**Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform**

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities

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**MAJR General Meeting**

Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

People for Change Coalition,

9500 Arena Drive, Suite 460

Largo, Maryland 20772

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**IMPORTANT:** Food will be provided by the People for Change Coalition, but you must RSVP! If you want to eat with us, contact Pat Schenck at pat.schenck3227@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 20.

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We will continue our planning for the 2017 legislative session and for monitoring progress of the newly-created Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board. We also will hear reports from various committees and working groups. You will have an opportunity to join one of these groups.

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**Collateral Consequences Workgroup Meetings**

**Opportunity for Stakeholder Input!**

The Collateral Consequences Workgroup is planning two stakeholder meetings in which stakeholders, such as returning citizens and the people who help them find employment, can give input. Locations will be announced on the workgroup’s website. Here are the dates:

- **Thursday, September 15, 12-3 pm**, location in Annapolis MD to be announced
- **Friday, October 14, 1 – 3 pm** location in Baltimore MD to be announced

How can you give effective input that will help the workgroup? Here are a few tips:

- State clearly what you believe the workgroup should recommend.
- Support your opinion with facts or your experience.
- Keep your remarks concise and very focused on what the workgroup should do.
Note that it’s fine to identify yourself as a MAJR member, but please do not say you are representing MAJR. Recommendations from MAJR are developed by the Executive Committee based on careful consideration of members’ feedback, focus groups, research, and input from allied organizations.

Public Workgroup Meetings

The workgroup plans three more meetings, all of which are open to the public. All will be in Annapolis, most likely in the Legislative Hearing Room:

- Monday, September 26, 12-3pm
- Monday, October 31, 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday, November 15, 12 to 3pm

MAJR is a nonpartisan association of over forty community organizations and churches with members in every part of the state, formed to support justice reinvestment. Individual supporters include judges, attorneys, corrections professionals, as well as returning citizens, victims, and service providers.

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