life did not have any meaning until I learned about project slate. It was so easy and helpful. I talked to Mrs. Stephani and she treated me with so much respect. The whole procedure was very easy. I became a new person, with hope and so much respect for myself. Project Slate gave me, my life back. I am so grateful for it! It was so amazing the way everybody treating me at the hearing. The lawyers were so respectful. Thanks so much for being there for me."

PEACENIC!

July's Peacenic events were collective gatherings of the community and law enforcement to share in food, fellowship, and fun in the name of peace. Project Clean Slate participated by offering onsite expungement registration and eligibility review. PCS served 100+ individuals and had loads of fun in the process!

















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MEET THE PCS TEAM

Giovanni graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University. Throughout his studies, Gio has seen the impact that criminal offenses can have on quality of life, so he was honored to have been matched to PCS through the City of Detroit's annual Mayoral Fellowship program in 2022. Gio joined the PCS team as a Law Enforcement Liaison/ICHAT Specialist in 2023. Assisting Detroit residents in updating their records, which allows access to new opportunities, is the most rewarding aspect of his work.



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WANT PCS TO ATTEND YOUR EVENT?

If there is a community event that you would like Project Clean Slate to attend, please fill out our form at www.detroitmi.gov/pcseventrequest.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

8/5/23 12pm - 4pm

Community Resource Day Blessed Ground Intl Church, 8300 Fenkell, Detroit, MI 48238

8/12/23 2pm - 6pm

4th Annual Back To School Giveaway/90s BBQ Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser Rd, Detroit MI 48219

8/18/23 11am - 3pm

Community Resource Fair, 20800 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48219