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Advocates and Family Members to Hold Candlelight Vigil for Jail Deaths

Los Angeles, CA - A candlelight vigil will be held outside of Men's Central Jail on Fri., Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. to remember those who have died while in jail.

JusticeLA and Dignity and Power Now will join the families of Juan Correa Jr. and John Horton Thomas III to call attention to the number of inmate deaths in L.A. jails. In the past month, two inmate deaths were reported two days apart at L.A. County Men's Central Jail and a third at LAPD's Metropolitan Detention Center in downtown Los Angeles.

31-year-old Juan Correa Jr., was pronounced dead Sep. 28, after becoming unconscious in the shower at Men's Central Jail while decontaminating from the pepper spray, authorities said. John Thomas Horton III died at Men's Central Jail in 2009. Battered and bloodied, coroner officials listed his death as a hanging but have stopped short of saying whether it was a suicide or homicide.

WHO: Families of Juan Correas Jr. and John Horton Thomas III
JusticeLA
Dignity and Power Now

WHAT: Candlelight Vigil

WHEN: Friday, October 20
6:30PM

WHERE: Men's Central Jail
441 Bauchet St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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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, Dignity and Power Now, Immigrant Youth Coalition, Revolve Impact, TransLatin@ Coalition and Youth Justice Coalition.*

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***Dignity and Power Now (DPN)** is a grassroots organization based in Los Angeles that fights for the dignity and power of incarcerated people, their families, and communities. In doing so, DPN wages a fight for everyone because the prison industrial complex forms an imaginative limit on everyone's capacity to envision freedom and liberation. More at www.dignityandpowernow.org*