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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Los Angeles Southwest College Hosts Prop. 47 Criminal Record Cleaning Workshop on Saturday, August 1**

Individuals with low-level felony convictions encouraged to see if their record can be reclassified

Los Angeles Southwest College will host an Aug. 1 workshop to educate and inform the public about Proposition 47, an initiative passed by voters in 2014 that reclassified many theft and drug possession offenses from felonies to misdemeanors.

Individuals with felony records for certain low-level, nonviolent offenses are encouraged to attend to see if they qualify to have their record or their sentence reclassified to a misdemeanor. Those who qualify will be asked to return to campus for processing on Aug. 15 and 22. Under Proposition 47, crimes committed in California that are now considered misdemeanors include petty theft under \$500, shoplifting under \$950, forging or writing a bad check under \$950 and receipt of stolen property under \$950.

The Saturday, Aug. 1, workshop will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Career and Technical Education Building, Multi-Purpose Room 127. The workshop's first 100 participants will receive free Live Scan services, an electronic fingerprinting service that many employers use for background checks. The on-site, Live Scan processing will help expedite the qualifying process. An expungement and attorney services team will also be onsite to assist participants who may not qualify for Proposition 47, but do qualify for other record-cleaning services.

For more information about the workshop, visit <http://southlaforprop47.org>. For more information about Proposition 47, visit [www.safeandjust.org/recordchange](http://www.safeandjust.org/recordchange).

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