

## Platform

America's prison system is expensive, inhumane, and ineffective. It is by far the largest in the world in both absolute and per capita measures. It does not exist to “protect” or “correct” but rather exists to divide communities, drive profits, and act as a form of social control. The skyrocketing of prisons is largely a result of the failed “War on Drugs”. It has not stalled or lessened crime by any measure.

*To address the severe conditions in already existing facilities, we support:*

- The Expansion of Prison Education Programs
- Alternative Rehabilitative Measures for People with Mental Health Conditions
- Sensible Housing Policies for Non-Traditional Gender Expressions/Identities
- The End of Solitary Confinement
- Labor Protections for Incarcerated Workers

*To reach the ultimate goal of ending the PIC, we support:*

- The Repeal of Mandatory Minimums and Three Strike Laws
- The Decriminalization of Drug Possession
- A Moratorium on Prison Construction
- An End to the Privatization of Prisons
- The Expansion of Decentralized Rehabilitation Facilities and Re-entry Programs
- Divestment from Corporations that Directly Profit from the PIC
- The Elimination of the “Convicted Question” on Job and Housing Applications