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Thank you Taina for all you've done for our system impacted community! We're so grateful for your vision and courage to start such an amazing organization like Initiate Justice ☐ Excited for what's to come!

Michelle Cárdenas

Taina, Thank you for being the beacon of light to our community. Envisioning and executing this vision you had and guiding us to be amazing, powerful, impacted leaders. I am forever grateful for you believing in me, your guidance and compassion. I know you are destined for greatness and can't wait to see it all transpire.

Efrain Ortiz



Thank you Taina you have sparked a flame that I hope becomes a wildfire the best of outcome at IJAction it was great to share spaces with you the two times I met you

Emiliano Ramon Cross

**Thanks for building  
something beautiful!**

**Ra**

Keep ascending to  
new heights &  
conquering new  
territory! One luv!

☺☐

Mike Martinez

Thank you so much  
for all you do  
You are highly  
appreciated  
Moonlight Pulido

Taina – Thanks for teaching me everything I know about this work. I wouldn't be the advocate I am today without your mentorship over the years. I know you will continue to change the world and inspire others to do so wherever you go. Excited to see what the future holds for you!

Greg Fidell

Taina – Thank you for building IJ. Thank you for the opportunity! I know that you will be successful with anything you decide to pursue.  
Blessings,  
☐Marta

Taina!!!!!! You are my mentor, my friend, and a community leader. You are one of the most powerful and inspiring people I have ever met. Thank you for gifting me with being able to see your greatness Taina! Every person inside has been positively impacted by your spirit, kindness, and influence. You are the change and you have changed the abolition game. From the depths of my soul THANK YOU COMMANDER!!  
Lee

Thank you so much  
for everything you do !

♥ ☐

Gilberto Reveles

**Taina, thank you very much for all you've done both visible and all that isn't seen you are a very selfless human as it's apparent, and thank you for being the ray of sunshine and gracing our pages with such profound beauty that goes beyond the surface! Take care and God bless.**

**Unitethefam.**

Taina, Thank you for lighting the torch, guiding us to this point and trusting us, Antoinette, to carry the torch and fight on to bring our loved ones home.

**Mireya**

*Taina, Congratulations on building a movement from the inside out! You are a leader of leaders and inspire me. I will continue to follow your work and hope to keep on building bridges together (and tearing down systems that harm us). Onward!!!!*  
*Sonja Tonnesen-Casalegno*

Taina – Thank you so much for committing to your vision. You have empowered myself and countless others to use our voices, become the change that we want to see, and be courageous in our pursuit of freedom. It is with your leadership that we are drastically shifting the power of change into the hands of our families, and our communities. You are inspirational I am grateful for the opportunity to be an instrument of change in this movement. Excited for IJ Action and the changes to our system that will follow! You are a phenomenal leader and changemaker.

Antoinette

Taina,

*Thank you for creating an amazing program and organization that has brought extensive knowledge, helped me and many others grow as advocates and policy changers!*

*Angel R. - Empowering Women Impacted by Incarceration*

TAINA,

You have been such an inspiration from the very first day I met you at Institute. I was so nervous that I wouldn't belong or fit into the space but instead I found a second family. Thank you for helping to create something beautiful and life changing. You truly have changed mine in ways I never imagined before. So again, THANK YOU. For it all. You truly are Our Queen!

Adrianna "AD" Griffith ☐☐

Taina,

Wishing you the best in this new journey! Thank you for always being such a phenomenal leader and for pushing forward no matter what.

Thank you for all you do, here and for all you do behind the scenes. Thank you for helping so many people find their voice!!

XOXO,

Scheyla Rodriguez

Taina, thank you for bringing your vision of IJ to fruition! It has empowered so many!

Crystal



Dear Taina, I want to thank you for everything and I really appreciate you. You have built an amazing organization and have gave some many people hope and opportunity to shine and be themselves. I want to wish you nothing but the best for you and your future endeavors. I know this ain't the end and as always I am right here for support.

AdamCain

*Taina,*

*Thank you for being so inspiring to everybody within IJ, and your continued commitment to Liberation. So happy to see you and IJ grow and build even bigger!!! Salute fam!!!*

*Crash Barbosa*



Beautiful Sacred Queen Sister,  
Thank you for your visions,  
mentorship and explanation of the  
legislative process. You have inspired  
soo many to continue work harder for  
our impacted community. Your a  
fierce, genuine, humble, beautiful,  
brilliant abolitionist. I am honored to  
have been a facilitator and work  
closely with you. Good luck with IJ  
Action I look forward to be apart of  
that amazing team.

LVU mas  
Yolanda Navarrete

TAINA, YOU SURELY MUST KNOW HOW WELL YOU ARE LIVING YOUR LIFE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR WORK AT IJ. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND VISION. WE HAVE BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM IT.

MELISSA MCFARLANE (OORG. SPRING 2022 CLASS LA)

**TAINA**

**IN YOU I HAVE FOUND AN ADVOCATE, A LEADER & A FRIEND.**

**THANK YOU FOR THE POWERFUL IMPACT IN WHICH YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ABOLITION COMMUNITY. ALTHOUGH THIS IS BITTERSWEET I TRUST THAT THIS NEW SEASON WILL BE JUST AS IMPACTFUL, POWERFUL AND COURAGEOUS AS THE LAST. ONTO NEW THINGS, NEW HORIZONS, NEW LESSONS AND BRINGING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO UPLIFT THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY.**