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Deputy Mayor will propose ending money bail and prioritizing pre-arrest diversion

LAST THURSDAY, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE packed the LIVE FREE People's Hearing on Criminal Justice Reform. A special energy permeated every corner of the room, and IndyCAN's movement to reform the criminal justice system in Marion County burst with renewed expectations.

In that room, Rev. Dr. David Hampton, Indianapolis Deputy Mayor of Neighborhoods and Chair of the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, representing Mayor Joe Hogsett's office, agreed to a series of IndyCAN's proposals from the new report we released that night, [The People's Agenda for Ending Mass Incarceration and Mass Criminalization in Marion County](#).

The action means that Mayor Hogsett pledges to:

- listen to families who have been directly affected by the broken criminal justice system
- ensure that any recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force include a serious proposal to end money bail in Indianapolis
- prioritize addiction and mental-health diversion over incarceration
- create a culture of transparency — like the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department began this year — by committing to implement a data system that tracks:
 - the race of those arrested, charged and jailed
 - the crimes that were committed by those arrested, charged and jailed
 - how long citizens are jailed for those crimes
 - how many are not convicted of crimes

These data should be posted publicly, online, within the next six months and updated annually.

Our city cannot jail its way out of the challenges facing our communities. We waste time and money

locking up the poor, the sick and the mentally ill, rather than focusing on delivering the treatment and services that will help them thrive on the right side of the law.

IndyCAN's people of faith and returning citizens will continue to work toward bringing home new victories for Indianapolis and our people. The People's Hearing was a significant first step — but now we must hold our mayor accountable to the promises we heard!

What you can do

Plan to attend the next LIVE FREE meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 6pm (Location TBA).

Related media

- ["IndyCAN pushes to end money bail in Marion County,"](#) Indianapolis Star, Sept. 2
- ["IndyCAN urges mayor to end money bail,"](#) Fox 59, Sept. 1



WRITING

E-newsletter Article: News

PHOTOGRAPHY

All event photos included here

DIGITAL DESIGN

Main body/full version created in Dreamweaver, then published online via an online content-management system

Short version (containing blurbs that linked to the full version posted online) created in Dreamweaver, then published via email using Salsa software.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Monthly planning, production and publishing of the newsletter

CLIENT

Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCAN)

Until IndyCAN hired a communications director, we produced its monthly e-newsletter. We wrote and edited articles, took photos of events, designed the issues and published it via email and website.