

CA Mandela Act: AB 280 Toolkit

Background

Background on Bill: <https://tinyurl.com/AB280Mandela>

[Myth v. Fact Document](#)

[Graphics for Social Media](#)

Reports / Statements

- **CA Research Bureau Report** - [Solitary Confinement: Safety and Fiscal Costs/Savings](#)
- **Physicians for Human Rights**: [“Endless Nightmare”: Torture and Inhuman Treatment in Solitary Confinement in U.S. Immigration Detention](#)
- **Mandela Cost Report**: <https://tinyurl.com/MandelaReport>
- **Vera**: [Advancing Transgender Justice](#) (has lots of info on solitary)
- **Government Accountability Project** - [Written Statement for U.S. Senate Judiciary Hearing on Solitary](#)

Opinion Pieces

- **It’s time to end solitary confinement behind bars**
<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2023/8/2/its-time-to-end-solitary-confinement-behind-bars>
- **California should honor Mandela by limiting solitary confinement**
<https://capitolweekly.net/california-should-honor-mandela-by-limiting-solitary-confinement/>
- **California must limit the use of solitary confinement**
<https://www.ocregister.com/2023/08/12/california-must-limit-the-use-of-solitary-confinement/>

Articles:

- **Mother Jones** - [California Could Soon Reform Solitary Confinement—Unless Gavin Newsom Intervenes](#)
- **Bolts Magazine** - [Survivors of Solitary Confinement Face the California Governor’s Veto Pen](#)
- **LA Times** - [The fight to limit solitary confinement in California prisons is set to roil Sacramento again](#)

- **Sac Bee** - [‘Solitary confinement truly is torture.’ Bill to restrict it, vetoed by Newsom, is reintroduced](#)
- **Cap radio** - [California will try to limit solitary confinement — again](#)
- **Cal Matters** - [How can Gavin Newsom reform California prisons but still allow solitary confinement?](#)
- **KQED** - [ICE Overusing Solitary Confinement in California, Lawmakers Worry LISTEN](#)
- **OC Register** - [As Gov. Newsom transforms San Quentin, he cannot ignore the problem of solitary confinement](#)
- **Washington Post Editorial Board** – [California has the chance to limit solitary confinement. It should take it](#)
- **New York Times** – [Will California Restrict Solitary Confinement?](#)
- **San Francisco Chronicle: Op-ed by Kevin McCarthy** - [I spent more than a decade in solitary confinement. Trust me, it’s torture](#)
- **Sacramento Bee**- [California considers restricting solitary confinement. It’s ‘cruel,’ lawmaker says](#)
- **LA Times Column**- [Solitary confinement is shrouded in secrecy and open to abuse. Why does California allow it?](#)
- **La Opinión**- [Presionan para poner fin al confinamiento prolongado en solitario en prisiones y cárceles de California](#)
- **LA Times** - [Op-Ed: Here in San Quentin, I see why solitary confinement must end](#)

!!! [TAKE ACTION USING THIS LINK](#) !!!

Or use the following scripts below!

Emailing Legislators

You can [use this form](#) to auto-generate an email to the target offices, or use the email script below to send an individual email.

Current targets:
 State Senate!
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets>

You can use the following script to send an email:

<p>ts/d/1ohxTtWZT6_bd_6Vi9EoQu2ex7npCl8wA2CGR9vkZvgM/edit?usp=sharing</p>	<p>Hello, my name is [NAME] and I'm emailing you from [ORGANIZATION/CITY] to urge [ELECTED OFFICIAL'S NAME] to vote yes on AB 280 to limit the use of solitary confinement in California.</p> <p>AB 280 provides comprehensive solutions to the issue of solitary confinement, and protects human life and dignity in jails, prisons and detention facilities.</p> <p>This is a human rights and racial justice issue, and it is time that California joins other progressive states in passing comprehensive legislation. AB 280 will save money and save lives.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
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Social Media

Platform	Sample Twitter Posts
<p>Twitter</p> <p><u>COALITION HANDLES:</u></p> <p>@PrisonLaw @NextGen_Policy @CA4ImmiJustice @DisabilityCA @NOMORESHU @BerkeleyUSI @UnlockTheBoxNow @RFKHumanRights @HaitianBridge @NRCATtweets</p> <p><u>Target Handles:</u></p> <p>Governor Newsom @GavinNewsom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Right now, people are suffering and dying in solitary confinement inside jails, prisons and immigrant detention centers in California. We need comprehensive legislation to end this inhumane practice. #AB280 ● Solitary confinement is disproportionately used against people of color in this country and in California. We need to end this inhumane practice #CAMandelaAct ● Advocates across the country have been working towards ending the use of solitary confinement, we need California to join this cause. #AB280 ● According to a study published by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, “States that have reduced segregation populations have found no adverse impact on institutional safety.” #CaMandelaAct ● According to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture, there should be an absolute prohibition on solitary confinement in excess of 15 days. The #AB280 does this and more. Support the #CaMandelaAct

- Senator Ben Allen:
@BenAllenCA
- Senator Toni Atkins:
@SenToniAtkins
- Senator Steven Bradford:
@SteveBradford
- Senator Anna Caballero:
@CASenCaballero
- Senator Dave Cortese:
@DaveCortese
- Senator Lena Gonzalez:
@SenGonzalez_33
- Senator Jerry Hill:
@JerryHill
- Senator Ben Hueso:
@SenBenHueso
- Senator Connie Leyva:
@SenatorLeyva
- Senator Mike McGuire:
@ilike_mike
- Senator Holly Mitchell:
@HollyJMitchell
- Senator Bill Monning:
@billmonning
- Senator Richard Pan:
@DrPanMD
- Senator Anthony Portantino: @Portantino
- Senator Richard Roth:
@GeneralRoth
- Senator Susan Rubio:
@SenSusanRubio
- Senator Nancy Skinner:
@NancySkinnerCA
- Senator Henry Stern:
@HenrySternCA

- A study by Amnesty International found that 70% of individuals held in solitary confinement in a California prison were people of color. This is a racial justice issue. End solitary confinement now! #AB280
- Solitary confinement is unregulated, overused and ineffective. We need to limit its use and stop torture in jails, prisons and immigration detention facilities in California. #AB280
- The time is NOW to limit solitary confinement and pass #AB280
- Studies have shown that limiting solitary confinement in California can save up to \$300 million our state. Support AB 280 to save money and save lives!
<https://tinyurl.com/MandelaReport> #AB280

- Senator Thomas Umberg:
@SenatorUmberg
- Senator Bob Wieckowski:
@BobWieckowskiCA
- Senator Scott Wiener:
@Scott_Wiener

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California Mandela Act

The California Mandela Act

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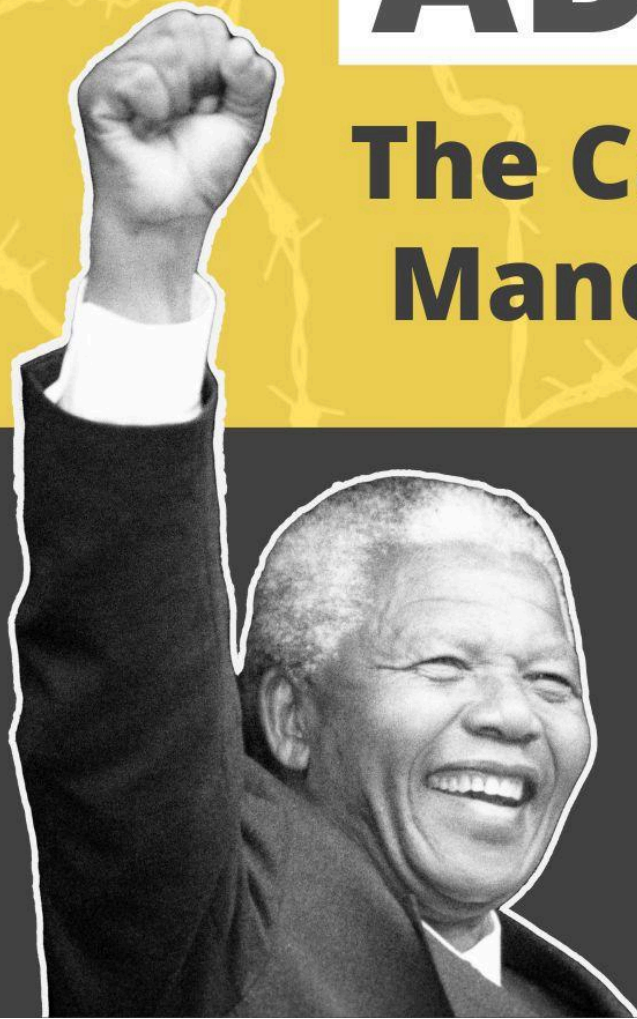
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