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Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Women Advocate for Clemency and Policy Change at *Real Women Real Voices*: Where the People Meet the Policy at New York University School of Law on January 25, 2017

**What:** *Real Women Real Voices*: Where The People Meet The Policy Symposium. Three panels feature currently and formerly incarcerated women and Alice Johnson, incarcerated for life and seeking clemency from President Obama.
**Where**: New York University School of Law Greenberg Lounge in Vanderbilt Hall, 40 Washington Square South, New York, NY, 10012
**When**: January 25, 2017 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Reception beginning at 4PM. Free and open to the public.

The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls – *Real Women Real Voices* Symposium will highlight issues and concerns that affect incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women. Each panel will feature currently and formerly incarcerated women discussing the impact of incarceration and the carceral state on themselves, their children, and their communities. The four panels are: Second Chances; Daughters of Incarcerated Parents; Clemency, Compassionate Release and Parole and Political Prisoners: Women in the Movement. Alice Johnson, who was convicted of a first time non-violent drug offense for which she received a life sentence will be calling in from FCI Aliceville, AL. Ms. Johnson's petition for clemency is now before President Obama. Here is a link to an open letter from the Council to President Barack Obama urging him to expand clemency: Open Letter to Obama.

For biographies and of photos of panels presenters go to: **http://tinyurl.com/thecouncilepk**

Symposiums in 2016 were held at Yale Law School, Columbia Law School, American University Washington College of Law, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, and University of Washington School of Law.

NYU School of Law Symposium sponsors:  Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association, Black American Law Students Association, Law Women, Prisoners' Rights and Education Project, South Asian Law Students Association, Women of Color Collective and the NYU Wagner's Students for Criminal Justice Reform.
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