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WHAT TO DO IF NOW'S NOT THE BEST TIME TO APPLY

REGISTER TO VOTE and VOTE! – www.votespa.com - people with criminal records CAN vote in PA!

JOIN THE PARDON PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE – a growing, statewide network of people with lived experience who are getting organized so we can raise our voices together to end the discrimination our records cause us! www.plsephilly.org/ppsc write us: ppsc@plsephilly.org

WATCH THE BOP Public Hearings so you know what's important to the judges:

<https://pacast.com/live/bophearing>

2024 Pardon Hearings : 9am -12n and 1-4 pm, **February 22-23, June 12-14, October 8-10**

Pardon Merit Reviews: 9am on March 21, August 21, and December 5

HELPFUL TIPS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A GREAT APPLICATION:

- Avoid “interactions” with the police
- Develop strong networks of support
- Keep a steady job
- Keep your kids out of trouble
- Help others avoid what you did wrong
- **Create a “Portfolio of Success” and take it to your next interview**

You are NOT the worst thing you ever did in your life!

- GED, badges, promotions, letters of thanks
- Do some volunteering/community service
- Mentor at AA/NA,
- Shovel sidewalks, join community watch
- Toys4Tots and distribute turkeys at Thanksgiving
- Volunteer at church/masjid/synagogue

WATCH THESE HELPFUL VIDEOS:

The Pardon Process in PA (13 minutes): <https://youtu.be/iBA7wsuqpxY?si=0mw1atDkxqvrItkl>

Peer-to-peer Pardon Videos (9 topics, 5 mins each): plsephilly.org/pardon-video-library

Do It Yourself pardon application tutorial (60 mins): <https://vimeo.com/901195758?share=copy>

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