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The Brennan Center for Justice *at NYU School of Law*
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Brennan Center's Right to Vote Project leads a nationwide campaign to restore voting rights to people with criminal convictions. Brennan Center staff counsels policymakers and advocates, provides legal and constitutional analysis, drafts legislation and regulations, engages in litigation challenging disenfranchising laws, surveys the implementation of existing laws, and promotes the restoration of voting rights through public outreach and education. Given that restoring voting rights is a component of sound reentry and public safety policy, the Brennan Center has recently begun to invite law enforcement and criminal justice leaders to join our policy and advocacy efforts.

The Right to Vote Project established the **Brennan Center Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Advisory Council** in June 2007. The Advisory Council was born out of a Brennan Center convening that brought law enforcement and criminal justice leaders to New York University School of Law to discuss voting rights restoration from a reentry and public safety perspective.

The Advisory Council is ever growing and is composed of prominent leaders in the law enforcement and criminal justice fields. Current members include police chiefs, prosecutors, heads of probation, parole and corrections departments, and presidents of leading law enforcement and community supervision professional associations. Advisory Council members offer the Right to Vote team insight into the criminal justice system, aid Brennan Center efforts to reform state laws, and help carry out effective communications campaigns on voting rights restoration.

The participation of Advisory Council members depends on the preferences and availability of each individual member. Advisory Council members have acted as spokespeople to the media on voting rights restoration, testified at hearings, signed on to public statements and opinion pieces endorsing legislation that would restore voting rights, and have encouraged their professional associations to pass resolutions in favor of voting rights restoration. There are no required meetings or obligations associated with serving on the Advisory Council.

Please visit the Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Advisory Council page on our website to see a listing of current Advisory Council members.

http://www.brennancenter.org/content/pages/law_enforcement_criminal_justice_advisory_council

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