

# RJA4ALL

## Racial Justice Act for All - AB 256 (Kalra)

### Background

In 2020, our coalition passed the Racial Justice Act (AB 2542 - Kalra) which prohibits the state from seeking or obtaining a conviction, or imposing a sentence based on race, ethnicity or national origin.

While the Racial Justice Act (RJA) made it possible for people to challenge racial bias in their court proceedings, it only applied to cases from 2021 onward.



### About RJA4All

After a multi-year campaign, we were able to pass the Racial Justice Act for All (AB 256 - Kalra) in 2021, which allows the protections of RJA to apply retroactively.

**The Racial Justice Act for All (RJA4All) ensures that all Black and Brown people have a path to challenge racist sentences – no matter how long ago it was.**

### Support RJA4All

We need strong community support to implement RJA4All.

At present, no advocacy organization has funding to specifically work on RJA implementation and very few legal offices have the resources for dedicated RJA attorneys.

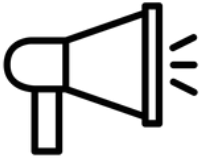
As a result, implementation of the RJA has fallen largely on the shoulders of public defenders, court-appointed attorneys, participatory defense organizers, and volunteers from our coalition.

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### Supporting Racial Justice for All

We need your help to meet the exponential increase that retroactivity has caused. Your support will foster collaboration between organizers, impacted people, academics, and attorneys as we work together to confront racism and discrimination in the court to secure people's freedom.



**Access to Justice:**  
Toolkits, Training, and  
Organizing



**Empowering Families:**  
Participatory Defense



**Pipeline to Freedom:**  
Transforming the Courts

### How to Give

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