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Academy Award Winning Actor Throws His Weight Behind Reforming California's Prison System.

Tim Robbins Joins the Celebrity Call for California to “Build More Schools, Less Prisons”.

Los Angeles- What do an Academy Award winning actor and a South LA community organization have in common? Interestingly enough it's prison reform. Tim Robbins, of *Shawshank Redemption* fame, is only one the most recent celebrities to call on the state of California to fix its prison system. Russell Simmons, founder of the hip-hop label Def Jam, has publicly supported Proposition 47. His endorsement follows on the heels of another hip-hop mogul who recently came out swinging for the proposition. In the middle of his “On the Run Tour” at the Pasadena Rose Bowl, rapper JAY Z called for a change saying,

“Prop 47! California! Build more schools, less prisons. More schools, less prisons. They can never stop us!”

Now, Robbins will also throw his celebrity support behind Prop 47 this Saturday. He will be attending Community Coalition's “Yes On Prop 47 Rally & Campaign Kick-Off”. The South L.A. based kick off is part of a larger get out the vote effort that will engage a total of 14,000 South LA residents on Prop 47.

Saturday's rally will educate and encourage South LA residents to vote yes on Proposition 47, a landmark piece of legislation that will begin to fix California's federally indicted prison system. The bill will re-invest prison dollars into mental health services, k-12 schools and drug treatment programs. This increased funding means more after school programs for our state's youth and better crime prevention and intervention to make our neighborhoods safer.

WHO: Tim Robbins with premier South LA community organization **Community Coalition**

WHAT: Yes on Prop 47 Rally & Campaign Kick-Off

WHERE: 8101 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90044

WHEN: 8:30 AM – 12 PM

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