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## **Press Release**

### **Pasadena Community Coalition announces community-based expungement clinic**

February 1, 2022 - Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Community Coalition today announced a unique partnership with Friends of the Miracle Mile and Holy Assembly Church of God in Christ in creating a Pasadena community-based expungement clinic at their offices located at 55 East Villa Street, Pasadena, CA 91103. The first clinics were done in December 2021 and will resume in February 2022.

Martin A. Gordon CEO of the Pasadena Community Coalition states: “ We are excited to finally provide this much needed service to our community, which has been most affected by the drug wars. These services are important in promoting social equity, social justice and will allow

participants to clear their records and become eligible for expanded job and educational opportunities.

The expungement clinics are supported by a founding grant by Sweet Flower a major supporter of social equity in Pasadena for African Americans and people of color most affected by the drugs wars. Timothy Dodd, CEO of Sweet Flower states “we must fund programs that clearly impact the lives of those most affected by the drug wars. Varda of Pasadena also gladly donated to the program and pledged support for social equity endeavors in Pasadena. “Octavius” MOB a Pasadena AA owned cannabis brand also donated to this important endeavor!

Currently, Services are by appointment only. Due to the cancellation of the Black History Parade the clinic at the festival was cancelled. Inquiries should be directed to Martin Gordon at the Pasadena Community Coalition.

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