



Please Note: The information contained in this overview is not intended as legal advice in any individual's case. There are many exceptions and variations in the parole consideration process. If you have questions, please consult with an experienced parole attorney.

HOW TO WRITE A PAROLE PLAN IF YOU HAVE AN ICE HOLD

This Guide is intended to help individuals with immigration detainers create parole plans to present to the Board of Parole Hearings (“Board”) during parole consideration hearings. For general parole plan information, please see our “How to Write a Parole Plan” guide. Please note that we cannot provide legal advice as to your immigration situation. This Guide is intended to help prepare specifically for some of the Board’s concerns if you are at risk for deportation upon release. This information may feel overwhelming, so you might find it helpful to work through your plans one section at a time and review this Guide as needed.

I. Questions You Should Be Prepared to Answer

The Board will want to know whether you have comprehensive and realistic parole plans. If you are at risk of deportation, you should be prepared to address questions about parole plans in your country of origin. Some questions to consider include:

- What are parole conditions like in [*country of origin*]?
- If you are convicted of a sexual offense, how are people with sex crimes treated in [*country of origin*]? Are there specific parole conditions that you are aware of?
- What types of reentry support are people provided in [*country of origin*]?
- Are there any organizations or services that you have connected with in [*country of origin*] that you will utilize on parole?

- What specific challenges do you anticipate if paroled to [*country of origin*]?

II. Write Two Separate Parole Plans

If you are at risk for deportation, it is a good idea to develop two different parole plans. One parole plan for paroling within the United States and one parole plan for your country of origin. Both plans will need to outline your post-release goals such as: housing, employment, transportation, programming, and your support network. For general information regarding parole plans, please see our “How to a Parole Plan” guide.

III. How to Write a Plan for Your Country of Origin

It can be difficult to create parole plans for a country that you may not consider your home. Maybe you have not been to this country in decades or you have little to no recollection of it. Try to think through the following questions to help get you started:

- Do you have any family who can be a part of your support network in your country of origin?
- If yes, how can you to get in contact with them?
- What are some religious organizations, public services, or programs you would be able to get involved with?
- What job and/or language skills do you have that might help you find employment?

It may be stressful to think about what life looks like outside of the United States, or maybe you are eager to return. Either way, try not to let the stress get in the way of showing the Board that you understand the realities of your situation and you have the plans in place to address the challenges you may face.

IV. Other Resources

More information on preparing for a parole hearing with an immigration detainer can be found in Asian Prisoner Support Committee's (APSC) "From Prison to ICE to Freedom: A Handbook for Immigrants Inside," and Southeast Asia Resource Center's (SEARAC) "Resource Guide for Southeast Asian Americans Facing Criminal Deportation." Copies of both documents can be requested by writing to APSC at:

- Asian Prisoner Support Committee: P.O. Box 1032, Oakland, CA 94606

While we cannot provide legal advice on immigration detainers, there are several other organizations that have more detailed information and practice guides concerning grounds for removal, relief from removal, removal proceedings, and challenges to removal orders. If you are interested in more in-depth information, consider contacting:

- La Raza Centro Legal: 474 Valencia Street, Suite 295, San Francisco, CA 94103
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC): 1663 Mission Street, Suite 602, San Francisco, CA 94103
- American Immigration Council (AIC): 1331 G St. NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C., 20005
- The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guide: 15 Beacon Street, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02108
- The National Immigration Law Center: 3450 Wilshire Blvd. #108-62, Los Angeles, CA 90010