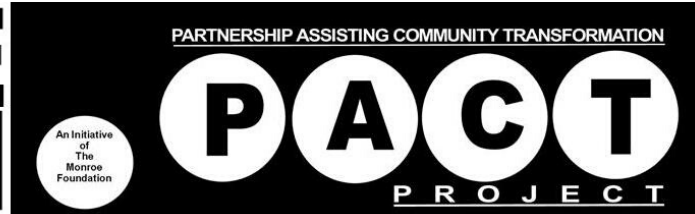




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### GET CLEARED, ILLINOIS DISTRIBUTES CENSUS INFORMATION AND COVID-19 MASKS TO ENGLEWOOD "L" RIDERS AT 63RD & DAN RYAN



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**The Project, an Access 2 Justice outreach led by the Monroe Foundation, urges the formerly incarcerated to make sure their households participate in the 2020 Cook County Census, reminding them that they "Count Too!". J. Minor Allen, Get Cleared, Illinois/"Say 'Yes' To Life"/Access 2 Justice/Census Navigator Team Leader said, "We will spend the next several weeks working "L" platforms in communities where the low census response rates are also where recidivism is most real, because of the lack of opportunities. We need to make sure this population keeps themselves and their families safe from the COVID-19 spread".**

**Local media stations ABC Channel 7, CBS Channel 2, WGN TV Channel 9 and FOX 32 interviewed the outreach team, including Pauline Sylvain-Lewis of People Empowering People. Sylvain-Lewis is mobilizing the next "L" push next week in Chicago's Austin community along with community partner Athena Williams of the project Austin Rising, an initiative of the Oak Park Homeownership Center.**

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