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Expunction Expo Postponed Due to Increasing Covid-19 Cases in Our Community

TRAVIS COUNTY, TX -- Due to the increasing Covid-19 cases in Travis County, the Travis County Expunction Expo Team has made the hard decision to delay the Expunction Expo currently set for January 15, 2022. We remain committed to working with the public to help clear eligible cases from criminal histories for free and also to ensuring the highest levels of safety for our community in that endeavor.

In that spirit, our online portal to apply for the Expunction Expo remains open for individuals with prior arrests that occurred in Travis County.

Members of the public may gather more information and apply online here:

<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/district-clerk/expunction-expo>

We currently have reviewed over 340 applications, and over 300 have qualified to participate in the Expo. All applicants will be contacted via email when plans are made for a future Expo date.

Any applicants with questions or concerns may send an email to ExpunctionExpo@traviscountytexas.gov

Participants will also have the option to receive free job researching services and resources from the worldwide employment company "Indeed." Staff from the company will be at the expo to help create an "Indeed" account, draft a resume, and provide job search tips. The Travis County Human Resources Department also plans to provide additional assistance with employment opportunities.

We thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and willingness to help us create a better, safer Travis County for everyone.

The Travis County Expunction Expo is a collaboration between the Travis County District Attorney Jose Garza, Travis County Attorney Delia Garza, Travis County District Clerk Velva L. Price, and Pflugerville City Council Member Rudy Metayer. Legal services will be provided by members of the Travis County Law Library, Capital Area Private Defender Service, Travis County Public Defender's Office, and Volunteer Legal Services.

Applicants that may qualify for an expunction include:

- You were arrested, but a charge was never filed or was not billed by the grand jury
- You have a criminal charge that a judge dismissed
- You successfully completed a Diversion Program, such as Pretrial Diversion, Drug Court, etc.
- You were acquitted on your charge by a judge or jury (usually by a finding of "Not Guilty"), or appellate court, or
- You were convicted of a crime but later pardoned by the Governor of Texas or the President of the United States.

Applicants who do not qualify for an expunction include:

- Your case is still pending;
- You were convicted in the case you want to be expunged or erased even if you just paid a fine (convictions on other cases do not prevent expunction unless they are from the same arrest);
- You were placed on probation, community supervision, or deferred adjudication for any felony or Class A or B misdemeanor you want to be expunged, even if your case was later dismissed (Class C deferred adjudication is the only exception); or
- You were convicted or received probation on another offense arising from the same arrest.