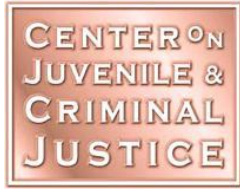


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“You build up your rolodex,” he says, “you get face and name recognition with as many people as possible...” (p. 8)

In the latest publication as part of CJCJ’s Interest groups and criminal justice policy project, Senior Fellow at Demos, [Sasha Abramsky](#) delves into the inner world of Sacramento-based lobbyists to find out what drives criminal justice policy in California.

Read the full investigative report [here](#).

Check out [KALW News’ The Informant](#) tonight for an article reviewing this publication. Or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) @CJCJmedia to find out when Rina Palta will be discussing this publication with author, Sasha Abramsky on [KALW News Radio](#).

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[Promoting the “get tough” crime control agenda](#) and [Ignoring the Evidence](#) discuss criminal justice lobbying influence over the legislative process

Exploring the agenda and lobbying activities of two of California’s less talked about criminal justice interest groups, CJCJ discusses how the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) and the California District Attorney’s Association (CDAA) has contributed to today’s prison crisis.

[Promoting the “get tough” crime control agenda](#) reviews PORAC’s historic criminal justice lobbying activities and finds that PORAC pursues policies that are not congruent with the interests of public safety, fiscal efficiency, or best practices.

Featured in KALW News: [A little known law enforcement group with heavy political sway](#), November 18, 2011.

Read what Executive Director Daniel Macallair has to say about it in his blog, [PORAC's contribution to California's prison crisis](#),

“PORAC remains an outlier in criminal justice policy despite the movement of other advocacy groups, both liberal and conservative, towards a mainstream reform agenda that focuses on data-driven best practices.”

[Ignoring the Evidence](#) reviews CDAA's role in perpetuating California's prison crisis and finds that its agenda focuses on increasing prosecutorial power to incarcerate rather than pursue efficient alternatives that promote long-term public safety. You can read Executive Director Daniel Macallair's thoughts on the subject in his blog, [CDAA: Ignoring the evidence](#).

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