



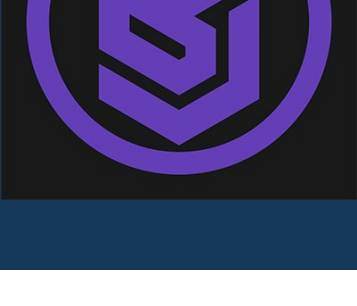
ONWARD. ALWAYS.

Last week, a jury found Derek Chauvin guilty of murdering George Floyd—a verdict that offered a moment of accountability but from a system that can never deliver justice. As ACRE [noted](#): “Abolition is the justice we deserve.”

At around the time that the verdict was delivered, 16-year-old Ma’Khia Bryant had her life taken by police. In April alone, these agents of white supremacy also murdered Daunte Wright, Adam Toledo, Trayvon Chadwell, Anthony Alvarez, remember Sykap, and other individuals whose futures were stolen.

There is no reforming this system. It costs us too much. And over and over again, it entrenches a broader value system borne from racial capitalism that puts property over people. In response to the police killing of Daunte Wright, President Joe Biden said that his death was “tragic” but that “there is absolutely no justification—none—for looting. No justification for violence.” Yet protestors and organizers who envision a world without racial violence and trauma are repeatedly confronted with state violence and trauma.

As we grieve and rage, we must continue onward. Onward to defund, onward to investments in true public safety, onward to abolition, onward to our liberation. Black people and other communities of color depend on it.



Support the work of organizers in Minnesota and elsewhere in building their team.

Black Visions is a Black-led, Queer and Trans centering organization whose mission is to organize powerful, connected Black communities and dismantle systems of violence, and they’re hiring!

<https://www.blackvisionsmn.org/jobs>



Combating Corporate Concentration

Monopoly power yet again dominates the US economy and has made our society unsafe for workers, consumers, and communities—leaving people of color most at risk of its harms. In March, we released [Anti-Monopoly Activism: Reclaiming Power through Racial Justice](#), arguing for organizers of color to be embedded—and centered—in the anti-monopoly fight. A call for antiracist activism and advocacy, the report also serves as a historical primer for grassroots people and campaigns.

Last month, we organized [a panel](#) to draw connections between anti-monopoly advocacy and racial justice. The panel featured Demand Drummer of [New Consensus](#), Myaisha Hayes from [Media Justice](#), Tara Raghuveer of [Homes Guarantee Campaign](#), and Shawn Sebastian of [People's Action](#).

Our co-ED Jeremie Greer also talked with Rebecca Vallas on the [Off-Kilter podcast](#) about anti-monopoly activism. Check out these links and come reimagine the antitrust movement’s work through a racial justice lens with us!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



Independent Sector Webinar on the Equality Movement

Jeremie moderated [a panel discussion](#) where we got to hear from passionate descendants of Civil Rights Movement leaders on the impact of the equality movement, how it shows up in our current policy environment, and how that all guides us for the future of nonprofit advocacy.

Urban Land Institute Interview on Housing Disparities

The Urban Land Institute interviewed Jeremie and others to learn more about why racial housing disparity is worse amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Skip to 1:47 to watch Jeremie speak.

[Watch the interview](#)



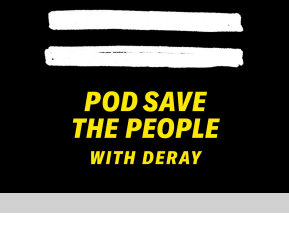
A Place to Call Home Webinar on Federal Housing Policy

Jeremie took part in [a vital discussion](#) of how the New Deal on Housing Justice ([Housing Policy Playbook](#)) and [The BREATHE Act](#) can inform federal housing policy and what the Biden-Harris administration and philanthropy can do in the short and long term to reinvigorate housing justice. Read more [here](#).

Pod Save the People Episode on the Racial Wealth Gap

DeRay McKesson interviews Leigh Phillips of SaverLife and Solana Rice of LibGen to discuss their work to address the racial wealth gap on the Pod Save The People podcast. Check it out!

[Listen to the podcast](#)



"We're Witnessing Government in Action—and It's Delivering"

For [Morning Consult](#), Jeremie and [Groundwork Collaborative](#)'s Lindsay Owens reclaim the idea of “big government.” Despite decades of deficit hawks and neoliberals working to “erode the trust, power and influence of the public sector,” which resulted in communities of color bearing the brunt of economic hardship, our response to the COVID-19 pandemic is showing us just how much we get when the government acts as an economic driver and key force for the collective good.

[READ THE JOINT OP-ED](#)



Solana Interviews Alicia Garza on The Purpose of power

Our co-ED Solana Rice sat down with Alicia Garza to talk about her new book, *The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart*. They discussed how our movements build power, the role of social media in organizing, and why Black communities need their own spaces to get organized.

[CHECK OUT THE INTERVIEW](#)

MEET OUR NEW HIRES



Rubén Lucio

DIRECTOR OF GRASSROOTS RELATIONSHIPS

As the Director of Grassroots Relationships, Rubén is responsible for developing the goals, strategies, and tactics of our partnerships with grassroots organizations. In addition, he will manage outreach efforts to and deep consultant relationships with grassroots organizers of color.

Emanuel Nieves

DIRECTOR OF POLICY

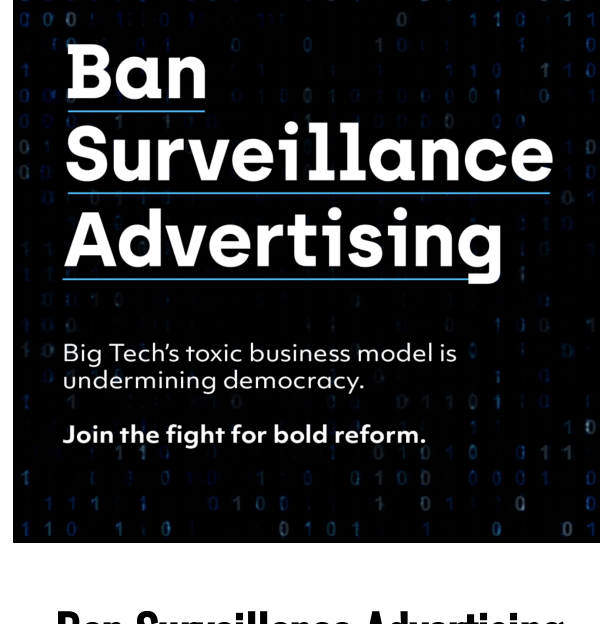
As the Director of Policy, Emanuel leads the development of our Liberation Economy policy platform and provides policy, advocacy, and lobbying support to our campaigns and grassroots relationship engagements.



Kendra Bozarth

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

As the Director of Communications, Kendra drives our overall communications strategy across editorial, digital, design, press, and advocacy. She is especially passionate about narrative change and the “[Black Women Best](#)” economic framework.



Ban Surveillance Advertising

We signed onto a campaign to help #BanSurveillanceAdvertising. While big tech companies make billions off of surveillance advertising, we pay the price. Social media giants turn massive profits by endlessly tracking and profiling us, determining how to keep us hooked, and then hyper-targeting us with ads. The best way to break out of this cycle is to #BanSurveillanceAdvertising. Add your name to join the fight for bold reform!

[Sign On to the Coalition](#)



We Need the BREATHE Act

Instead of moving The BREATHE Act forward and talking about investments that would really make us safe, Congress is wrongly pushing forward a bill that puts more power in the hands of the police. We signed onto The Movement for Black Lives’ letter in opposition against the Justice in Policing Act—an act that would only perpetuate the police’s power over Black lives and communities. Text BREATHE to 90975 and [learn more here](#).

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