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CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from CIC Executive Director



As I reflect on my new assignment, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve one of the most vulnerable populations in the District of Columbia. I count it as a joy. I am impressed with my initial assessment of the CIC Board and staff.

I thank Mayor Bowser for allowing me this opportunity to serve. Additionally, I would like to thank the preceding executive director, Michelle Bonner, who served the office and its constituents with leadership that was thoughtful, effective, and courageous. Michelle has assembled a staff of prepared and purposed individuals who are committed to inspecting, monitoring, and reporting on the state of DC incarcerated individuals. This team is diligently working with other community stakeholders to reverse the adverse impacts of incarceration.

Now is the time to strengthen our attention to this issue as it takes center stage in our city and country. I challenge each of us to consider how we can best contribute to this call for change and progress. We need jobs, educational opportunities, and housing, as well as mentors, lawyers, and advocates who are committed to changing the world by working on this massive problem and its many forms of manifestation.

In the coming months, I look forward to working with families, DC Department of Corrections (DOC), Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), partners, and community stakeholders to look at the issues related to DC incarcerated residents.

Along with the Board and staff of the CIC, I stand ready to do our share, while

working with others on behalf of those who so often do not have a voice. I am looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time and reconnecting with the many friends and partners that I have met over the years in order to work together on behalf of the men, women, and youth incarcerated in this region and throughout the country.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Isaac



UPDATE: [Low Water Pressure at CTF](#)

On Tuesday, November 14, the water pressure throughout D.C. Department of Corrections' Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) was fully restored.

DOC New Remote Visitation Program

The DC Department of Corrections (DOC) has implemented a new Remote Visitation Program, where family members are able to conduct video visits from their home computers. DOC staff explained that Remote Visitation can be scheduled the same way that face-to-face visits are scheduled [online](#), or by calling the video visitation line at (202) 442-6155. The CIC has heard from incarcerated individuals in DOC custody that these video visits last for 25 minutes and cost around \$10 per visit.

Upcoming Inspection: FCI McDowell

On December 12-13, 2018 the CIC will be conducting an onsite inspection of FCI McDowell a medium-security men's prison in Welch, West Virginia. FCI McDowell currently houses 122 DC residents. During the inspection, the CIC



requesting confidential one-on-one interviews with a CIC representative. The CIC will speak to each DC resident who was willing and available to speak with us during our visit.

If you have any information you would like to share regarding this facility, contact the CIC between 9am-5pm Monday through Friday at (202) 478-9211 or via email dccic@dc.gov.

CIC Postcard Writing Events



As the holidays commence, so do our CIC postcard writing events! Every year the CIC facilitates postcard writing events in various spaces allowing volunteers to send holiday greetings and cheer to our DC incarcerated residents. This year the CIC office will be open for volunteers **Monday, December 3, through Friday, December 14** between **10AM and 3PM**.

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The CIC would like to thank its staff, board members, interns, volunteers, loved ones and those who have continuously allowed us to host these events in their spaces for your support. Our previous partnerships include The Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens Affairs (MORCA), Public Defenders Office (PDS), The Raben Group, ReThink Justice, and Council of the District of Columbia.

If your organization is interested in having a CIC postcard writing event, contact the CIC at (202) 478-9211 or via email at dccic@dc.gov.

Future CIC Open Meeting Dates

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Thursday, December 6, 2018

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One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St NW

6 - 7:30 pm



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