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Joseph "Jazz" Hayden is an advocate for prisoners' right to vote. He has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from SUNY New Paltz and a M.A. in Professional Studies from the New York Theological Seminary, and is a graduate of the Harvard School of Divinity's Summer Leadership Institute. Mr. Hayden is the lead plaintiff in a pending class action lawsuit, *Hayden v. Pataki, et al*, which challenges the constitutionality of New York State's felony disenfranchisement statute. A recent Court of Appeals decision denying plaintiff's claim under the Voting Rights Act was a temporary setback to the case. Previously, Mr. Hayden served as the Director of the New York City Project for the Restoration of the Vote which entailed working with eight major civil rights organizations, including the NAACP, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, the ACLU, Sentencing Project, People for the American Way, Demos, and the Brennan Center for Law. His responsibilities included organizing a city-wide coalition of former prisoners, service providers, community-based and faith-based organizations, politicians, and others around the issue of felon disenfranchisement. Mr. Hayden is the founder and Executive Director of Prodigal Sons & Daughters, a social welfare organization whose goal is to build and develop a membership of 100,000 prisoners, parolees, and their families.

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