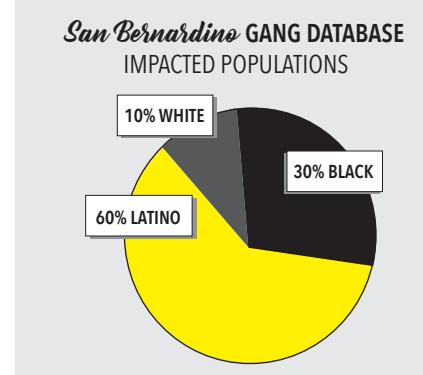


STOP TARGETING THE INNOCENT

Improve Local Accountability & Transparency for the Gang Database

California's statewide gang database, CalGang, is an electronic database that law enforcement officers use to flag youth and adults as gang affiliated. Most people are added to the database without having been arrested or accused of criminal activity. You can get added to the system based on the neighborhood you live in, physical markers-such as tattoos, the color of your skin or even if someone simply says you are in a gang without evidence. Because the CalGang database proved to be flawed, Governor Brown signed new legislation requiring more accountability and transparency for the gang database.



*Note: Black people represent only 8% of population in San Bernardino yet are disproportionately impacted by the database.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, & POLICYMAKERS:



MUST comply with the new law, effective 2018, by requiring local law enforcement agencies to:

- Provide a written notice to the person's parent or guardian, if the person is a minor, before designating them as a suspected gang member.
- Produce detailed transparency reports on each of their shared gang databases.
- Create opportunities to challenge their inclusion in a gang database in court.

CAN create accessible ways for people to find out about their status in the gang database

SHOULD refuse to seek gang enhancements and/or impact a person's immigration status based on flawed information in the database

SHOULD prioritize youth development and harm reduction as gang intervention strategies.



Terrance spent 15 years in gang life and prison. There were no programs to prevent him from getting involved in gangs and crime. Desperate to change his life and prevent young people from making the mistakes he made, he formed Young Visionaries, a leadership, prevention and intervention program that serves youth in the Inland Valley community. Terrance is doing his part for public safety by working to keep thousands of youth out of gangs and prison.

"We want a second chance but many of my peers, who are doing positive things in their communities, are unnecessarily targeted by law enforcement because they are still listed as active in the gang database."

