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## JUSTICE IN JUSTICE

### *Community Invited to Exhibition & Events at Studios on the Park*

Paso Robles, California — Together with advisory and outreach support of Mauer Kunst Consulting's Henry A. J. Ramos and Frank de Jesus Acosta, guest curators Heather and Kevin Mikelonis present [Justice In Justice](#). The community is invited to view the exhibition at STUDIOS ON THE PARK and participate in affiliated special events taking place throughout the month of September.

There is a movement underway in the United States to shift the policies of mass-incarceration away from the transactional system of retribution and punishment toward the more humane objectives of restoration and healing.

In this exhibit artistic expressions, which illustrate the transactional nature of what the justice system imposes on the people caught up within it, are juxtaposed with visuals of those ways in which justice is served by placing humanity within the context of seeking justice-in-justice.

Artists in all mediums were invited to share compelling, thought-provoking, and fearless expressions on this theme. The resulting collection of works serves to educate, inspire, remove fear and form bonds with one's own other. Perhaps even ask, of what are we so afraid?

If we can't see it, we can't feel it. If we can't feel it, we can't know it. If we don't know it, nothing changes. The suffering of those whom we do not know then continues under the systems we may unknowingly support. Art is a powerful ally in illustrating the ways in which healing on both sides of injustice is the ultimate justice to strive for instead of solely seeking punishment, full stop.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, [Celebrating Justice In Justice](#) begins at 6 pm with a documentary screening of Healing Justice at [Park Cinemas](#) followed by the premiere of [Justice In Justice](#) at

Studios on the Park and locally grown, global eats for purchase from the [Hungry Mother](#) food truck. The film is \$10 for adults and free for children and dining options are \$9-\$16.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> [Art After Dark Paso](#) takes place at STUDIOS from 6 pm to 9 pm. Meet the featured artists and celebrate with wines from [Windward Vineyard](#) and live music by the Erin English Trio. *Free.*

On September 14<sup>th</sup> young artists of all ages are invited to add their mark to the exhibition with [Justice In Justice in the Park](#). By taking part in this collaborative public art project in the downtown City Park across Pine Street from STUDIOS, they can share their interpretations of restoration and healing personally, communally and nationally. Held from 10 am to 4 pm in conjunction with [Arte de Tiza](#). *Free.*

On September 21<sup>st</sup> [Justice In Justice: Advancing New Models in Community Violence Prevention and Restorative Justice](#) takes place at STUDIOS at 5 pm. First generation STUDIOS artist and board member, Henry A. J. Ramos, Paso Robles Police Chief Ty Lewis, and civic leaders Dr. Leola Dublin Macmillan and Fred Bull Chaney join in a community conversation on important justice issues affecting our homes, our neighborhoods, and our larger community. Building on issues covered in his new book, *Democracy & The Next American Economy*, Ramos will be joined in discussion by Chief Lewis and other leading experts focusing on the prospects for advancing new models in violence prevention and restorative justice. Discussants will examine opportunities to reduce community violence, discourage repeat offenses, and lower tax payer expense through alternative sentencing and punishments for all but the most dangerous criminals--including intensive community service, education, and victim reconciliation efforts. Panelists will also discuss the issues in the context of what is at stake for our larger society and economy looking to the future ahead. Books will be available for purchase with an autographed dedication by the author. *Free.*

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