Prisoner Advocacy Network (PAN)

Seeks Formerly Incarcerated People
Loved Ones
Legal Workers, Law Students, and Attorneys
To Advocate
For
People Confined in Solitary/Segregation

To volunteer send us an email at:
pan@nlgsf.org to volunteer

For More Information Visit
http://nlgsf.org/prisoner-advocacy-network
**Who We Are**

We are a network of California activists, family members, formerly incarcerated people, legal workers, law students, and attorneys.

**Who We Support**

Our focus is narrow and specific - supporting people in California’s solitary confinement and similar conditions of isolation such as security housing units (SHUs), administrative segregation, and gender-based segregation. We prioritize advocating for jailhouse lawyers and those engaged in political activity.

**What We Do**

Provide non-litigation advocacy for incarcerated people experiencing discrimination, retaliation, and rights violations. Gather evidence documenting conditions and trends of treatment in the exceptionally repressive prison environments of solitary and other forms of segregation.

**Our Objective**

To strengthen movements on the inside and their corollaries on the outside by providing advocacy for activists on the inside. We seek to eliminate the use of solitary as punishment for people who are discriminated against due to their political perspectives and those who advocate and organize on their own and other prisoners’ behalf.

**Why The Need For PAN Volunteers**

Following California hunger strikes, loved ones of people suffering from solitary confinement alerted the NLGSF to the need for individualized advocacy. Though a recent settlement agreement in the Ashker v. Brown suit will result in many transfers, we know CDCR will continue to deny appropriate care and conditions, involuntarily segregate, mistreat, and retaliate against people.

**What An Advocate Does**

Tasks include mail correspondence with people inside, phone calls and letters to prison and health care officials, assisting with filing administrative appeals, filing complaints, providing resources from the web or other sources, public records requests and possibly prison visits. Our scope does not include litigation.

**The Volunteer Commitment**

Volunteers will be asked to attend a 3-hour training and review informational documents before being assigned to advocate. Advocates will be expected to continue until an issue is resolved or one year, whichever is shorter. More is encouraged.

**How Advocates Are Supported**

The NLGSF office will administer the program. Staff will coordinate intake forms and advocate matching, mail, provision of educational and technical resources/guides, training and templates. Attorneys experienced with prisoners’ rights and litigation will be available as mentors.

**How To Volunteer**

email - pan@nlgsf.org

**Include The Following Information**

1. Name
2. Status: family, formerly incarcerated, pen-pal, legal worker, lawyer, law student
3. Describe any relevant experience
4. Let us know if you are interested in being involved in the planning process