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Reparations for Oregon's history of exclusion of the Black community from residency, homeownership, and work opportunities is long overdue. Displacement and oppression of Black Oregonians has continued into recent decades, with homes and businesses ripped away from individuals and families with nothing given in return. And systemic displacement and oppression continues to this day. We have a lot of work to do to make this right, and to dismantle the systems perpetuating harm, and to help repair the harm done. The best place to start is with meaningful reparations, to give Black Oregonians an even slightly more level playing field in our state.