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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**A 21st Century Criminal Justice System for Los Angeles:
A Look at the Present, a Model for the Future
and a Blueprint for Media Coverage**

January 22-24, 2008

USC Davidson Executive Conference Center

MODERATOR: *Joe Domanick*, Justice and Journalism Senior Fellow

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Embassy Room

8:30-9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-9:15 a.m. WELCOME

- Steve Montiel, Director, USC Annenberg's Institute for Justice and Journalism
- Ernest J. Wilson III, Dean, USC Annenberg School for Communication

9:15-9:30 a.m. OPENING ADDRESS

Some Thoughts About a Fair, Effective and Coordinated L.A. 21st Century Criminal Justice System – from Arrest Through Reentry.

- John Van de Kamp, Chair, California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice; former California Attorney General

9:30-11:00 a.m. PANEL 1

Before Crime and Punishment: Keeping Kids Out of the Criminal Justice System

- Richard Alonzo, Superintendent of Local District 4, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Vincent Holmes, Principal Staff Analyst, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, Los Angeles County
- Winston Peters, Assistant Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office
- Darren "Bo" Taylor, Founder, Unity One
- Billie Weiss, Executive Director, Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PANEL 2

A Comprehensive Gang and Youth-Violence Prevention Plan for the 21st Century

- Charles L. Beck, Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
- Jeff Carr, Director, Los Angeles City Gang Reduction and Youth Development
- Connie Rice, Director, The Advancement Project

Response: Tom Hayden, Author; former California State Assemblyman and Senator

12:30-1:45 p.m. LUNCH (Vineyard Room)

- Michael Parks, Director, USC Annenberg School of Journalism
- Speaker: Connie Rice, Director, The Advancement Project

1:45-3:15 p.m. PANEL 3

Policing L.A. in the 21st Century: Beyond Arrest and Imprisonment

Long-term, community-based crime prevention and reentry strategies, coordinated with other criminal justice departments, social service agencies and grass roots organizations.

- Lee Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County
- William Bratton, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
- Jose Rodriguez, Reentry Coordinator, Tarzana Treatment Center
- Blair H. Taylor, President and CEO, Los Angeles Urban League

3:15-3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30-5:00 p.m. PANEL 4

Legislative and Inter-Agency Solutions to Jail Violence and Overcrowding in 21st Century L.A.: What Should a Model L.A. Jail System Should Look Like?

- Lee Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County
- Melinda Bird, Senior Counsel, ACLU of Southern California
- Merrick Bobb, Special Counsel to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Kim McGillicuddy, Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Embassy Room

8:30-9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-9:30 a.m. OPENING ADDRESS

Looking to the Future: A Model for a Coordinated State/L.A. Countywide Reentry Program

- Jeanne Woodford, Chief Adult Probation Officer, City and County of San Francisco; former Director, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

9:30-11:00 a.m. PANEL 1

A 21st Century Prisoner Reentry Strategy for L.A.: If There's a Will, Is There a Way?

Overcoming obstacles, finding opportunities and political support and developing a step-by-step L.A. city/county prisoner reentry policy in partnership with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

- Vivian B. Brown, President and CEO, PROTOTYPES
- Tom Hayden, Author; former California State Assemblyman and Senator
- Kathryn P. Jett, Undersecretary of Programs, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Michael P. Judge, Chief Public Defender, Los Angeles County

11:00-11:15 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. PANEL 2

Breaking Down Criminal Justice Silos and Improving Existing City/County Collaboratives and Task Forces

- Brian Center, Community Transition Unit, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Mark Delgado, Executive Director, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, Los Angeles County
- Scott Stickney, Special Assistant, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Kimberly Wong, Legislative/Policy Advisor to the Public Defender, Los Angeles County

The public sessions conclude at 12:45 and will resume at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.

IJJ will convene a dialogue with invited editors and reporters. During lunch on Thursday, IJJ Director Steve Montiel will report to the conference attendees regarding the journalism discussion and its recommendations on ways to better cover the criminal justice system.

California Room

1:00-4:00 p.m. IJJ LUNCH / DIALOGUE (invited journalists)

Criminal Justice Reporting in 21st Century L.A.

Covering L.A.'s criminal justice system in all its complex, inter-connected parts. How it's being done now and how, in a new media age, can it be done better?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Board Room

8:30-9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-9:30 a.m. OPENING ADDRESS

Overcoming the Obstacles to Reforming California's Courts and Sentencing Laws:

- Laurie Levenson, Professor of Law, William M. Rains Fellow and Director of the Center for Ethical Advocacy, Loyola Law School

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. PANEL 1

Replicating the Drug Court Model Countywide

Can L.A. have a court system that works hand-in-glove with other criminal justice and social service agencies to reduce intergenerational crime and recidivism? What are the obstacles and possibilities? What would the alternatives be to not sending someone to prison?

- Kathryn P. Jett, Undersecretary of Programs, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Stephen V. Manley, Judge, Santa Clara Superior Court
- Steven Van Sicklen, Supervising Judge of Criminal, Los Angeles Superior Court
- John Spillane, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County
- Michael A. Tynan, Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PANEL 2

The Politics of Reforming L.A.'s Criminal Justice System: Political and Structural Problems and Solutions.

- Bill Boyarsky, columnist; author; lecturer, USC Annenberg School for Communication
- Jim Newton, Editorial Page Editor, Los Angeles Times
- Jack Weiss, Los Angeles City Council Member

12:30-1:30 p.m. LUNCH (Vineyard Room)

Comments on Media Coverage of Criminal Justice: Summary of Journalistic Discussions

- Steve Montiel, Director, USC Annenberg's Institute for Justice and Journalism.

1:30-3:00 p.m. PANEL 3

A View from the Inside: What Prisoners, Probationers and Parolees Need to Go Straight and Successfully Reenter Society.

- Joe Avila, Executive Director, Prison Fellowship Ministry
- Alan Mobley, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Urban Studies, San Diego State University

3:00-3:10 p.m. BREAK

3:15-5:00 p.m. PANEL 4

Moving from Vision to Action, What are LA's Political and Criminal Justice Leaders Willing to do Jointly to Reform the System?

- Lee Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County
- Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County District Attorney
- Michael P. Judge, Chief Public Defender, Los Angeles County
- Earl Paysinger, Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
- Gloria Romero, California State Senate Majority Leader
- Marvin Southard, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County

5:00-5:30 p.m. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Response to Comments by L.A.'s Political and Criminal Justice Leaders.

- Connie Rice, Director, The Advancement Project

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