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Welcome Back!

It has been a busy summer and an exciting start to fall at Project Clean Slate! From securing additional program funding to hosting expungement clinics and connecting with Detroiters at community events, the team has been hard at work. Keep reading to catch up on recent highlights, review program metrics, meet one of PCS' dedicated volunteers, and more!

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Rep. Rashida Tlaib Check Presentation

This summer, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib presented the City of Detroit with a $600,000 check to support pathways to employment. Expungement is critical to those seeking employment opportunities. PCS is proud to partner with Detroit at Work to assist justice-impacted residents obtain employment. In addition to employment, expungement opens doors to housing, educational opportunities, and so much more!

Michigan Justice Fund Site Visit

In July, Project Clean Slate welcomed attendees of the Michigan Justice Fund's Annual Summit for an inside look at the program and the expungement process generally. Guests learned about the PCS journey, heard from past participants about the impact of expungement, and wrapped up the visit with an expungement-themed quiz game. PCS is grateful for MJF's continued support.





Community Outreach

Project Clean Slate attended 30 community events across Detroit this summer, including Occupy the Summer events, Walk a Mile Wednesdays, resource fairs, and more. The team connected with Detroiters, registered residents for the expungement program, and shared information about PCS's free legal services.

Team Wellness Expungement Clinic

On October 10, Team Wellness hosted an expungement clinic at its Mack location. Project Clean Slate, the Detroit Police Department, Safe & Just Michigan, Lakeshore Legal Aid, the Attorney General's Office, and the Michigan State Police were on site providing free services to attendees. PCS registered new residents and helped eligible clients complete and sign their expungement applications. Detroiters received free fingerprinting by DPD, and Chief of Police Todd Bettison was in attendance and spoke with dozens of residents. The clinic was a huge success, with over 200 attendees.





Since the beginning of 2026:

3,593
Applications Filed

4,952
Convictions Expunged

99%
Expungement Success Rate

Khawla Kouider

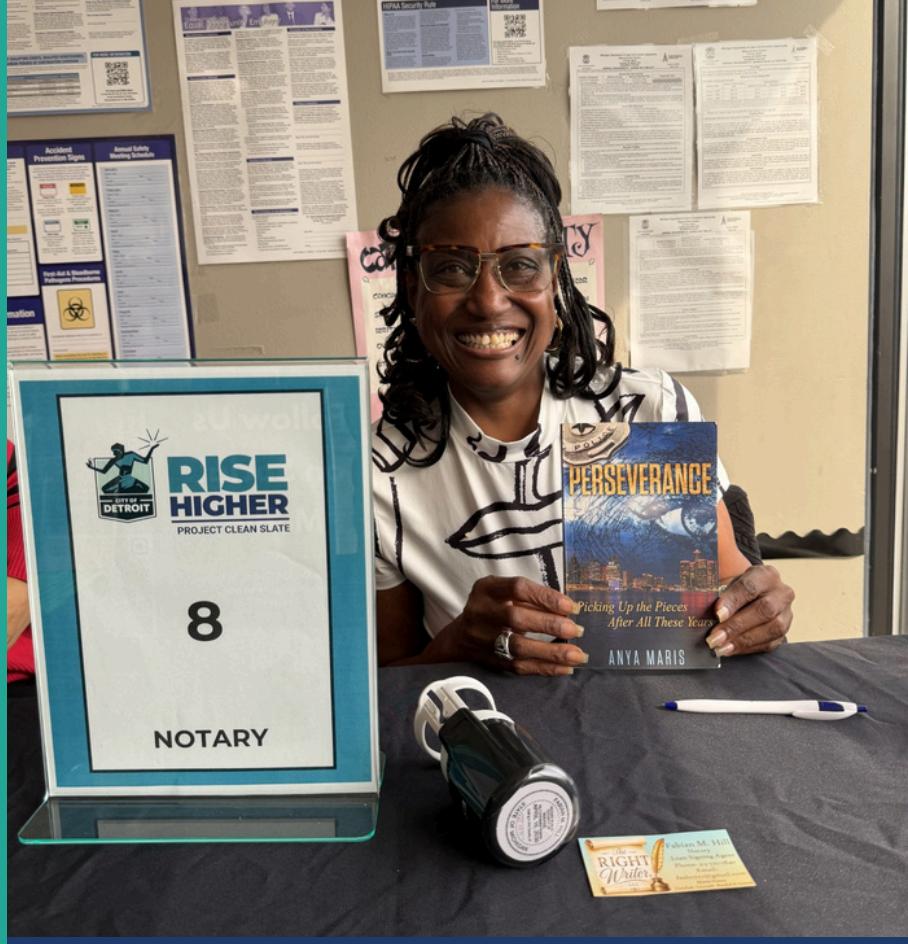
Records Clerk

Khawla Kouider began her career at the City over a year and a half ago as a legal assistant with Project Clean Slate, and she now serves as the program's records clerk. Through her work, she helps provide Detroiters with new opportunities and second chances.

To Khawla, public service is about uplifting the people of the Detroit community. She values working for a city that provides free, life-changing services to its residents. She says this work feels different from other jobs because it is community-oriented and people-focused.

"Every day makes me feel proud because we are changing people's lives," she said.





Client Corner

Fabian Hill: From PCS Client to PCS Volunteer

Fabian completed Project Clean Slate's expungement program in 2023 and, after seeing PCS's Facebook post seeking volunteer notaries, decided to give back. She now volunteers at precinct appointments and, most recently, at the PCS expungement clinic in October.

When meeting with clients, Fabian shares that she went through the program herself and helps them feel confident about their expungement journey. Outside of volunteering, Fabian is a published author of *Perseverance*, a book about her life, and is currently working on her second novel. PCS is thankful to have Fabian as a member of the program's volunteer community.