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## **All Of Us Or None embarks on a “Journey for Justice” to Selma, Alabama – in search of voting rights and an executive order to Ban the Box**

This coming Wednesday at 7pm 12 members of All Of Us Or None, an organization of formerly incarcerated people organizing for their civil and human rights, will leave from Oakland to travel 2400 miles by van to Selma, Alabama. The occasion is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration of Bloody Sunday, which will include a speech by President Obama, and a reenactment of the march to the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Fifty years ago on March 7, around 600 people left Selma in a voting rights march headed for Montgomery. Only six blocks away, at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, police viciously attacked them with billy clubs and tear gas. The day became known as Bloody Sunday, and helped lead to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

All Of Us Or None will be at this historic event, talking about voting rights for formerly incarcerated people as well as the need for an executive order to Ban the Box for federal contractors. “Ban the Box” means the removal of questions about conviction history on initial job applications. These needs arise from the disproportionate rates of charge, arrest and conviction for people of color – an issue with serious racial overtones yet to be addressed.

Dorsey Nunn, co-founder of All Of Us Or None and executive director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, said “We want to help increase public awareness that formerly incarcerated people still have not secured our right to vote, and that racialized structural discrimination based on conviction history is very much alive in the US.”

Volunteers and supporters will gather at the offices of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children at 1pm this **Tuesday, March 3** to create a banner for All Of Us Or None members to march with at the event. All Of Us Or None members will leave at 7pm this **Wednesday, March 4**, from the Coliseum BART station. Journey for Justice activists will be available for interviews via cell phone during the trip.

*All Of Us Or None (AOUON) is a grassroots civil rights organization fighting for the rights of formerly and currently incarcerated people and our families. We are fighting against the discrimination people face every day because of arrest or conviction history. The goal of AOUON is to strengthen the voices of people most affected by mass incarceration and the growth of the prison-industrial complex. AOUON is a project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children.*

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