# **GET RID OF SUMMONSES & WARRANTS**



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## Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 2017

### Mount Pisgah Baptist Church 212 Tompkins Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE COURT AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING SUMMONS WARRANTS INCLUDING THOSE FOR:

- Consumption of Alcohol in Public
- Unlawful Possession of Marijuana
- Riding a Bicycle on the Sidewalk
- Littering
- Loitering
- Disorderly Conduct
- Being in the Park after Closing
- Trespassing
- Unleashed Dog
- Spitting
- Making Unreasonable Noise
- And More

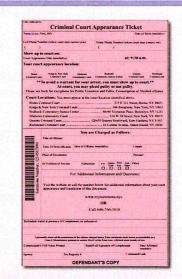






For more information and to pre-register: 718-250-3888 www.brooklynda.org/begin-again/ 🍠 @BeginAgainBKLYN @BrooklynDA 🖆 Facebook.com/BrooklynDA

### COME AND RESOLVE YOUR NYPD SUMMONS THAT ARE DATED BEFORE MARCH 24, 2017



#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- I am a Brooklyn resident, but I received a summons in another borough, can I have my warrant vacated at Begin Again?
  Yes. All summons warrants issued in New York City qualify. Warrant holders from all five boroughs are eligible to come.
- I am not a Brooklyn resident and I did not receive my summons in Brooklyn; can I have my warrant vacated at Begin Again?
  Yes. All summons warrants issued in New York City qualify. Warrant holders from all five boroughs are eligible to come.
- 3. I received a letter in the mail stating that I have a summons warrant. Does this mean that I have to come to Begin Again? -You are not required to attend Begin Again. Those who received a letter from the courts did so based on the Office of Court Administration's records indicating an open summons warrant. All low level summons warrants can be resolved at Begin Again. Letter holders will receive expedited admittance to the courtroom site.
- Will only letter holders receive expedited admittance to the courtroom?
  -No. You can preregister for expedited admittance by going to www.BrooklynDA.org/BeginAgain
- I have not received a letter about Begin Again, may I still attend?
  Yes. All low-level summons warrants qualify. Please preregister to expedite the handling of your matter.
- I lost my summons. Can I still attend?
  -Yes. The court will have access to all summons warrants dated before March 24th, 2017
- 7. I have a transit related summons. Can I have it resolved at Begin Again?
  -No. You must go to http://web.mta.info/nyct/rules/TransitAdjudicationBureau/ContactTAB.htm to resolve your transit related summons.
- 8. I have a summons warrant for an offense that is not listed on your flyer; can I still have my warrant cleared at Begin Again? –Yes. All low level summons warrants qualify.
- 9. My summons offense has been resolved, but it has never been cleared from my record. Can this issue be cleared from my record at Begin Again?
  -Legal Aid will be on site and can counsel you as to your best course of action.
- What happens if I have a more serious offense on my record and I come to Begin Again?
  Legal Aid will be on site and can counsel you as to how you can handle your misdemeanor or felony warrant.
- 11. I have been re-arrested multiple times for summons related warrants on my record; does this arrest history exclude me from Begin Again?
  - No. Your arrest history will not prohibit you from attending Begin Again.
- What other resources are available at Begin Again events?
  Resources available on site relate to job training, healthcare provision, education, legal assistance, and general social service assistance.
- 13. I received a summons very recently and my court date has not yet passed. Can I address the summons at Begin Again? -For the upcoming Begin Again, on April 14th and 15th, any summons dated before March 24th will be heard by the court.
- 14. Do I need to take identification with me to Begin Again? -Yes. You will need a form of photo identification.
- 15. Can I address someone else's warrant at Begin Again?
  -No. The Judge will only consider cases where the individual in question is present.
- 16. Can I bring family members with me to Begin Again?
   Only warrant holders are allowed in the Begin Again court room. Family members are welcome on the rest of the event grounds, including the resource fair.
- 17. I am an undocumented immigrant. Can I come to Begin Again? -Yes. Your immigration status will not prevent you from having your low level summons warrant resolved at Begin Again.
- 18. Once I resolve my warrant at Begin Again, will it still appear on my criminal record? -You will immediately receive a disposition letter from the Court showing that your warrant has been vacated and erased from your record. It may take several days for your digital records to be updated. In the interim, it will be important to keep the disposition letter on your person.