



## *The Toolkit for Equitable Public Safety*

In an effort to support local communities and influence outcomes in community justice, the Executives' Alliance (EA) has been working with partners – including the Center for Policing Equity and PolicyLink – to develop a toolkit, create a roadmap, and establish metrics for public safety and criminal justice accountability.

The toolkit will provide detailed information that can easily be consumed by laypersons to understand the criminal justice institutions, mechanisms, policies and procedures that have a disparate impact across racial, gender and age groups.

The toolkit will address the following critical needs:

- To hear from communities
- To connect local community advocates to state and local infrastructures
- To provide a process document that lifts up local concerns
- To augment community education with state and local data tools
- To provide adaptable models that can be brought to scale

The end product will include 3 key features:

- 1) An evergreen "reform roadmap" document that will both educate and guide communities seeking collaborative reform with their local justice systems;
- 2) An evergreen "data accountability" document that will both educate and provide concrete steps for communities to hold local justice systems accountable through data transparency and analysis; and



3) An evergreen public safety assessment tool to walk community members through evaluating and prioritizing the relevant factors impacting public safety in their neighborhoods.

Examples of topics covered in the toolkit could include how to request data from your police department; how to find out city funding for a particular public infrastructure; or how to locate certain public resources.

The final toolkit in this pilot phase of the initiative will be a physical, paper document delivered to the same citizens and advocate groups from the listening sessions. CPE and PolicyLink will train the community members on how to use the document and provide remote technical assistance for a prescribed period of time.

To inform the creation of toolkit, listening sessions and stakeholder meetings were held in five cities across the country with the goal of assessing the elements and components of public safety and identifying on-the-ground priorities. Listening sessions were public meetings with open-ended questions put to the community to discover what public safety issues they care about most and what would be most helpful to them in their efforts to improve public safety. The cities where these sessions were held were: **Albuquerque, NM; Stockton, CA; New Orleans, LA; Minneapolis, MN; and Baltimore, MD.**

The toolkit team is now beginning the drafting phase of this project.

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