



## About Arts in Corrections

The Arts in Corrections (AIC) program is made possible through a partnership between the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Arts Council (CAC). The program is designed to have a positive impact on the social and emotional well-being of people experiencing incarceration, to promote healing both inside and outside the boundaries of the institutions.

Administered by the CAC, AIC arts programming is provided at each of the 35 state adult correctional institutions across California. Services span the full spectrum of art disciplines, with organizations offering instruction in visual; literary; media; performing; and cultural, folk and traditional arts.

If you ever want to share your experiences with AIC with us directly, you may contact us at the address below.

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## What's in a Name?

### Arts in Corrections Name Change Survey



## Thinking of you

As a previous or current participant in AIC's programs, we know you have a direct relationship with the amazing teaching artists and organizations that lead the arts workshops within your institution.

We hope you are finding some solace in the video instruction, workbooks, correspondence programs, and other alternative arts programming we are offering while our providers are unable to be there with you.

We realize it's not the same as the in-person programs you are accustomed to, but we do hope this modified form continues to support your growth until we can see you again.

We want you to know that we are thinking of you in this difficult time! Now and always, we appreciate you and are inspired by all of your hard work towards your healing and transformation.

## What's in a name?

### Background

Language is powerful. It shapes our world. The CAC's AIC program is undergoing a significant period of growth and change, prioritizing efforts to break down barriers, challenge the status quo and create a culture shift within prison arts programming, words included.

Since 2018, the CAC has participated in the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, an initiative of the State urging public agencies to honor their responsibility of serving all people by actively working to repair the harm perpetuated by government through the implementation of equitable policies.

Because we believe that words have power, we know now more than ever it is time to change the Arts in Corrections program name to something new—something that reflects the positive impact the arts have on *you*.

The goal of the name change is to refocus the public's negative perception of people like you by highlighting your experiences with the arts, your transformation and healing journey—but above all, your humanity.

With this in mind, we have engaged prison arts organizations, artists, and members of the

community to provide us with their ideas for a new program name and we have received over 200 suggestions!

We've narrowed down the final decision to the top five reoccurring ideas and concepts—which you'll find included in the survey provided.

### Help Us Change Our Name

We kindly ask for your help in reimagining the future of the AIC program by responding to our short name-change survey, enclosed.

Your response to this survey will be counted as a vote toward the new future program name.

#### Please follow these simple instructions to cast your vote:

- ▶ On the postcard included with this leaflet, select your top choice for the new program name by checking the box next to your selection.
- ▶ Follow the instructions provided to you by your institution's Community Resource Manager to return the survey.

That's it! Once we have received everyone's picks, we will tally up the responses and the choice with the most votes will become the new program name.

After the name is selected, we will send you a letter informing you of our program's new title.

We appreciate you and thank you in advance for your participation!