



S.B. 260/261 RESOURCES

1. **Human Rights Watch** (<https://www.hrw.org/topic/childrens-rights/juvenile-justice>)

Under the leadership of attorney Elizabeth Calvin, Human Rights Watch, a global non-profit human rights organization, focuses on the rights of children in the California criminal justice system. Calvin spearheads the two collaborative projects mentioned below, which seek fair sentencing for youth offenders.

a. **Fair Sentencing for Youth** (<http://www.fairsentencingforyouth.org>)

S.B. 260 Fact Sheet:

<http://fairsentencingforyouth.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/YOPH-SB-260-Info-Packet-v1.pdf>

S.B. 261 Fact Sheet:

<http://fairsentencingforyouth.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/SB-261-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

b. **Cares 4 Youth** (<http://www.caresforyouth.org>)

CA Youth Offender Parole Guide (SB 260):

http://www.caresforyouth.org/YOPH_SB_260_Guide_5-1-14_v3.pdf

This guide can also be found on the websites of many of the other contributing organizations, listed below.

2. **California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation** (<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/>)

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is responsible for the operation of the California state prison and parole systems.

Youth Offender Fact Sheet:

<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/docs/YOPH/Youth%20Offender%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

3. **Prison Law Office** (<http://www.prisonlaw.com/>)

A non-profit public interest law firm, based in Berkeley, CA, that distributes and posts online a variety of self-help and informational materials for prisoners about parole law and post-conviction rights. These resources include:

Lifer Parole Suitability:

<http://prisonlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/LiferCNAJan2016-withHB.pdf>

Medical Parole and Compassionate Release:

<http://prisonlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/MedParoleCompReleaseMay2015.pdf>

The Parolee Right's Handbook:

<http://prisonlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/ParoleeManualAug2013.pdf>

Benefits Available to Paroling and Discharging Inmates:

<http://prisonlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/BenefitsLetterAug2011.pdf>

4. **Uncommon Law** (<http://uncommonlaw.org/>)

A non-profit public interest law office based in Oakland that works with prisoners to prepare and represent them in their parole board hearings, and in court petitions challenging the parole board and the Governor.

Parole Hearing Schedule:

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/hearing_schedule.html

5. **USC Post Conviction Justice Project (PCJP)** (<http://uscpcjp.com/>)

A clinic at USC Law School that represents prisoners, including juvenile offenders on civil issues related to incarceration, including at parole hearings and in state and federal lawsuits challenging denials of constitutional rights.

If you believe your case fits within the parameters of the types of cases PCJP handles (see website), please send a brief description (no original paperwork) of your case by mail to:

Post-Conviction Justice Project
USC Gould School of Law
699 Exposition Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0074.

OTHER RESOURCES ON JUVENILE LWOP/LONG SENTENCES

1. **Campaign For Youth Justice** (<http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org>)
2. **The Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth** (<http://fairsentencingofyouth.org/>)
3. **Prison Activist Resource Center** (<https://www.prisonactivist.org/resources>)
4. **Anti-Recidivism Coalition** (<http://www.antirecidivism.org/>)