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LEADING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VOICES HIGHLIGHT FORUM

On November 1st, the public is invited to join leading criminal justice experts for a panel discussion of successful restorative adult-justice models proven to increase public safety and better meet the needs of those impacted by crime.

Panelists include UC Santa Cruz Presidential Chair Craig Haney, a preeminent voice on prison systems and criminal justice; Hawai'i-based U.S. District Judge Leslie Kobayashi; social justice advocate Fania Davis, co-founder and director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth; and Katherine Weinstein Miller, Chief of Alternative Programs and Initiatives in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. The panel will be moderated by Santa Cruz County Supervisor John Leopold.

"The community forum will bring some of the nation's foremost experts on restorative justice to Santa Cruz, to raise awareness about the advantages of this approach to criminal justice decision-making and to stimulate discussion about whether and how we can implement even more restorative justice practices at the local level," Haney said.

Following the discussion, the panel will take audience questions about restorative justice and how it meets the needs of crime victims while promoting public safety and community well-being. *This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited.*

What: Restorative Justice Forum

When: Thursday, November 1st 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: Resource Center for Nonviolence, 612 Ocean St., Santa Cruz

The event is presented by Smart on Crime, UC Presidential Chair, the Community Corrections Partnership and United Way of Santa Cruz County. Co-sponsors include Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Peace United Church, Santa Cruz County Probation Department, Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos, Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center and Survivors Healing Center.