



Please join us for an informative and touching presentation by **Mr. Reza Banki**

An Iranian-American's Journey through the Criminal Justice System



Mr. Reza Banki was born in Tehran; Reza left his family and Iran after high school for the promise of the American Dream and has been a US citizen for 20 years. He graduated with double bachelors from UC Berkeley in Applied Mathematics and Chemical Engineering and went on to get his PhD from Princeton University in Chemical Engineering. He has published a biotech book and most recently graduated from the MBA program at UCLA Anderson School of Management with a focus on Finance.

Reza was wrongfully imprisoned in the United States. He was arrested in January 2010 and incarcerated for 22 months (665 days). He was prosecuted and convicted initially until an appellate court overturned the guilty verdicts on charges of violating U.S. sanctions laws on Iran. These charges were brought against him as a result of having received money from family in Iran. The Second Circuit Appellate court ruled that because of the family remittance exemption the convictions could not stand. Hence, after nearly serving the entirety of his prison term (47 days short), he was released from federal prison in November 2011.

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