



Project Clean Slate's Detroit Expungement Newsletter

welcome back!

As we wrap up the month of June, we want to acknowledge Juneteenth, a significant moment in American history that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Americans. It is celebrated on the anniversary of an order proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865 - two and one-half years AFTER the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. Also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, this federal holiday serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing pursuit of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

We want to spend time in this issue of The DEN to reflect on the numerous Juneteenth celebrations that took place across the City. We are delighted to bring you an assortment of photos, events, and resources that celebrated Juneteenth and its historical significance. May we all continue to come together to celebrate the triumph of resilience and continue the journey towards a more inclusive and equitable future.



Newsletter Highlights

JUNETEENTH

PROMOTING
EQUALITY & JUSTICE

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2023

Detroiters Registered	2,765
Applications Filed	1,968
Expungements Granted	2,639



PROMOTING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

Juneteenth is not only a celebration but also a reminder of the ongoing fight for equality and justice. In the city of Detroit, we are fortunate to have organizations dedicated to social justice, such as Project Clean Slate. Project Clean Slate is a remarkable initiative that helps individuals overcome the barriers created for those with criminal convictions, offering a fresh start and opportunities for a brighter future. Our team's tireless efforts in promoting second chances align perfectly with the spirit of Juneteenth.

Many other organizations in the City are committed to advancing racial equity and dismantling systemic barriers. Please take advantage of the resources they offer.

Detroit Justice Center: The Detroit Justice Center is a nonprofit organization providing legal services, advocacy, and holistic support to individuals impacted by the criminal justice system. They are dedicated to dismantling systemic racism and promoting equitable access to justice for all Detroit residents.

Black Family Development, Inc.: Black Family Development, Inc. is dedicated to improving the lives of African American individuals and families in Detroit. They offer a range of programs and services that address education, employment, mental health, and other critical areas, focusing on empowering communities and reducing disparities.

Urban Neighborhood Initiatives (UNI): UNI is committed to addressing racial inequities in Detroit's neighborhoods. Focusing on education, community development, economic empowerment, they partner with residents and stakeholders to create sustainable solutions and foster equitable opportunities for the community.

The Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department of the City of Detroit investigates discrimination, promotes civil rights, and fosters inclusion and equal opportunities for all residents. CRIO works to ensure fairness and equal access to the many opportunities in our city.

We encourage you to explore and support these and similar organizations in your community, by volunteering for and promoting the agencies. In doing so, you will be contributing to the ongoing fight for equality and justice in our beloved City of Detroit.





The City of Detroit hosted a celebratory Juneteenth event for City employees, where they showcased their talents through poetry, singing, and dancing. The PCS team was present to support their fellow employees and capture some memorable moments.



DETROIT EMPLOYEE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

OCCUPY THE CORNER

10TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

Mary Sheffield, President of the Detroit City Council, organized the 10th Annual Occupy the Corner Detroit Kickoff. This event, which began a decade ago with only 10 attendees, has grown to include thousands of young people. It serves as a beacon of hope for communities that often feel overlooked and disconnected from government. Project Clean Slate actively participated in Occupy the Order again this year, by registering Detroiters for our program and sharing information about Detroit at Work opportunities.



MEET THE PCS TEAM

Tilmandra "Mandy" Wilkerson graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School in 2016. Mandy enjoys working with PCS because it allows her to help people get a fresh start. "Sometimes small mistakes have big consequences that affect lives forever. It is a great feeling to help people change their lives for the better."



STAFF ATTORNEY

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.

THANK YOU!

To submit an entry/photo
for Client Corner email:
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I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Project Clean Slate for assisting me with my expungement process. Their dedication and expertise made a significant impact on my life, providing me with a fresh start and new opportunities. I am truly thankful for their invaluable support and commitment to helping individuals like me achieve a brighter future.

-A. Jones