



***Reentry Work Group
August 29, 2025
9:30 am – 11:00 am
Meeting Notes***

I. Introductions

Elizabeth Arellano started the meeting at 9:35 and called for brief introductions

II. Time Done

Alfredo Aguero introduced the team from Time Done presenting via Zoom virtual platform. Mark Vasquez, Sommer Alexander, and Elizabeth Rodriguez presented on the need for improved opportunities to assist those who are reentering the community after jail. The group highlighted data on the need for both policy and program improvements as well as sharing some examples of success through their own experiences. The presenters responded to questions from the group. Mr. Aguero reinforced the importance of having more supporters participating with Time Done in El Paso. He circulated a sign in sheet for those who might be willing to volunteer. PowerPoint slides are included with these notes. Mr. Vasquez also shared the following links to other stories of success:

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Yvonne London - Tx.Fair Defense Project - https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/zLOSLZPS-yt5SUyycpKqItGX4_KVx92WrK3wsD08v2CM8dkVCLTnk_18V66I4ohqL.LifXkNUgGksYMT8z

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III. Mustard Seed

Ms. Carmen Estrada, Executive Director of Mustard Seed, provided an overview of the history and services offered by the organization. She shared how they have moved from several locations and in their current facility they now have not only food offerings but also are sharing experiences in the garden growing a range of vegetables and fruits to integrate into the restaurant recipes and to share with those in need. Ms. Estrada responded questions from the group and shared a brochure, included with these notes.

IV. Updates and Adjourn

The group had a brief open discussion, and Ms. Arellano closed the meeting at 10:50 am.

Enrique Mata

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Mark A Vasquez - Tim



Elizabeth Rodriguez



Sommer Alexander Texas



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Texas Chapter Coordinator

Sommer Alexander





TimeDone Texas - Hub Coordinator

Mark Vasquez
Rio Grande Valley
Hidalgo County

What is TimeDone?

TimeDone is a nationwide membership community of almost **300,000** people living with a past arrest or conviction. Together, we're building strong families and communities by organizing to end post-conviction poverty. Since our founding, we've advocated for policies that **provided more than 5 million** people with an opportunity to clear an old record.



What the struggle looks like?

- **70 Million People are Impacted Nationally**
 - **More than 9 million people Texan currently have an old criminal record that is not sealed**
- **There are over 40,000 National Barrier**
 - **Texans living with an old record are subject to 1,636 restrictions of this sort.**



What is the Solution?

Repair the Road to Redemption

- Passing Legislation
- Building Community
- **Sharing our Stories**
- **Create Pathways to Success**
 - Access to careers, education, housing, and other key needs— Economic Empowerment for our people!



Economic Empowerment For Our People!

Creating Pathways to Success

- Access to careers, education, housing, and other key needs

What of the barriers we face?
What is out there for us?

*... like Expungement &
Record Sealing?*

Elizabeth Rodriguez - Alton, Texas

* In her mid-30s, mother of 5, working on her Master's Degree

* Record of Arrest from late 1990s

What could she do ... ?

She asked questions!

Elizabeth Rodriguez is a testament to the struggle. An otherwise unassuming person who took ownership and did something about it. But, her story is rarely seen.

*Truth is, there are few who know what the law says about
Expungement and Record Sealing*

EDUCATION IS CRUCIAL!!

Yvonne London, *Basic Information Session on Expungement and Record Sealing, Spring 2024*

* Zoom-link provided upon request

Elizabeth Rodriguez, *The 8th Amendment and Post-Conviction Rights, Spring 2024*

* Zoom link provided upon request

time **done.**

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Friday, August 29, 2025

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