

We reached out to Common to send in a video to be played at LSPC's 45th Anniversary Gala. His publicist replied back requesting a script. Below is the script he read. [Watch video here.](#)

Common Speech - 45th Gala

by TaSin Sabir

Ladies and gentlemen, what's happening? It's your man, Common, and I'm here to celebrate something truly remarkable. We're acknowledging the 45th anniversary of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children and the 20th Year Anniversary of All of Us or None. Let me tell you, that's no small feat. It's a testament to the commitment of this organization to its mission of justice, compassion, and empowerment.

Now, when we talk about the impact, it's hard to put into words how powerful the work of LSPC has been over the years. They've been in the trenches, fighting for current and formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones when many others turned their heads. I've had the privilege of standing shoulder to shoulder with them when I was visiting their main office in Oakland that they so proudly have named The Freedom and Movement Center. This is where I was honored to canvass the neighborhood to educate folks about the District Attorney Election and it's been an honor. But it's not just about me, it's about All of Us... or None.

LSPC, they go beyond the courtroom. They empower families, giving them the tools and knowledge to navigate this complex system. They empower the voices of those who've been incarcerated, allowing them to speak for themselves, pushing for policy reform. That's the kind of work that creates lasting change.

And speaking of change, LSPC's been at the forefront of justice reform. They've played a pivotal role in cases like restoring the right to vote, stopping the shackling of pregnant women, and banning the box on housing and employment. It's about fairness, equity, and humane treatment, and they're making it happen.

But it's not just about fighting against injustice; it's also about building community. LSPC has been a rock, creating a sense of belonging and support for families affected by incarceration. And let's not forget how they've incubated trailblazing organizations like Critical Resistance, Justice Now, and the Prison Activist Resource Center. That's community building at its finest.

Now, we've come a long way, but the journey isn't over. We need your support, your motivation, your passion. Join us in supporting LSPC's mission, whether it's through volunteering, donations, or spreading the word in those community conversations. Talk to your state and local representatives, stand up for justice.

Change is possible, my friends. Civic and community engagement, that's the conduit to hope and healing. Even in the face of adversity, we can create positive change with the right vision.

So, here's my call to action. Get involved. Donate. Volunteer. Spread the word. Let's keep pushing forward. And let's not forget to express our gratitude to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters who've made these 45 years possible.

And remember, it's "All of Us or None!" Together, we're stronger. Thank you, LSPC, for everything you do. Let's keep fighting the good fight! Peace and love, y'all.