



Community Health Councils (CHC) and Coalition for a Just and Equitable California (CJEC) Present:

CALIFORNIA REPARATIONS LISTENING SESSION

August 23, 2022
5:30PM-7:30PM

Panelists include:

Friday Jones



Friday Jones is the Vice Chairperson of the Los Angeles Reparations Advisory Commission, where she advocates for a pilot reparations program targeted at the Black community within the City of Los Angeles. She is also Co-chair of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Assembly of American Slavery Descendants and author of a self-help memoir, [The Real Friday Jones](#).

Dr. Jovan Scott Lewis



Dr. Jovan Scott Lewis is a member of the California Reparations Task Force. He is also an Associate Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, where he conducts research in racial capitalism, underdevelopment, and radical terms of repair in the Caribbean and US. He is also the author of [Scammer's Yard: The Crime of Black Repair in Jamaica](#) and [Violent Utopia](#), which traces the consequences of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre.

Jan Williams



Jan Williams is a Board member for Downtown Crenshaw, an organization which strives to identify strategies to acquire the Crenshaw Mall and make it a true community-centered development. She also fights for a better life for Black people; reflected in her advocacy for improving education outcomes, housing justice, workers rights, and economic inclusion, and ending state sanctioned violence.

WHAT ARE REPARATIONS?

Corrective, substantive actions taken to make right a wrong done, by paying money and helping those who have been wronged.

FOR WHO?

African American/Black descendants of persons enslaved in the U.S. (American Freedman); Also Free Blacks in the U.S. before 1900.

FOR WHAT?

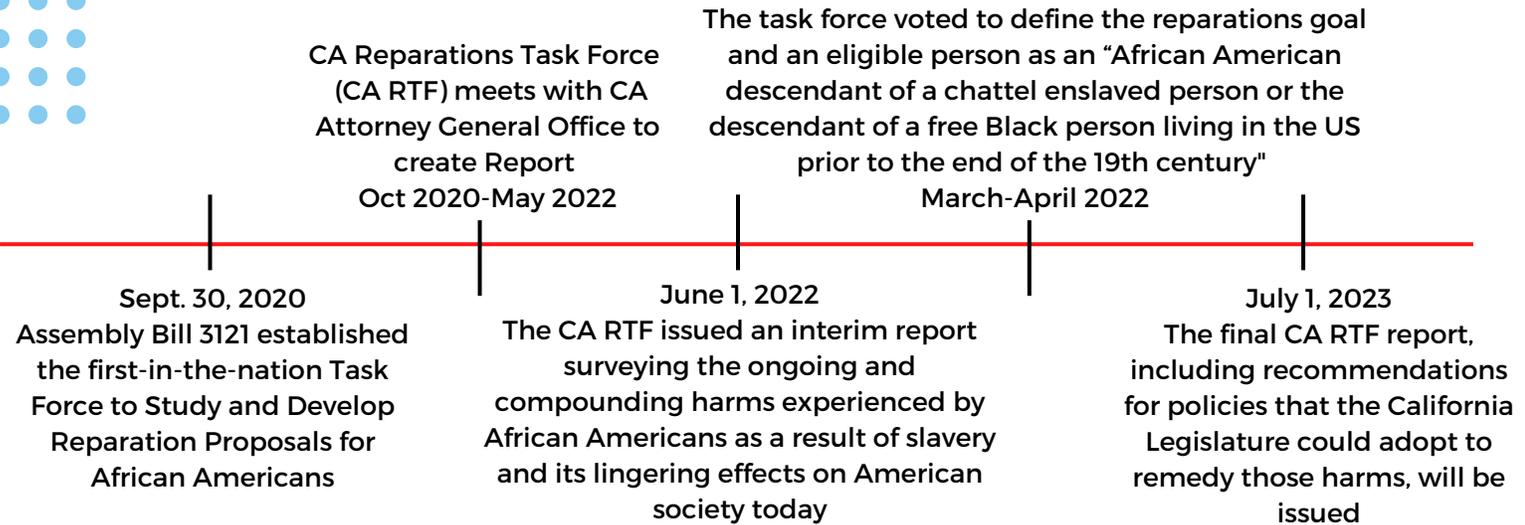
U.S. Slavery + Jim Crow + Ongoing Discrimination which has resulted in debilitating economic, educational, and health hardships that are uniquely experienced by African Americans

WHAT DO REPARATIONS LOOK LIKE?

1. **COMPENSATION:** typically money, awarded to someone as a recompense for loss, injury, or suffering
2. **RESTITUTION:** re-establish the situation that existed before the wrongful act was committed, such as the return of land or property
3. **REHABILITATION:** non-financial forms of compensation such as free education or healthcare
4. **SATISFACTION:** part of full reparations under international law for moral damage, such as an official acknowledgment and apology for harm
5. **GUARANTEES OF NON-REPETITION:** cease the act if it is continuing and offer appropriate assurances and guarantees that it will not happen again



A CALIFORNIA REPARATIONS TIMELINE



HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S REPARATIONS?

- Changes to laws, institutions, and systems aimed at ensuring that harm will not happen again.
- Action to stop the systems, institutions, and practices causing the harm.
- Action to restore individuals harmed to the position they were in before the initial harm occurred.
- Compensation to a specific, defined group of individuals harmed by a violation, including descendants.
- An official acknowledgment and apology for harm, public education, or memorial about the harm.

TESTIMONY PROMPTS

1. When and why did your Black family come to California?
2. In order to repair harm, we have to acknowledge harm. What are the 1-2 harms to you, your family and/or community that you would want to see reparations (for descendants of slavery) acknowledge?
3. As you think about some of these harms, how would you want to see reparations, policies and practices developed and implemented in a way that could help descendants of slavery in CA heal and thrive?
4. What will it look like, sound like, feel like for CA to be a place where Black people can heal and thrive?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT CA REPARATIONS?

- **Read the CA RTF Full Interim Report:** [Click Here](#)
- **Subscribe to the CA RTF mailing list to receive the latest updates:** [Subscribe here!](#)
- **We want to hear from you:**
 - **Take the CA Reparations Survey:** [Take Survey now!](#)
 - **Submit Video Testimony:** [Instructions and Portal Here](#)
 - **Call the CA Reparations Task Force:** (213) 519-0504

RESOURCES

- [CA Reparations Task Force](#)
- [LA Reparations Commission](#)
- [Community Health Councils \(CHC\) 2022 Policy Priorities](#)
- [Coalition for a Just and Equitable California \(CJEC\)](#)
- CA Mental Health Hotline: Dial "988"

