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**JusticeLA, Immigrant Youth Coalition
and Youth Justice Coalition to Bring Critical Discussion
on Providing Alternatives to Incarceration to East Los Angeles**

Black Lives Matter Co-Founder to Deliver Keynote

LOS ANGELES, CA - Continuing in a series of curated dialogues spread across Los Angeles County in local communities, **JusticeLA** will hold a town hall meeting to discuss L.A. County's plan to spend \$3.5 billion on expanding the largest jail system in the country. The conversation will also include the campaign to urge the Board of Supervisors to redirect funds into community services and other alternatives to incarceration for directly impacted communities in an effort to reduce the jail population. Panelists include **Arvene Knox** (Essie Justice Group), **Anthony Robles** (Youth Justice Coalition), **Elizeth Virrueta Ortiz** (San Gabriel Valley Immigrant Youth Coalition), **Maria Ponce** (Building Healthy Communities - Boyle Heights), and **Nancy Meza** (Defend Boyle Heights). Black Lives Matter and Dignity and Power Now co-founder **Patrisse Cullors** will be the keynote speaker.

Co-hosted by **Immigrant Youth Coalition** and **Youth Justice Coalition**, the town hall meeting "**Reclaim and Reimagine What Public Safety Looks Like in Our Communities**" will take place **Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Wellness Center located at 1200 N. State Street in East Los Angeles. The event is free and open to the public and will also include a conviction relief clinic to assist attendees with an opportunity and pathway to clean their criminal records and get a fresh start in life.

For more information on JusticeLA, please visit justicelanonow.org.

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JusticeLA, in partnership with community organizations working with directly impacted communities affected by incarceration, was formed to reclaim, reimagine and reinvest what L.A. County could do with the \$3.5 billion allocated to building two new jails. JusticeLA was formed by Patrisse Cullors, co-founder of Black Lives Matter and anchor organizations: Californians United for Responsible Budget (CURB), Community Coalition, Critical Resistance L.A., Dignity and Power Now, Immigrant Youth Coalition, Just Leadership USA, Revolve Impact, TransLatin@ Coalition and Youth Justice Coalition. JusticeLANow.org.