

PROJECT CLEAN SLATE'S

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A QUARTERLY EXPUNGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

Spring is the season of renewal and growth - two values that are central to the Project Clean Slate mission. Although only a few months have passed this year, PCS has already helped change lives. In those three months, PCS has expunged over 1,400 convictions for Detroiters. The team also attended an expungement fair at Wayne State University Law School, where even more Detroiters began their journeys toward a fresh start.

In this issue, PCS highlights the work done every day in the office, the work happening in the community, and stories from clients whose lives have been transformed through PCS.

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2026 Metrics

1,088
Clients Registered

4,085
Open Files

961
Applications Filed

1,535
Expungements Granted

99%
Expungement Success Rate



DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Executive Administrative Assistant, Sharron Lewis, visited multiple City of Detroit Departments to speak about PCS. She distributed flyers to departments and informed them that City of Detroit employees are eligible for PCS regardless of residency.



STAFF RETREAT

In January, the PCS team attended an all-staff retreat hosted by the City's Office of Talent Development & Performance Management. The team used their time to engage in team building activities, reflect on 2025, and create goals for 2026.



WSU LAW SCHOOL EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

In February, PCS attended Wayne State University Law School's annual Expungement Clinic. At the event, PCS registered Detroiters for the program, provided on-site eligibility review, and attorneys and WSU Law School students met with eligible clients to sign expungement applications. The Detroit Police Department provided free fingerprinting to all eligible participants. PCS also provided criminal background updating support. The event was a huge success.

CLIENT CORNER



Kenneth Netters

“I'm so overwhelmed with joy. I thought PCS had given up on me. To see that they never stopped working in my behalf, I am grateful. [My expungement] opens doors that, under the circumstances, I wasn’t allowed to enter because of my convictions. Now I can start my own business and become licensed and bonded.”



Corie Peterson

“I work in aerospace, and we have a lot of government-contracted jobs. Certain jobs are assembled in a red room that requires security clearance. I can now be considered for those positions. I’m just grateful to have a clean record. I feel like the sky’s the limit.”



Keith Smith

“My blood pressure stayed high before [my expungement]. Now my blood pressure dropped - even without medication. All that stress is gone. Everything has been positive since they told me I was clear.”

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Christian Eckerman, Data Specialist

Christian Eckerman serves as PCS’s data specialist. Christian focuses on analyzing and visualizing PCS data for internal consideration and presentation to the public. He also assists with updating client criminal records.

One of Christian’s favorite experiences with PCS was participating in the WSU Law School expungement clinic, where he was able to interact with clients face to face and help them through the expungement process.

“I like that City service is directly involved with addressing problems faced by the community,” Christian said.

