

BLACK AUGUST

It's [Black August](#), a month-long commemoration dedicated to those we've lost in the struggle for Black liberation, to those trapped by the American prison system, and to those who remain uncompromised in our vision for a free future. Last week during her [conversation](#) with Terun Moore, Rukia Lumumba made a clear call: "Free 'em all," she said. "These are folks who literally sacrificed their lives doing the work that we are doing right now. They were attacked by the US government, imprisoned, and given lifelong sentences where they have spent the majority of their prison time in solitary confinement. These are our elders, and it's time for them to come home." Follow more of their work [here](#) and help us free our brothers, sisters, and non-binary siblings, including [Dr. Mutulu Shakur](#).

As Kayla Reed [reminds us](#), "it is our duty to fight for our freedom. [It's] our duty to win. Which means we can't sacrifice what we have built for anything other than winning our freedom." She continues: "I think the most important piece in that mandate is *our*. Our is plural. It is more than one. It is not my duty to fight for our freedom. **It is ours.**"

Throughout the month, we've been co-hosting an Instagram Live series with Black Visions and *The Forge* to amplify [the call](#) for a police- and prison-free future. [Mark your calendars for this Friday, August 27](#), at 12:30pm PT/3:30pm ET and head to [BlackVisions's IG page](#) to catch our final Live, featuring Barbara Ransby and Asha Ransby-Sporn as they [discuss](#) abolition and the cultural shifts needed to get there.

Gentrification = Oppression



"In historically Black neighborhoods, owners selling their homes on the open market have to grapple with the fact that accepting the highest bid could mean another step toward Black displacement," wrote Jacquelyn Kerubo for the *New York Times*. She [spoke to and quoted Jeremie](#), who outlined ways to undo racist housing policy and confront harmful cultural shifts. Fighting gentrification is fighting oppression. It's about ensuring monetary wealth for Black and brown folks, and it's about preserving the wealth of community.



\$ The HouseUS Fund \$

Last week, the HouseUS Fund [announced](#) \$7.5 million in seed funding from the Ford and Robert Wood Johnson foundations. "HouseUS will support field leaders and affected communities to uplift a set of 'North Star' policies that center the needs of tenants and move beyond piecemeal solutions created by a commodified housing market," said Syma Mirza, co-director of the HouseUS Fund. LibGen is very proud to be a part of this effort.



Statehouse Futures 2021

"We really see liberation as an economy where everyone belongs. We're talking about an economy where everything is provided. No one is excluded. No one is being exploited for what they don't have." In late July, Solana joined Demos President Taifa Butler for [#StatehouseFutures](#), a virtual summit from the Democracy Policy Network. [Check out the 30-minute panel and hear why](#) a liberation economy is about participation — and it's about power.



#HearUs4Justice

We released two new op-eds for our ongoing column [series](#) with NextCity. On [debt-free justice](#), Jhumpa Bhattacharya (Insight Center), Stephanie Campos-Bui (Policy Advocacy Clinic, Berkeley Law), and Brandon Greene (ACLU, Northern California) elevate California as a trailblazer and why other states should get in the fight. Michael Tubbs, the former mayor of Stockton, California, talks about [the power of the child tax credit](#) and why our government should go all the way with a permanent [guaranteed income](#) for all.



Black Women (Know) Best

We need an economy that centers the liberation of Black women, a politic that hears and is led by Black women, and a nation that treasures Black women. ICYMI: We have a recap video of our Black Women's Economic Liberation Summit, which we co-hosted in June with BlackHer and features leading Black women thinkers including Janelle Jones. [Watch it here](#) and stay tuned for more clips.



Visioning Workshops x LibGen

As a national movement-support organization, we're here to help people of color win their power, and our visioning workshops are one way we move. Rubén Lucio, our director of grassroots engagement, and videographer Nino Fernandez recently put together [a short video of a visioning workshop](#) that LibGen co-facilitated with Communities for a New California. Interested in one of our workshops or want to collaborate? [Let us know!](#)



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