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Measure: SB579

Please support SB 579. We should not deny people their civil rights just because they are in jail. Plus, people in prison are often victims of abuse and manipulation by the very system that jails them (and the employees of the jail.) They should be able to impact their jail experience (and make it safer) by having a voice in government and the laws that are passed.

I also worry about the disproportionate number of people of color in prison and how the system often fails them. I have Black and Brown family members. I know they are at greater risk of being arrested, charged and convicted, even if they are innocent. They should not also lose their right to vote.

Disenfranchisement undermines the rehabilitative aspect of prison. It separates people from society and weakens their desire to improve.

Please vote yes on SB 579.