OVERVIEW

On Monday Oct 10, 2022, the Atlanta City Council’s Public Safety and Legal Committee voted on whether or not to pass Ordinance 22-O-1748 Chapter 94, which prohibits discrimination against formerly incarcerated persons. The vote was 6 yays. On Monday 10/17 the full council will vote! This ordinance, which was presented by Barred Business as a pillar of the Protected Campaign— an initiative focused on making justice impacted-people a protected class in the city.

WHAT WE WANT

- We want the Atlanta City Council’s Public Safety and Legal Committee to Vote Yes on Ordinance 22-O-1748 TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 94 WHICH PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION THROUGHOUT THE CITY, TO INCLUDE PERSONS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM.
- We want Atlanta’s Full City Council to Vote Yes on Ordinance 22-O-1748
- We want all people to be protected from discrimination.
- We want justice-impacted people to become a protected class in the City of Atlanta.
- We want all residents in Atlanta to have access to housing, employment, and opportunities.
- We want the most vulnerable among us to have what they need to live full, thriving lives.

CALLS-TO-ACTION

We need YOU and your supporters to:

1. To urge the City Council to Vote Yes on the ordinance to amend Chapter 94 to include justice impacted people..
2. Call and email your Councilmember to demand they cut the chains off of justice-impacted people and allow them to live free and in their dignity.
3. On Monday 10/17/22 at 12:45pm - 5:00pm come to City Hall, 5563 Trinity Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30303, in person to let your voice be heard at public comment.

Talking Points

- The way we legislate and think about public safety must include formerly incarcerated people. If it doesn’t, it’s not true public safety.
- We continue to perpetuate violence and harm when justice-impacted people cannot work, find housing or provide for themselves.
- Public safety for the formerly incarcerated looks like housing, jobs paying a living wage, access to education, and ending violent surveillance.
- Around 80 percent of incarcerated women are mothers and are the primary provider for their children. When we fail to care for formerly incarcerated parents, we put the well-being of their children at risk.
- Making the formerly incarcerated a protected class in Georgia is one way we can disrupt economic and class disparities in Black communities.
- 59 percent of all incarcerated people are Black people. So the conversations about our economic mobility as a people have to account for the experiences of justice-impacted people.
- We have the highest rates of incarceration in Georgia…we’re one of the Blackest cities in the state, but it has the highest number of Black people under correctional control.
- How can Atlanta be “The Black Mecca” when we have the highest numbers of Black people under correctional control?
- We have (in ATL) the fastest growing population of formerly incarcerated homeless people in the state.
- ATL - we have this motto as being “The City that’s too busy to hate.” But the city seems to have plenty of time to hate and criminalize formerly incarcerated people.
- Put people over profit and make the formerly incarcerated a protected class.
- In the city of Atlanta, and across the country, serving time often leads to a life sentence of homelessness, poverty, and discrimination.
Call Script

The following script outlines the call to action we’re asking residents to share with their council person ahead of Monday’s vote.

Tell Atlanta’s City Council about the devastating impact of incarceration on your lives, household and communities.

“Hello. My name is ____________ and I am from_________________.
[If you don't live in Atlanta, share where you work or play or visit in Atlanta].

I am calling to urge you to vote yes on ORDINANCE 22-O-1748, TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 94 WHICH PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION THROUGHOUT THE CITY, TO INCLUDE PERSONS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM.

As you know, this bill will offer relief to some of the 44,000 collateral consequences associated with felony convictions that poor Black and Brown people carry the burden of. [IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE, SAY THAT HERE].

As a tax paying resident in [District or Neighborhood if you live in Atlanta) I am urging you to Vote Yes on this bill because EVERYONE deserves housing, employment and opportunities. When people thrive, all of our communities are safer, and people are more productive.

Please give all citizens an opportunity to grow and realize their full potential. We need a Reimagined Atlanta that offers true safety to ALL of our communities!, not just some.

Thank you for your time.
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TAGLINES

➔ Only 41% of Black Georgians are free, 10/17/22 can free the rest of them.
➔ Georgia is leading in correctional control, Atlanta is leading in freedom.
➔ Make Justice Impacted people a protected class, and end legal discrimination.
➔ Freedom is for everyone!

Social Media Posts
**Twitter:** Tweet at the Mayor and Council members and share images on social media

**Caption:** @atl councillor Atlanta City Council is voting on Monday to give justice-impacted people the right to housing, employment, and opportunities. Tell them to Vote Yes to Human Rights.

#Protected #VoteYes2HumanRights #protectedclass

**Instagram:**

**Caption:** Tell ATL’s City Council that Justice Impacted Lives Matter! ALL people deserve to live a life without discrimination and prejudice. @atl councillor

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- #VoteYes2HumanRights
- #justice4thenegelected
- #wedeservebetter
- #justicelmpacted
- #nomorediscrimination
- #canwebefree
- #lifeafterincarceration
- #freedomisourright
Flyers

Protected Campaign Graphic Resources (Flyers)