



CAMPAIGN  
TO END THE  
NEW JIM CROW

# FACT SHEET

## *FELON DISENFRANCHISEMENT: THE IMPACT OF MASS INCARCERATION ON VOTING RIGHTS IN NEW YORK*



### OUR ANSWERS

- VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE
- Learn more about this issue and other New Jim Crow injustices
- Participate in voter registration drives in your community
- Support legislation like the Democracy Restoration Act
- Increase state and federal challenges to felon disenfranchisement
- Join/organize grassroots efforts to restore voting rights that include rallies, demonstrations, petitions, marches and other activities
- Let your political representatives know that you want all citizens to have the right to vote

### THE ISSUES

- In New York, a person loses his/her right to vote while in prison or on parole
- This results in over 100 thousand New Yorkers not being allowed to voting with over 40 thousand of them on parole
- This especially impacts New York’s communities of color where over 60 thousand of us are disenfranchised
- The impact on communities of color is wide because the loss of voting power negatively affects the quality of education, housing, public benefits and many other community needs
- This reality is very much like the black codes and old Jim Crow laws in our history
- Felon disenfranchisement makes people second class citizens

