

# Juneteenth

As we celebrate a day marking the end of American Chattel slavery, let us not forget that we still have work to do in dismantling this evolved system of white supremacy. As a community dedicated to Human Rights, let us not forget the sacrifice of Runaway Slaves. Let us not forget the sacrifice of our black revolutionaries as we commemorate black liberation on this celebratory day. Let us not forget the relationship between black taxpayers and Public Servants. The interpretation of Public Safety for our community has been violence. Violence is not Public Safety. Let us not forget the structural damage done to our communities by the same vestiges of institutional racism that denied our ancestors basic human dignity. This is the same system that lynches children and blames them for their own lynching in 2021. Times change, these systems have stayed the same. I am hopeful that in recognizing Juneteenth, we as an organized community recognize the structural damage done to our communities. In recognizing Juneteenth I am hopeful that we as a community organize around getting the resources needed to heal our collective trauma and address the structural change that our Runaways continue to sacrifice themselves to obtain.

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