

DEMANDS MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF METRO LOUISVILLE FOR THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF INCARCERATED HUMAN BEINGS

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We, the working people of the greater Louisville community, along with our community allies, call upon the government of Metro Louisville to heed the cries of our suffering and imprisoned brothers and sisters, working people themselves, and demand the following actions of our local government:

1. Immediate improvements to the conditions and policies of the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections that recognizes the humanity of imprisoned persons.
2. The funding of and access to quality healthcare, dental care, vision care, and educational opportunities for all imprisoned human beings.
3. The immediate end to prison slavery. All incarcerated workers must be paid the prevailing wage of the city for their labor.
4. The immediate overhauling of the grievance process at LMDC, ensuring imprisoned human beings have a proper channel to address wrongdoing on the part of jail staff and the violations of their rights.
5. The institution of rehabilitation programs and the expansion of parole opportunities for imprisoned humans. No human should be sentenced to death by incarceration or serve any sentence without the possibility of parole.
6. The immediate end to the racial policing, overcharging, over-sentencing, and parole denials of Black and brown human beings
7. The establishment of a workers' review board with full legal powers that investigates, oversees, and prosecutes any accusations of wrongdoing against the Louisville Metro Police Department or Louisville city government.
8. The immediate release of all political prisoners and those convicted of nonviolent crimes.
9. That all prisoners, pretrial detainees, and so called "ex-felons" be given full voting rights. In a country where the state has such power over imprisoned human beings, such persons' votes and voices must be heard.
10. The immediate cessation of the privatization of our correctional facilities. Such institutions must be publicly funded and controlled. For-profit mechanisms and schemes must be abolished and all imprisoned persons must be provided the essential care they are due as human beings.