

From: [Sean Kennedy](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Reparations
Date: Monday, December 19, 2022 1:00:11 PM

Saint Paul Reparations Council and Commission-

Reparations must be in Cash Payments to Black descendants of US Slavery. Anything less than Cash Payments, is not Reparations.

The issue in the Black American community is an economic problem, caused from the racial policies and practices of federal, state, and local governments that had terrorized, sabotaged and economically deprived Blacks of the financial and structural resources needed to produce generational wealth.

Our enslaved Black ancestors were not exploited on plantations for Housing, Education, Diversity, Health Care, Gold, Climate Change, or the Environment. They were exploited for Money. We want the Money that was stolen from us.

We have the legacy of Anti-Black Racism under the system of Racism/White Supremacy that has disenfranchised us economically. Therefore, we must be rectified and repaired economically in the tangible, resource form of Cash Payments, compensated specifically to Foundational Black American descendants of US Chattel Slavery and Freedmen.

-Sean Kennedy

From: [Donald Smither](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: In Favor of Lineage Based Reparations
Date: Monday, December 19, 2022 2:27:28 PM

Good afternoon,

As a reparationist, these types of conversations are very important to me as we start to look at the different types of packages being brought forth when it comes to the atonement of American Freedmen. My ancestors who were enslaved in states such as Texas, Tennessee, Alabama & South Carolina toiled for many years on slave plantations helping to build this country from the ground up & when we talk reparations at all levels of government, if it's not lineage based with cash payments attached & programs designed to close the racial wealth gap then it's not pure reparations. Programs like the one in Evanston should not be a model because instead of creating wealth for American Freedmen it extracts wealth, when apologizing for the sins of slavery there needs to be a model similar to what was used when the Japanese received their reparations because we know that anything race based will get shut down. That's why we have to make sure we get this right at all levels.

Thank you,
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From: [Sean Kennedy](#)
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Saint Paul Reparations Council and Commission-

Reparations must be financially compensated in the form of Cash Payments to the Black residents of Saint Paul, Minnesota, who are descendants of US Slavery, living in Saint Paul prior to 1964 and thereafter.

The issue in the Black American community is an economic problem, facilitated from the racial policies and practices of federal, state, and local governments that had terrorized, sabotaged and economically deprived Blacks of the financial and structural resources needed to produce generational wealth, such as the Saint Paul Rondo Neighborhood, which was a vital economic and cultural center of the Black community.

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-Sean Kennedy

From: [Andy Johnson](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Cc: [traherncrews](#)
Subject: Statement for Public Hearing on Reparations in St. Paul City Council Meeting on Dec. 21
Date: Monday, December 19, 2022 6:41:10 PM
Attachments: [Statement for Public Hearing on Reparations Dec 21 2022.pdf](#)

Dear St. Paul City Council,

Please find a copy of my statement in regards to the Public Hearing on Reparations in the St. Paul City Council Meeting scheduled for December 21 attached to this message as a pdf file. I am emailing my response in case I am unable to attend in person on Wednesday.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the ordinance put forth by the St. Paul Recovery Act Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee.

Best regards,

Andy Johnson

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December 21, 2022

RE: Statement for Public Hearing on Reparations in St. Paul City Council Meeting on Dec. 21

Dear St. Paul City Council,

Students in my classes have been involved in project-based learning experiences regarding homelessness, poverty, interpersonal violence, and other issues in the Frogtown/Summit/University Neighborhoods over the past several years. During this time, some disturbing information has come to light.

The racial wealth gap in the city of St. Paul is pervasive, persistent over time, and is closely related to a history of systematic oppression and inequality. According to the US Census Bureau, for example, the St. Paul per capita income for 2013-2017 is an average of \$15, 577 for African Americans in comparison to \$42, 874 for whites. Likewise, St. Paul home ownership for 2013-2017 is 16.9% for African American (one race) in comparison to 61.2% for whites.

The racial inequalities which exist in St. Paul are unacceptable. Something needs to be done about these disturbing situations. The ordinance from the Saint Paul Recovery Act Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee is a step in a promising direction.

Jones & McElderry (2021) recently wrote about how responsible entities have a legal obligation to remedy past harms. In addition, there is a moral obligation to address injustices rooted in slavery, lynching, redlining, and other atrocities which the Advisory Committee has documented. Emerging evidence reported by Peters (2/2/22) suggests a third reason to pursue reparations: Effectiveness of the intervention. For example, studies in Vancouver and places ranging from Newark, NJ to Chicago have shown cash payments can address homelessness more effectively than standard procedures.

Although we may have been a leader at one time, St. Paul, Minnesota is not in a leadership position in terms of addressing the racial wealth gap at present. I personally support the ordinance set forth by the Saint Paul Recovery Act Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee as one step forward in the process of addressing one part of racial inequality.

Best regards,

Andy J. Johnson, Ph.D.

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