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Liz Blum is an abolitionist organizer and a scholar working to transform the way we think about and address harm in our communities. As a co-founder of Decarcerate Sacramento she works to shift funding to life-affirming community services by disinvesting from systems of punishment. As a survivor of domestic violence, Liz recognizes that punishment does not prevent harm, and the importance of building alternative systems of accountability and healing when harm is done. As a researcher and advocate with Californians United for a Responsible Budget, Liz builds policy recommendations to guide the state legislature in California's first prison closures. Liz's work as a graduate student examines political processes of state prison closure through a lens of racial capitalism, working to both influence abolitionist policy and further abolitionist knowledges.