

Days of Resistance for Palestine

August 7-9

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CALL TO ACTION: Days of Resistance for Palestine, August 7-9, 2020

We invite all Palestinian community organizations, Palestine solidarity groups and movements and campaigns for social justice to endorse this call to action! Samidoun Network is releasing the following call to action for **August 7-9, 2020** to build on all of the committed organizing taken up by so many organizations and activists around the world on and around July 1 and the Day of Rage against Israeli annexation. **Annexation is a continuing threat - especially if the Israeli state thinks that it can pass unnoticed without continued resistance. The struggle is not over; in many ways, it has just begun.** We urge you to continue mobilizing to defend the land and people of Palestine and join us in the Days of Resistance, August 7-9.

Get involved:

- [Endorse the statement here](#)
- [Add your event here](#)

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If you are organizing an event, would like materials for your action, or have questions, please contact us at samidoun@samidoun.net or message us on

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Statement from the Samidoun Network

On the 48th anniversary of the assassination of Ghassan Kanafani, Palestinian revolutionary writer whose life was taken by the Israeli Mossad

through a car bomb near his Beirut house on 8 July 1972

"Imperialism has laid its body over the world, the head in Eastern Asia, the heart in the Middle East, its arteries reaching Africa and Latin America. Wherever you strike it, you damage it, and you serve the world revolution...The Palestinian cause is not a cause for Palestinians only, but a cause for every revolutionary, wherever he is, as a cause of the exploited and oppressed masses in our era." - **Ghassan Kanafani**

A call to the Palestinian people and all those who stand for justice:

On the 48th anniversary of the assassination of the struggler, writer and revolutionary [Ghassan Kanafani](#), Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network salutes in his memory all of the martyrs of the Palestinian people, the women, men, children and elders whose lives have been taken in the assault of Zionist colonialism that targeted Palestine and the entire Arab region.

Today, the program of Israeli annexation continues to threaten Palestinians in the West Bank, including the most fertile agricultural land of the Jordan Valley, which is still slated for Israel's latest land grab. Of course, this is simply the continuation of over 72 years of land theft, dispossession, apartheid and genocide - but it requires continued mobilization and action to confront, alongside the siege on Gaza, the mass imprisonment of Palestinians, the demolition of homes, the denial of Palestinian refugees' right to return and further war crimes and crimes against humanity.

On this occasion, we salute all of the victims of Zionist colonization and we rededicate ourselves to struggle for everything Ghassan Kanafani lived and fought for: the liberation of Palestine and the liberation of humanity. The memory of his martyrdom is a Palestinian, Arab and international rallying cry for revolutionary change.

In this context, we call on all Palestinian communities and those who stand for justice in Palestine to join together to organize the Days of Resistance on August 7, 8 and 9, 2020. We urge all Palestinians inside and outside Palestine, and all of the national forces, popular institutions, youth, student and women's movements, social justice movements and solidarity organizations to participate actively in "banging on the walls of the tank" - as in Kanafani's Men in the Sun - to break down the walls of silence. **Join in marches, popular activities, demonstrations and remind the world that the Palestinian people will continue to rise and confront all attempts of liquidation and destruction of the cause of Palestine and resist dispossession, exile and genocide - and that all people of conscience stand beside the Palestinian people in this critical moment.**

Samidoun Network in occupied Palestine and in the diaspora urges all to consider the days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7 through 9 August, as days of comprehensive struggle, resistance and popular organizing against Zionist colonization throughout occupied Palestine, days of organizing demonstrations and political, cultural and media activities throughout Palestine, in exile and diaspora and everywhere around the world. These actions confront the ongoing Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people, including the Zionist "annexation" project and the deadly siege on Gaza, and aim to strengthen international solidarity with the Palestinian struggle and with the Palestinian prisoners' movement inside Israeli occupation jails.

We urge all organizations in support of the Palestinian struggle, inside occupied Palestine and around the world, to raise the Palestinian flag and the images and words of the revolutionary writer Ghassan Kanafani in these marches and popular events. **On these days, we also celebrate the historical symbols of the struggle of the Palestinian people, including the immortal Handala and his creator, the artist Naji al-Ali; the poet and struggler Kamal Nasser; the**

Palestinian writer Samira Azzam; the poet Ali Fouda; the revolutionary intellectual Basil al-Araj; and all of the martyrs and strugglers of Palestine who gave their lives, hearts and minds for liberation and return and in defense of the freedom and dignity of the Palestinian people.

On the Days of Resistance, we will highlight the struggles of the Palestinian prisoners, tell the stories of the martyrs of the prisoners' movement and the role of the prisoners in all area of revolutionary struggle, illuminate the Palestinian prisoners' contribution to literature, thought and politics and the intellectual and cultural production of the Palestinian prisoners' movement inside the Israeli occupation prisons. We will struggle for the freedom of all Palestinian prisoners and prisoners of the Palestinian cause, including the Lebanese Arab revolutionary [Georges Ibrahim Abdallah](#), in French prisons for 35 years.

On this anniversary, Samidoun extends its warmest salutes of struggle to all of those who initiated and participated in the Palestinian Day of Rage and its activities on 1 July and the surrounding days throughout Palestine and internationally, and we thank all of the Palestinian and progressive media institutions that covered these actions confronting the Zionist "annexation" and colonization project that aims to plunder Palestinian land and resources. This project only underlines the expansionist, settler colonial, racist nature of the Israeli state and its continuing colonization and theft of Palestinian and Arab land for over 72 years, a central part of the imperialist assault on the entire region.

It must inspire us to mobilize and organize - as Kanafani so clearly expressed - to confront imperialism, Zionism and the reactionary regimes that continue to collaborate with these forces of oppression, and to struggle for liberation. Every victory of the peoples in struggle against these forces is a victory for Palestine and for our collective victory.

Salutes to the martyrs, freedom for the prisoners and return for the

refugees. Victory, liberation and return will come for the struggling Palestinian people!

8 July 2020

Occupied Jerusalem - Brussels

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July 16: Strengthening U.S.-Venezuela Social Movement Solidarity

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Nuestro mas profundo reconocimiento a los héroes del Comité de Protección de la Embajada Bolivariana de Venezuela en Washington, DC que protegieron la dignidad del pueblo venezolano en la primavera de 2019. ¡Patria o muerte, venceremos!

Comité Ejecutivo del Foro de São Paulo en Washington, DC, Maryland y Virginia
Julio de 2019

Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT

Online Event

This meeting is being organized by the Embassy Protection Collective in the United States and the Committee for International Solidarity in Venezuela with the goal of strengthening our solidarity to act against US imperialism. The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish with translation.

REGISTER

HERE:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q1BT3K5xQPKiB45IrlFl4A

Esta reunión está organizada por el Colectivo de Protección de la Embajada en los Estados Unidos y el Comité de Solidaridad Internacional en Venezuela con el objetivo de fortalecer nuestra solidaridad para actuar contra el imperialismo estadounidense. La reunión se llevará a cabo en inglés y español con traducción.

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New York July 26: U.S. Hands off

Cuba!

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Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Union Square, New York, Manhattan
New York, New York

Celebrate the beginning of the Cuban Revolution!
Rally/Picket! This is an anniversary celebration of the Attack on the Moncada Garrison!

We will abide by all mask wearing and social
Distancing requirements!

END ALL ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA!

US OUT OF GUANTANAMO!

END WASHINGTON'S ATTACKS AGAINST CUBA'S INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER MEDICAL BRIGADES!

On [Facebook](#)



Aug. 27 Jacksonville, Florida, March on the RNC: We Can't Breathe!

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Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDT

Duval County Courthouse
501 W. Adams St, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Members of the Coalition to March on the RNC have applied for permits from the City of Jacksonville to hold a rally and march opposed to Donald Trump and the Republican National Convention. The Coalition itself is a national formation of community organizations and activists that seek to defeat Donald Trump and stop his backwards agenda. The rally and march will take place on August 27, 2020 on the day Donald Trump gives his acceptance speech at Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena in downtown, Jacksonville.

Members of the Coalition to March on the RNC organized large protests against previous RNCs in 2008 (Minneapolis), 2012 (Tampa), and 2016 (Cleveland). The Coalition expects thousands or more to participate in the historic rally and march from all around the United States. The event will consist of a rally with prominent speakers near the Duval County Clerk of Courts and include a broad march through downtown Jacksonville passing within sight and sound of the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena.

The main slogan of the event will be “We Can’t Breathe - Defeat Donald Trump.” The Coalition to March on the RNC will seek to emphasize the Black-led struggle against police brutality under the past four years of Trump in office. The Coalition also stands for a people’s agenda - money for living wage jobs, education, universal healthcare, peace and equality.

On August 27, 2020, millions around the world will have eyes on Jacksonville. The people opposed to Donald Trump and his wretched policies must speak out against injustice and struggle to build a movement capable of defeating his agenda.

For more information, please email the Coalition to March on the RNC at MarchOnRNCJAX@gmail.com

More Details to be added soon!

Volunteer and Endorsement Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIxkC84umxVxSAUwWgu_EkinRHWNLuXTrOIq3q0EwKD4AnTw/viewform

#WeCantBreathe #BlackLivesMatter #MedicareForAll

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Juneteenth Webinar: ILWU workers, reparations, capitalism and fighting police terror

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Speakers on this webinar, held on June 21, included:

Clarence Thomas speaking on the June 19 West Coast longshore worker port shutdown for Juneteenth. He is a retired, third-generation longshore worker, past secretary-treasurer of International Longshore Workers Union (ILWU) Local 10, and co-founder of the Million Worker March movement. ILWU Local 10's action shows the way forward for workers fighting to end white supremacy.

Gloria Verdieu speaking on reparations, capitalism and socialism. She is a writer for Struggle-La Lucha, a member of the Socialist Unity Party in Dallas and San Diego, and an organizer in the fight to free Mumia Abu-Jamal, Leonard Peltier and all political prisoners.

Rebecka Jackson recently traveled to Minneapolis and gave a first-hand report on the struggle to abolish police and state repression. She resides in Los Angeles and is an artist and organizer for the Socialist Unity Party. Jackson was a victim of police violence.

John Parker, national spokesperson for the Socialist Unity Party, co-chaired the webinar along with Rebecka Jackson.



Stonewall Webinar: Rebellion against anti-LGBTQ2S bigotry, police terror and racism

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Speakers on this webinar, held on June 28, included:

Andre Powell, a leader in the LGBTQ2S movement. He was a founder of Labor for

Reparations and traveled to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa. Powell resides in Baltimore and is an organizer for the Socialist Unity Party and the Peoples Power Assembly. He has been in the streets leading protests ever since George Floyd was murdered.

Lizz Toledo, a Latinx LGBTQ2S fighter who lives in Atlanta. She is the founder of the Atlanta Peoples Power Assembly, which took up the case of Renardo Lewis, who was assaulted by the police. Toledo also contributes to Struggle-La Lucha and is a member of the Socialist Unity Party.

Please check out the new book ["The Social Evolution of Humanity: Marx and Engels were right!"](#) by **Bob McCubbin**, author of the groundbreaking book, "The Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View." McCubbin is a member of the San Diego branch of the Socialist Unity Party. [Read an excerpt from the book.](#)



Free the Basque Country! Spain

refuses to act on death squad ties

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In mid-June, the U.S. [Central Intelligence Agency disclosed documents](#) revealing that former prime minister of Spain, Felipe González, was the head of a terrorist paramilitary group.

According to the CIA, González, prime minister of Spain from 1982 to 1996, was the head of GAL (Antiterrorist Liberation Groups), an organization dedicated to killing Basque citizens.

Now that the CIA has declassified this piece of information, you would think that Spain would want to do justice. Think again.

The in-name-only Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), the right-wing People's Party (PP) and the openly fascist VOX party united to vote against a proposal by the Basque socialist party Bildu to investigate this accusation of terrorism committed by a former head of state.

Some Spanish ministers were prosecuted and convicted for terrorism in relation to GAL in 1998: José Barrionuevo, interior minister from 1982 to 1988; José Luis Corcuera, interior minister from 1988-1993; Juan Alberto Belloch, interior and justice minister from 1994-1996; and Rafael Vera, secretary of state security, among other military men.

These high-ranking Spanish politicians convicted of terrorism spent less time in prison than the Altsasu 8.

And who are the Altsasu 8, you may ask? They are eight young Basques who were accused of terrorism after two members of the Guardia Civil (Civil Guard, the

Spanish military occupation force) and their girlfriends, all wearing civilian clothes, entered a bar in the Basque village of Altsasu and started a fight in October 2016. Since then, the young Basques that they targeted have been incarcerated on charges of terrorism.

And why would the Spanish occupation forces start a fight in a bar in the Basque Country in 2016? The answer is that the Spanish occupation forces working in the Basque Country get paid a bonus for “fighting terrorism.”

Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA), the Basque armed resistance group that carried out attacks on Spanish occupation forces and politicians, had declared its end in 2011. But the Spanish occupation forces were still getting paid more money and had to justify getting paid the extra amount they were so used to enjoying.

Spain, after a lengthy fascist dictatorship from 1939 to 1975, made the appearance of a sudden and magical turn to democracy, even though the same politicians, military and police forces remained in charge. Obviously, it was only pretending. The CIA had been involved in all these steps of the so-called “Spanish Transition” from dictatorship to democracy.

Another little piece of news that is being conveniently hidden amidst the coronavirus pandemic is the discovery that former king of Spain, Juan Carlos I, signatory to and collaborator with Francisco Franco’s fascist dictatorship, had been stealing hundreds of millions of euros and putting them in an offshore account.

That is another crime that I am pretty sure the Spanish government will want to investigate. Just kidding!



Tell Atlanta officials: Hands off the Rayshard Brooks memorial!

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Return Wendy's to community control

Sign the petition

On June 12, 2020, Rayshard Brooks was murdered by officers of the Atlanta Police Department at the Wendy's drive-through on University Avenue. Many community members witnessed the murder and were traumatized by the sight of Rayshard, a Black man and father, being shot in the back, kicked while he was down and his body stood on by a police officer as he lay dying.

This happened in a poor, working-class, Black community that has witnessed and

experienced the brutality of the APD for years. This time, the community decided to take control of this sacred space as a liberated zone for justice, grieving and community control.

On Monday, July 6, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and the Atlanta police violently stole this liberated space from the community and destroyed Rayshard Brooks' memorial. We demand:

1. Return the community property, including posters, flowers and other donations, that were stolen from the Rayshard Brooks memorial.
2. Return to our community the Wendy's and surrounding area where Rayshard Brooks was murdered by the APD, as our healing and liberated zone. Police hands off!

Sign the petition

Also, please call, email and fax:

Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd
Atlanta City Hall
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.
Suite 2900
Atlanta, GA 30303-3584
Phone: (404) 330-6053
Fax: (404) 739-9255
Email: jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov

and

Mayor Kiesha Lance Bottoms
Mayor's Office

Phone: (404) 330-6100
Office of Constituent Services
Phone: (404) 330-6023

Petition initiated by the Peoples Power Assembly - Atlanta

Phone: (678) 603-6959
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<https://peoplespowerassembly.org/>



Cleveland City Council says: End U.S. blockade of Cuba

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On July 1, the City Council of Cleveland in the state of Ohio unanimously adopted a resolution calling for “an end to the U.S. economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba.” The body, which represents 383,000 residents, urges the current administration to renew negotiations with the Cuban government. The vote

was 14-0 with three council people absent, as published in The City Record on July 3.

This is the 14th such municipal resolution. Cleveland joins Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland and Sacramento, Calif.; Seattle; Helena, Mont.; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; Detroit and Meridian Township, Mich.; Pittsburgh; Brookline, Mass.; and Hartford, Conn.

To confront the COVID-19 pandemic, city councils are now calling for medical collaboration with Cuba. On May 5, the [Richmond City Council](#) cited that the U.S. "has placed restrictions on access to Cuban goods and knowledge," and therefore it supports lifting the restrictions on the Cuban-developed medicine Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant and medical collaboration with Cuba in the fight against COVID-19.

On June 16, the [Berkeley City Council](#) went further, explicitly adopting the three goals of the [Saving Lives Campaign](#). Those goals are:

1. Allowing U.S.-Cuba-Canada medical, clinical and scientific collaboration, including inviting Cuban medical brigades to provide direct medical assistance and/or to provide advice and guidance in treating COVID-19.
2. Incorporating Cuba's Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant in clinical trials in the U.S., Canada and the World Health Organization, and for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to grant approval for Cuba's Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant.
3. Ending U.S. economic and travel sanctions against Cuba, including attempts to stop all other countries from accepting Cuban medical brigades and assistance, and ending all ongoing measures that prevent Cuba from accessing and importing medical equipment and medicines to confront COVID-19.

Join Saving Lives Campaign

In articles about the devastation of the pandemic in Latin America, the corporate media studiously avoid mentioning how Cuba has tamed the virus and saved lives. Caring for 11.3 million people, Cuba has only suffered 86 deaths. But from the Bronx to Detroit, from Chicago to [Miami](#), Oakland and South Central Los Angeles, the death tolls are rising. These hit Black, Indigenous and Latinx workers disproportionately harder.

More information is available at the [Saving Lives Campaign website](#), including data on Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant and how it has been used to save lives in China and Cuba.

Add your name to the [list of endorsers](#). Ask your organization to sign on to the statement. [Print it out](#) and take it to your doctor. Have a friend who works in a hospital or health care facility? Ask them to sign on and take it to their union. Even while social distancing, there are many things we can do in the fight for “Saving Lives.”

The U.S. government is using the pandemic as a weapon against Cuba and Venezuela. Washington uses unilateral sanctions and its domination of international trade in dollars to interrupt trade between sovereign countries. In real terms, these sanctions deny fuel, medicine, personal protective equipment, food and raw materials needed for producing materials that are needed by people.

In April, the [Associated Press reported](#) that a donated plane load of virus-fighting equipment — face masks and testing kits — was blocked when the airline refused to land in Cuba out of fear of possible fines for sanctions violations.

Not a week goes by without the administration in Washington leveling a new slanderous attack against Cuba, particularly aimed at Cuba’s international medical solidarity brigades, but also the Bolivarian Alliance for the People of Our America’s cooperative relationship with Venezuela.

Now Cuba and Venezuela have been included on a new list of “foreign adversaries,” issued by the U.S. Department of Energy and just published in the Federal Register, [according to the Miami Herald](#).

The hostility from Washington and a few elected officials in Florida doesn’t represent the will of the people in the U.S. or around the world.

The blossoming of creative campaigns like the municipal resolutions noted in this article; the nomination of [Cuba’s Henry Reeve Brigade](#) of doctors for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize; and a two-day [International Concert for Cuba](#) to be broadcast live on July 18-19 reflect the desire for peace, friendship and cooperation between people in the U.S. and Cuba.



July 4, 2020: A day of Black self-determination

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The People's Declaration of 'Frederick Douglass Square'

On July 4th, the People's Republic of Brooklyn rocked as the December 12th Movement led the community in a people's street renaming. To loud cheers and applause from the hundreds gathered around Sistas' Place, the covers were pulled off street signs proclaiming "Frederick Douglass Square" to replace those of notorious slaveowners Thomas (pedophile and rapist) Jefferson and Gerret Nostrand.

D12 spokesperson Iman Essiet said, "We deliberately chose the person [Douglass], the act [replacing the street sign], the date [July 4th] and location [Sistas' Place, Nostrand and Jefferson Avenues]. Frederick Douglass fearlessly spoke truth in the 19th century, like Malcolm X did 100 years later. In his famous speech 'What to the American Slave is Your 4th of July?' he concluded 'for revolting barbarity and shameless hypocrisy, America reigns without a rival.'" She added, "This is still true today."

Vinson Verdree noted, "Every July 4th, we place the Douglass speech in Sistas' Place window. This year, where our community faces an endless wave of white-supremacist fueled police and vigilante terror, COVID-19 health devastation, unemployment and homelessness we decided to make his revolutionary message permanent in our community's consciousness."

The rally that preceded the unveiling was lively, inspirational and educational.

Kamau Brown introduced D12 members Frank Brown and Chimhwi Brown. Frank laid out the history of Black folks fighting for self-determination in the U.S. Chimhwi defined what self-determination meant for today and the future and the need for young people to be actively involved.

Attorney/activist King Downing explained what "defunding the police" truly means

as a step towards abolishing the police and exposed the tricks politicians will attempt to sabotage the process. As an example, he cited Mayor De Blasio's initial promise to cut \$1 billion out of the Police Department's \$6 billion budget was even a bigger lie when you consider that the NYPD budget was actually \$11 billion when you include the \$5 billion in pension and health care benefits he "forgot" to mention.

Kazembe Batts of the Universal Hip Hop Parade was encouraged by the growing activism of youth and their willingness to learn from veterans in the struggle.

Several speakers addressed the importance of the Black Liberation Movement in their own national struggle for liberation.

Nerdeen Kiswani of the Palestinian support group Within Our Lifetime, drew the historical connections between the Black and Palestinian struggles for self-determination. "The best thing that we, who live in the U.S., can do for Palestinian liberation is to fight for Black liberation."

Mark Torres of the People Pueblo Party and Radhames Morales of Fuerza de La Revolución stated that the struggles in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico could not succeed unless Black people's fight in the U.S. did. They united on the need for an independent political party as key to a revolutionary solution.

Bill Dores of Struggle - La Lucha, highlighted the key role which the Black Liberation Movement plays in the struggle against imperialism.

New York State Assemblyman Charles Barron spoke about the Reparations Remedies bill (A3080A) he is sponsoring in the New York State Assembly. His bill provides for major community input in its composition and decision-making and will require constant and massive pressure from the community on their elected officials to have it passed.

New York City Councilwoman Inez Barron said the police cannot be made

accountable for their criminal acts without a truly “independent prosecutor.”

April Raiford introduced D12 attorney Malik Callender whose overview of the case for reparations left people shaking their heads in agreement and with a deeper understanding of its revolutionary content.

Sistas’ Place music director Ahmed Abdullah began and ended his moving rendition of Douglass’s 4th of July speech singing the spiritual “Rivers of Babylon.” He later explained that the lyrics were part of Douglass’ 1852 speech.

For those who ask where do we go from here, D12 Chairperson Viola Plummer provided the answer by calling for people to stay in the streets and leading the crowd in chanting Black Panther Party chairman Huey P. Newton’s call for “All Power to the People.” She ended the rally by delivering the current indictment of the United States’ Crimes against Humanity which Douglass spoke so eloquently of 168 years ago, “They Stole Us. They sold us. They owe us. Reparations now!”

Video of the rally and unveiling will be posted on the website: www.d12m.com

Source: [Amsterdam News](https://www.amsterdamnews.com)

