ADVANCING JUSTICE AND SAFETY FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Reimagine Justice & Safety works to significantly reduce the criminal legal system’s scope and shift its trajectory toward equity- and care-centered programs.

- COMMUNITY CARE AND EMPOWERMENT
- ELIMINATING INEQUITABLE OUTCOMES
- SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL

The criminal legal system was borne out of America’s racist founding and continues to devastate communities of color. Data show that Californians of color are disproportionately policed, arrested, incarcerated, and subjected to harsher sentences than Whites. At the same time, rates of violence are disproportionately higher in low-income communities of color—despite decades of landmark investments in law enforcement and incarceration. These deep-seated harms have eroded public trust in our system of safety.

Rather than responding to nearly every quality-of-life issue through police and punishment, Catalyst California’s Reimagine Justice & Safety program works with community partners to build a comprehensive ecosystem of care and empowerment that drives true safety.

We envision a California where people of color no longer live in fear of being racially profiled, subjected to criminalization, or brutally killed by law enforcement.

CURRENT KEY ISSUES

POLICE REFORM
Advocating for enhanced law enforcement accountability systems and reducing the need for law enforcement.

PROSECUTORIAL REFORM
We work to improve prosecutorial accountability and prevent inequitable outcomes.

COMMUNITY SAFETY SOLUTIONS
Advocating for safety solutions that prioritize care and address the root causes of violence.

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IMPACT OF OUR WORK

Partnered with the PUSH LA coalition in campaign to advance non-law enforcement alternatives to traffic safety in the City of Los Angeles.

Released Reimagining Traffic Safety & Bold Political Leadership in Los Angeles – a report that shows how LAPD traffic stops and arrests are racially and economically biased and provides recommendations for enhancing traffic safety.

Partnered with the Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles (ACT LA) to successfully advocate for the LA County Board of Transportation to create a $122 million Transit Ambassador program that decreases reliance on law enforcement agencies to advance community safety.

Desired Outcomes

- A comprehensive ecosystem of community care and empowerment that drives true safety and prevents engagement with the criminal legal system.
- Shrinking the criminal legal system’s scope.
- The elimination of the criminal legal system’s racially and economically inequitable outcomes.
- Safe neighborhoods for all Californians.