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Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Franky Carrillo

Board Member

Growing up in Lynwood, Los Angeles, California, Franky Carrillo has become living proof of the power of hope, determination and optimism.

At age 16, he was arrested for murder, tried as an adult and convicted, and sentenced to life in prison. Throughout the entire process, Franky maintained his innocence and devoted his life to proving that the system had made a terrible mistake. While languishing in prison for 20 years, Franky never lost hope in himself, the judicial system or his faith in humanity. During the final court hearing, new evidence was presented, and prosecutors conceded, asking the judge to dismiss all charges and release him.

On March 16, 2011, after living through an unimaginable human experience, he re-emerged as a compassionate man with no animosity, ready to live life to the fullest.

After his release, Franky graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a degree in sociology. Based on his experience, Franky has become a renowned champion for fairness and justice — in the judicial system and beyond. He found his voice and civic engagement purpose early on when he joined the state and national campaign to end the death penalty along with implementing other criminal justice reforms.

Franky is an elected member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party. He is co-chair of the Judicial Interview Committee and former chair of the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission. He's a devoted father of three children and splits his time between L.A. and his ranch home in the Antelope Valley.