



# **Associated Student Government of San Bernardino Valley College**

Formerly Incarcerated Resource Resolution

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**WHEREAS,** formerly incarcerated individuals have limited access to resources to succeed in life and end up becoming a statistic of high rate recidivism; the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend; and

**WHEREAS,** formerly incarcerated individuals struggle with navigating into a higher education which hinders their ability to develop the education and skills necessary to obtain a successful career; and

**WHEREAS,** formerly incarcerated individuals are forced to revert back to unethical practices due to the lack of resources which denies them the opportunity of a higher education; and

**WHEREAS,** recidivism rates by state vary but California is among the highest in the nation. According to a 2012 report by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, just over 65% of those released from California's prison system return within three years. Employment after release was 13 percent higher among prisoners who participated in either academic or vocational education programs than those who did not.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSCCC embrace a program or a resource center that helps formerly incarcerated individual's transition from prisons to campuses.

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