

## Invitation to comment on Principles of Reentry for DC

Dear friends and colleagues:

As you know, we've been encouraging the various groups and individuals committed to improving reentry in the District of Columbia to come together, and to do so around an agreed set of principles that we can use to educate and inform public officials as well as a point of reference for ourselves.

We've started with a draft set of principles which have now circulated to various groups and committees. There seems to be considerable interest in developing a final statement of principles, with the suggestion that we settle on the basic "black letter" language first, and then come back to the supporting text.

Moving forward, we want to have an open review process. We will do better if we consider suggestions and ideas from organizations and individuals with experience and an interest in reentry.

To accomplish this objective, John Stanard has set up a "Google Docs" space with copies of the longer principles document and the shorter "black letter" document. Also, longer comments from individuals are in the same Google Docs space.

The names of all original recipients of this email are provided below the signature line. All original recipient of this email have been given permission to enter the Google Docs space and comment on the principles, as well as to review the comments others have made. You can [click here to enter this space](#).

If you are uneasy about using the Google Docs, you can view the documents by following these links and enter your own comments, which others will see.

For the one-page principles document, for which we now invite comments: [Click here](#)

For the full principles document which provides context for the principles: [Click here](#)

PNO and an editorial team will review all comments entered by 15 January 2018. We will repost what should be close to a final principles document soon thereafter, and again remain open for comments.

On or before 20 January, 2018 PNO will publish the one page principles document with an acknowledgement of contributions to an on-going discussion from as many groups and individuals as may be interested. PNO is contemplating providing this document to the Mayor's office and District officials prior to the Council's oversight hearings for the Department of Corrections scheduled for 1 February 2018.

The Resources page on PNO's web site carries [additional information about Reentry Principles](#).

Thank you for your valued thoughts and suggestions,

Sincerely,

Malcolm Young