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## **NEWSLETTER**

### **SPEECH GIVEN AT THE POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN RALLY**



On this past month, Rev. Gilbert, and the Center for Racial Equity and Justice joined with Bishop William Barber and the Poor People’s Campaign concerning voter’s rights and other inequities in America. Here is Rev. Gilbert’s speech:

“Today we stand as a collective voice to the seats of power just as Moses stood in the courts of pharaoh saying let my people go! Just as the power of that day, who decreed unjust and unrighteous laws of that day, we are currently witnessing vile principalities, wickedness in high places and rulers of darkness who profess to be principled and morally suitable but instead are motivated by white imperialism, racism, and white rage. We are here today to speak truth to power, to say; that it is a sin against God

- to suppress voting.
- It is a sin against God to not raise the minimum wage to at least \$15/hour.
- It is a sin against God to make empty speeches, and not give a thought to the least, lost and left out.
- It is a sin against God to lean your ears to the super PACs while ignoring the will of the people
- IT is a sin against God and humanity that the descendants of slavery has not received there just reparations for the torture, crimes against humanity brought upon them by the sins of America’s original sin – slavery.



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And as Moses warned pharaoh that if he did not hearken to the voice of God, that pain and pestilence would fall on the land, I stand as the true authentic representation of God's voice warning you that God is always on the side of the least of these. I'm hear to warn you that if your arrogance does not allow you to yield your heart to God, that divine retribution will fall. We can either die divided or we can live together.

And to those who have decided to keep fighting for Justice and equality, I say to you:  
Walk together children  
Don' you get weary  
Walk together children  
Don't you get weary  
Oh, talk together children  
Don't you get weary  
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land

Today God is saying, "Let my people vote!"

## **PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY RALLIES FOR VOTING RIGHTS**



On June 9, 2021, Rev. Gilbert and The Center for Racial Equity and Justice partnered with the Ben Jealous, and the People For The American Way (PFAW) in a rally in front of the Supreme Court, concerning voter suppression. We demand that the “For the People Act” be passed!



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The following is the speech made by Rev. Gilbert:

“We are here today to demand that America holds up to the rhetoric of her words that says she is the land of the free, home of the brave. We are here today to demand that America cleans here filthy garments stained by the hatred of racism, the love of money and the lack of concern for the least, the lost and the left-out. We are here today at this historical moment, deeply disturbed by the



overwhelming troubling dynamics that have converged on God’s people in a devastating storm of spiritual, political and cultural chaos. To some this storm seemed to appear suddenly with the emergence of former

President Donald Trump administration’s through a torrent of lies, perverted public policy, innuendos and a bully pulpit but I am here to tell you that this chaotic storm is no flash flood. For the descendents of slaves, we have lived in America’s chaotic storm since we boarded ships from a port that we would never see again. And every time we come to a place of progress, we run into a downpour, lightning and thunder of white rage who’s job it is to push progress back.

Yes, it is white rage that we see today. Every time black Descendants of slaves make strides to being free from the chains of white supremacy, white rage is poured on to our community that has decades of detriment to the building of our future. Every time black men and women stand up to be accounted for it is white rage that strategizes against our community. Every time progress happens in our community the back lash of white rage is triggered and manifest. It fights to maintain not only the upper hand, but total dominance, meanwhile hiding behind a false moral high ground. It is the Right-Wing Republican



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politician who calls for a country of morals and values, while all the time involved in a child sex prostitution ring. It is the Evangelical Preachers who stand firmly against abortions, while not standing for the least, the lost and the left out. White Rage beats the descendants of slavery down, while at the same time shifts the blame on them for being beaten down. The abuser blames the abused for having problems in our neighborhoods, problems with policing, poverty, bad schools, and even more. The truth about the truth is White Rage reacts to every Civil Rights advancement that takes place in America.

The following are examples:

- The Tulsa, Oklahoma Bombing – was a reaction to the Black Wall Street and empowerment
- COINTEL-PRO – The CIA run terrorism that killed many of our renown black leaders of the struggle who were leading the world in Black Power
- THE CRACK EPIDEMIC – Ronald Reagan sanctioned Oliver North and America to flood black communities with crack while lying to the world that a war on drugs was taking place in response to a rising black middle class.
- THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP – was in direct response to the Presidency of Barrack Obama and black mobilization
- THE CAPITOL INSURGENTS – was in direct response of America and the world response against White Supremacy,
- VOTER’S SUPPRESSION LAWS (2021) – in direct response to Stacey Abrams work to change Georgia from a Republican to Democratic and the election of Pastor Raphael Warnock.  
 However today and forever more you are exposed!!!
- Exposed for hiding behind a cross without care for the people



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- Exposed for speeches without real actions
- Exposed for the promises never kept.

White rage shows that America has never been a true democratic society. White rage happens simply because Descendants of slavery no longer want to be slaves, and they want progress. We want to vote, we want respect, we want healthcare, we want good communities, we want wealth.

No as close, let keep marching children. Let us keep talking children. Let us keep standing for what's right.”

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BLACK MEN ON THE MOVE!!!



## The Legacy (and Challenges) of the Black Owned Business in America

by  
Leslie Greene



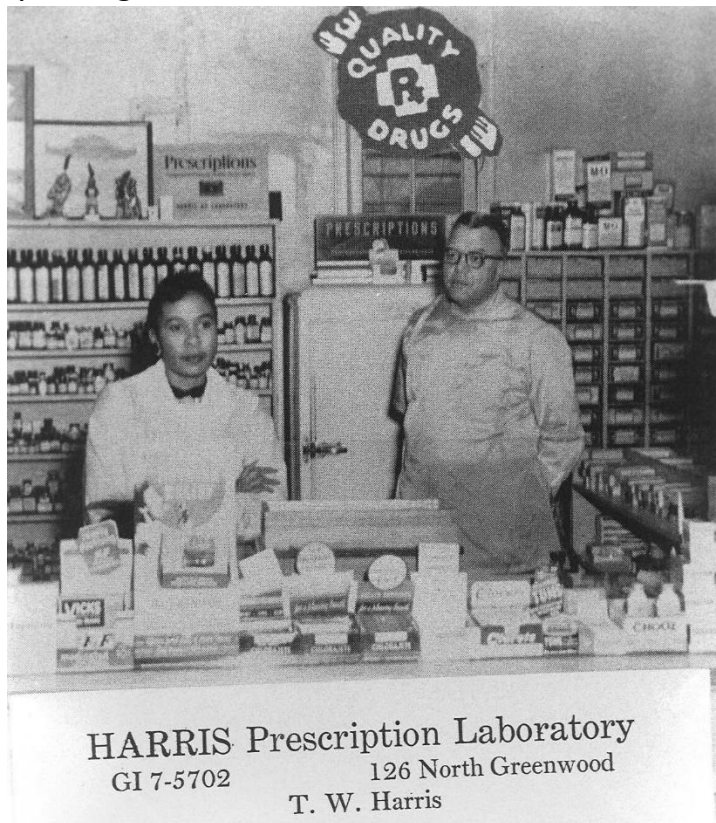
There was a town in America where Black businesses thrived. These businesses were fruitful, simply due to the support of other Black people. We were all we had, and in most cases, we still are all we have. Many Americans have recently discovered the history of “Black Wall Street”, which was located in the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was



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an area of town that was “Built for Black People, by Black People.” Ottawa W. Gurley or O.W. and John the Baptist Stratford or J.B. were wealthy, Black businessmen and land owners who worked together to establish an all-Black area in Tulsa. They wanted provide a safe area for other descendants of slavery to build new lives and escape the horrors of lynchings and other forms of violence.



Dubbed “Black Wall Street” by Booker T.

Washington, it was a stellar example of a place and time in American history where Black people self-sufficiently thrived and owned successful businesses in spite of their slavery lineage and the unrelenting climate of racism. (ref:<https://www.investopedia.com/insights/origins-black-wall-street/>)

Black support was key in the Greenwood District. If someone wanted to own a business, they were able to get assistance, capital, and patronage from other Black people. It was a place of enterprising business owners and their families. The residents believed that their economic progress would come from the pooling of their resources, which typically involved money and goods, but also “people power”. Blacks hiring blacks and selling to black patrons was the ticket. The simple fact that Black people were vested in the success of each business and that this area provided all the town residents needed to be self-sufficient without reliance on often hostile whites, contributed to the success of the Greenwood District.

Greenwood had its own school system, post office, bank, hospital, library, and bus service.



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There were restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, jewelry and clothing stores, movie theatres, barbershops and salons, night clubs, pool halls, doctor offices, lawyers, and dentists as well. The success of this model town originated in Black people supporting each other, which in turn, booned Black wealth and net worth. Another contribution to Black wealth was that the less affluent Black people who worked outside of Black Wall Street, yet still lived in the Greenwood District and spent their earnings in their very own community. The money made outside of the Greenwood District circulated in the local Black economy and was instrumental in the town’s success. According to sfbayview.com, the dollar circulated upwards of 100 times in the Tulsa community, with a single dollar possibly staying in Greenwood for almost a year before leaving the Black community. This is very similar to what other demographics and groups have within their communities today. According to Maggie Anderson, CEO co-founder of Empowerment Experiment, via her 2014 Grand Rapids TED Talk, she explains that “a dollar circulates in Asian communities for up to 28 days, in Jewish communities for nearly

20 days, in White communities for 17 days, and in Hispanic communities for 7 days.” According to NewsOne.com, the lifespan of the dollar in the Black community is 6 hours. This is mainly due to a lack of ownership which, in turn, is due to a lack of wealth in our communities.



There are many factors which created the state of Black American wealth today. After slavery was abolished, ex-slaves and down their line continued to be marginalized by federal and state enforced Jim Crow laws and Black codes. Blacks were segregated and systemically barred access to facilities, housing, education, and capital. However, Blacks still found ways to rise above these obstacles. Segregation allowed the creation



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and support of Black businesses in Black

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communities.

So did integration lead Black people into a burning house and discriminate Black businesses?

The shift from segregation to integration is most notable, yet not the only factor in the decline of Black wealth. After segregation, Black people started going outside their own communities to patronize businesses owned by whites simply because they could. Some believed that the products and goods white people used were of better quality. Some Blacks felt it was important to frequent newly integrated spaces for aspirational and symbolic purposes. One reason why Black people were

so eager/excited to support businesses of other racial groups is because they felt they were missing out on something. It was a way to experience all the things the generations that came before them could never do and enter all the places they could never go. However, as a result, Black owned businesses declined significantly. According to the US Census Bureau Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs, only 2.1% of businesses were black owned in 2014. And what percentage of the 2.1% are actual descendants of chattel slavery in America? Based on these statistics, Black business has never fully recovered from the shift to integration. Although integration has changed the lives of African-Americans both positively and negatively, it has contributed to a steep decline in the existence and support of Black businesses as a whole. But will the return of Black business in itself solve the ever-growing racial wealth gap in America? The answer is not entirely. Not only do Black businesses need to exist, but they need to thrive. In order to do that, they need stimulus, specialized policies, and targeted initiatives that benefit descendants of slavery. The government should restore Blacks and pay





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reparations since it systemically helped bring about the decline of Black business, as well as failed to enforce civil rights laws and protect its Black citizens. In addition, Black people need to also go out of their way to support the Black businesses that we do have. We have to purposefully create entrepreneurs and invest in infrastructure to gain generational wealth. This starts with breaking the conditioning that has been drilled into us since the first slave arrived in America. We are not each other's



enemy.

The “crabs in a barrel” mentality due to limited opportunities under integration has gradually gone away. There are plenty of opportunities

for those who want to start businesses. We can be competitive, yet support each other in entrepreneurship. Both the Black business owner and the customer have a crucial role to play in the revitalization of Black business, especially in our Black communities. And as more and more of our businesses thrive, our wealth and political capital as a people will grow as well.

There are many ways to help build back our legacy in entrepreneurship. You can:

1. Find a Black-owned business and support them.
  2. Start a business of your own.
  3. Take advantage of any business educational programs and courses.
  4. Consult with not-for-profit organizations and civic groups looking to support Black businesses.
  5. Hire and mentor young Black entrepreneurs.
  6. Advocate for reparations in the form of cash payments, low interest business loans, and transformative policies targeted at and for the descendants of US chattel slavery.
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## Kinder Morgan wants Bill Cosby's driveway in Shelburne for temporary gas pipeline access road

*Updated Jan 07, 2019; Posted Apr 04, 2016*  
*Bill Cosby property eyed for NED pipeline work area*

By Mary C. Serreze



"No Survey for Gas Pipeline," the signs read. "Entry upon this property by Tennessee Gas, Hatch Mott & McDonald and their Agents will be considered TRESPASS. Neighbors and Police

please take notice. ALL VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED."

Hatch Mott & McDonald is the national firm chosen by Kinder Morgan to provide engineering services for Tennessee's proposed 420-mile Northeast Energy Direct natural gas pipeline.

Cosby is one of more than 400 Massachusetts landowners resisting the company's attempt to conduct surveys for the pipeline, which would convey natural gas from the Marcellus shale fields of Pennsylvania into the heart of New England and perhaps beyond.

Camille O. and William H. Cosby, then of Beverly Hills, first bought their Shelburne property on Bardwells Ferry Road in 1971, and over the years acquired hundreds of acres for conservation and privacy. The compound in Shelburne, where the public is not welcome, overlooks the quick-flowing Deerfield River with its steep and rocky banks.



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"If you are not invited, DO NOT Pass Through These Gates," carved wooden signs announce at various driveways into the property.

Now Tennessee proposes to use the Cosby family's lower driveway as a temporary access road for survey work in connection with the pipeline, and later wants to use part of the property as a work area, documents show. Part of the land is traversed by a Northeast Utilities power line line right-of-way, which Tennessee plans to widen to create an additional corridor for its pipeline project.



The Cosby land is important to Tennessee, because the company wants to conduct geotechnical surveys there in preparation for

"trenchless horizontal drilling" to snake the pipeline under the Deerfield River. It's one of a number of sites across the state where the horizontal drilling method would take the line under rivers and highways.

The underground conduit between Conway and Shelburne would be around three quarters of a mile long, carrying the line beneath the Deerfield River, the Boston & Maine railroad tracks, a fiber optic cable right-of-way, Bardwells Ferry Road, and the entire stretch of the Cosby property.

An affidavit by a Kinder Morgan project manager said that using "an existing paved driveway" on the Cosby property is "the best and most feasible alternative" to reach the transmission line area, also owned by Cosby, "to conduct required geotechnical surveys."

The geotechnical surveys would involve drilling core samples so engineers could learn about underlying rocks and soils. The surveys are planned for properties "which may require installation of pipeline via a horizontal



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directional drill method" such as those next to river crossings.

"I have reviewed and relied on aerial maps, Google Earth images, photographs and windshield surveys from co-workers, and information from outside consultants," wrote senior engineer Angela R. Williamson. Direct access to the site from the nearest public way "is encumbered by stone walls, fences, wetlands and vegetation;" the proposed access route through the Cosby property "requires no improvements for use and is unlikely to require vegetation cutting."

Tennessee on Jan. 14 filed petitions with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities seeking an order to enter properties where 23 landowners statewide had denied permission for geotechnical surveys, 18 had denied permission for vernal pool surveys, and hundreds more had denied access for other surveys. The surveys are meant to collect information about geology, endangered or rare species, wetlands and water resources, archaeological resources, and more.

Tennessee says it needs the information to send to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) so the commission can prepare an environmental analysis of the project as part of its overall project review. Tennessee filed its application with FERC in November and hopes to have the pipeline operational in 2018.



While the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has final say over whether an interstate pipeline is built, the state's DPU says it has the authority to order property owners to let pipeline surveyors do their work ahead of any federal approval.



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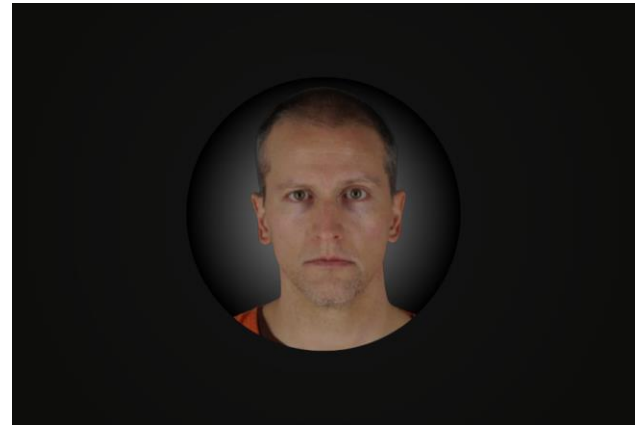
Cosby's neighbors also oppose the pipeline surveys, and have petitioned to intervene in the federal permitting process, reports the Greenfield Recorder. Farmer James Wholey would lose sugar maples and have his hay fields bulldozed, and the Hawks Farm, seven generations in the same family, would see significant disruption.

Hundreds of defiant landowners, elected officials, and more turned out for a four-hour public hearing on the Tennessee Gas survey petitions in Greenfield last week. DPU chairman Angela O'Connor was in attendance, along with others from her office.

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**DEREK CHAUVIN  
SENTENCED TO 22.5**

## **YEARS – CELEBRATION OR DISAPPOINTMENT**



On Friday, former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was sentenced to 22.5 years in Oak Park Heights maximum security prison for the murder of Houston native George Floyd. Should the world be celebrating or disappointed? The judge, Peter Cahill, decided not give Chauvin more time than required, as many thought would have been the more appropriate sentence. Yet, he gave him 22.5 years.

The question stares America in the face, that again, if the tables were turn, and it was a black officer found guilty of murdering a white man, would Judge Cahill have reached the



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same sentencing number. Fore we understand that there are thousands of young black men and women, sitting in prison for much lesser crimes and America has a tremendously imbalanced scale for policing, trials and



sentencing. Although we take note, that the Chauvin trial and sentencing is a tremendous feat in America history, as a white policeman has been charged, found guilty and sentenced to real time in prison, we believe that now is not the time to celebrate. It isn't until the system is changed, and the normalcy of black men and women being killed by the police is gone.

Now is the time to stay in the fight, to keep the faith, and to not be satisfied. Let the generations after us celebrate what we accomplish, the battles won and our giant slayers. We are in a battle! We must not be satisfied with a commemorative holiday of Juneteenth that celebrates the freeing of slaves physically, but understanding America has not yet freed the descendants of slave economically, mentally, socially with so many disparities between white Americans and the descendants of slaves. We are fighting Voting Rights, Health Disparities, Worker Rights, Home and Land Ownership, Drugs being poured in our communities, a Pipeline to Prison Program and much more.

Keep The Faith Baby,



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**DECLARING OUR INDEPENDENCE AGAINST VIOLENCE! THE WE WANT TO LIVE WALK FROM CHICAGO TO WASHINGTON DC URGES PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TO MAKE VIOLENCE A NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THE WALK MAKES THEIR FINAL STOP IN WASHINGTON DC ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

Major Press Conference: Sunday July 4th,  
2021 | **11:00 AM**,  
In front of the MLK Memorial 1964  
Independence Ave SW, Washington DC 20003



CHICAGO, IL – Chicago Pastor, Anthony Williams is walking from Chicago to

Washington DC to urge PRESIDENT Joe Biden to follow the state of Illinois and make violence a health crisis nationwide. Pastor Williams, the Freedmen Descendants of Chicago (FDOC) and the Illinois Congressional black caucus was able to get Gov JB Pritzker to sign violence as a health crisis into law, and now the Pastors on a mission to get it done on a federal level. He is walking through several cities and staging press conferences along the way. Their final stop is Washington DC where they will declare their independence against violence and urge PRESIDENT Biden to sign an Executive Order deeming violence a national public health crisis.

Join the Pastor and the FDOC and help beat the drum to make violence a health crisis in the United States of America.

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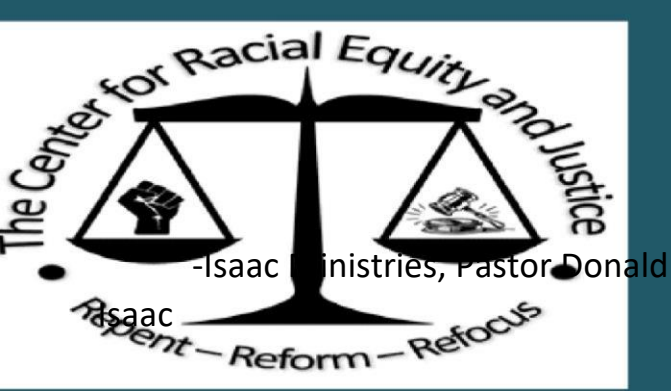
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