From:	Prentice Johnson
To:	therepsrespect@gmail.com; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Cc:	#CI-StPaul_Council
Subject:	MEETING 12/21/2022
Date:	Tuesday, December 20, 2022 11:23:38 PM
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Greetings,

Forgive my general address. I'm not capable of knowing to whom I communicate, directly.

I'm Prentice Johnson (Minneapolis, MN), aspiring entrepreneur and author of A Leap and a Fall.

As we set forth to contribute efforts to retrieve reparations, I would like to present an idea for a multi-trillion-dollar strategy to replenish the US economy.

For progress, I will need to speak to some of the leads, directly.

Regarding tomorrow's meeting, I know there is little time, so I need to say what I want to say to get people to come and support my platform.

Although, I will attend the meeting, please, okay my submission of a 2-minute video that can be played through YouTube. You can choose when, I'll suggest it be the last video comment to... end comments.

Second, I would be interested in contributing a helping hand by graphic and web design.

Further, although I have made changes, I'm submitting a few of the tools I've devised to begin conditioning students, Nationwide, from junior high to college. I've submitted to one of my formal high schools John F. Kennedy, Bloomington. (coach Vav (wrestling), and the new principal).

I am willing to contribute my graphic design capability to the cause, free of charge.

Bear in mind, I am aware of the need for several layers to accomplish the goal, so, I do want to push to include acceptance of my strategy.

I've included attachments. The links below are safe. (the link contains the revised and edited version by flipbook.)

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My live projection from 12/19/2022.

https://www.facebook.com/100000063142809/videos/1332665514155422/

Please send time and place to attend the meeting, tomorrow, virtually, and when you are available to meet by zoom so we can speak about how else to proceed.

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INDIGENOUS REPARATIONS

FOR AFRICAN DESCENDENTS OF ENSLAVEMENT

APOLOGY

WRITING AND ENFORCING LAWS WHICH ENABLED THE ACT OF ENSLAVEMENT.

MODLING AND CONSTRUCTING LAWS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO AND WHICH CAUSED APARTHEID.

DEATHS, ABUSE, WORK BY FORCE, LACK OF WELL-BEING, AND NEGLEGENCE.

FRAUD THEFT AND LACK OF INCOME THAT OCCURED DUE TO CHATTEL SLAVERY AND APARTHEID.

STALKING, HUNTING, CAPTURING POISONING, SICKENING, MURDERING, DEFRAUDING, FORCING FALSE RELEGIOUS BELIEFS, FORCEFULL DELUSION.

RACISM, BIGOTRY, DISCRIMINATION, DEFAMATION UNLAWFUL AND UNETHICAL ENFORCEMENT, REINFORCEMENT.

REPAIR

RECONSTRUCT THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

WITHIN NEW INFRUSTRUCTER, SECURE THAT THERE ARE NO PROJECTIONS BASED ON, AND/ OR ENFORCING HUMANISTIC ENSLAVEMENT NOR APARTHEID.

PROVIDE EXTENSIVE AND THOROUGH RESEARCH TO FIND AND SECURE ANY WILL LEFT TO SLAVES AND/OR DESCENDANT BENEFICIARIES.

COMPENSATION TO PROVIDE STABLE AT POINT THE ABUSED CITIZEN AND/OR THEIR DESCENDENT WOULD BE IF VIOLATIONS HAD NOT OCCURRED.

UPON PROJECTION OF FULL REPAIR, ENABLE RESEARCH TO CONCLUDE ANSWER FOR ACTUAL (HOME) AND CHOICE TO RETURN OR RE-TITLE THE CITIZEN.

SET ALL LAWS TO CONCLUDE ASSURED... SUCH INFRINGEMENTS DO NOT RE-OCCURE.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF ENSLAVEMENT & APARTHEID TIMELINE

TIMES AND DESCRIPTION OF ENSLAVEMENT HISTORIC LEADING TO CASE FOR REPARATIONS

1539
HERNANDO DE SOTO, FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM CABEZA DE VACA, LANDS ON THE COAST OF FLORIDA.

1661
THE FIRST ANTI-MISCEGENATION STATUTE - PROHIBITING MARRIAGE BETWEEN RACES - WAS WRITTEN INTO LAW IN MARYLAND IN 1661, SHORTLY AFTER ENSLAVED PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT TO THE COLONIES.

OF ABOUT 1200 MEN IN HIS EXPEDITION, AROUND 50 WERE AFRICAN SLAVES.

1712
AN UPRISING OF ENSLAVED PEOPLE TAKES PLACE IN NEW YORK. EIGHT WHITE COLONISTS ARE KILLED AND MANY BUILDINGS BURNED DOWN.

1737
IN PHILADELPHIA, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PUBLISHES ALL SLAVE-KEEPERS THAT KEEP THE INNOCENT IN BONDAGE, APOSTATES AN ANTISLAVERY TRACT WRITTEN BY THE PENNSYLVANIAN QUAKER BENJAMIN LAY.

1776
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WHICH EMBRACED IN ITS FIRST LINES "THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS", DID NOT EXTEND THAT RIGHT TO SLAVES, AFRICANS OR AFRICAN AMERICANS, WITH THE FINAL VERSION SCRAPPING A REFERENCE TO THE DENUNCIATION OF SLAVERY.

1793
A YOUNG YANKEE SCHOOLTEACHER NAMED ELI WHITNEY INVENTED THE COTTON GIN, A SIMPLE MECHANIZED DEVICE THAT EFFICIENTLY REMOVED THE SEEDS.

1820
A BITTER DEBATE OVER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO RESTRICT SLAVERY OVER MISSOURI'S APPLICATION FOR STATEHOOD ENDED IN A COMPROMISE: MISSOURI WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION AS A SLAVE STATE, MAINE AS A FREE STATE AND ALL WESTERN TERRITORIES NORTH OF MISSOURI'S SOUTHERN BORDER WERE TO BE FREE SOIL.

1850
ANOTHER TENUOUS COMPROMISE WAS NEGOTIATED TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF SLAVERY IN TERRITORIES WON DURING THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR.

1865
ACCORDING TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THE CIVIL WAR WAS FOUGHT TO KEEP AMERICA WHOLE, AND NOT FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY – AT LEAST INITIALLY. SOUTHERN STATES SAID THEY WANTED TO SECEDE TO PROTECT STATES' RIGHTS, BUT THEY WERE REALLY FIGHTING TO KEEP PEOPLE ENSLAVED.

1898
THE RECESSION OF THE LATE 19TH CENTURY HIT THE US. KNIGHT RIDERS WENT OUT IN THE DARK, BURNING THE HOMES OF AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO BOUGHT THEIR OWN LAND.

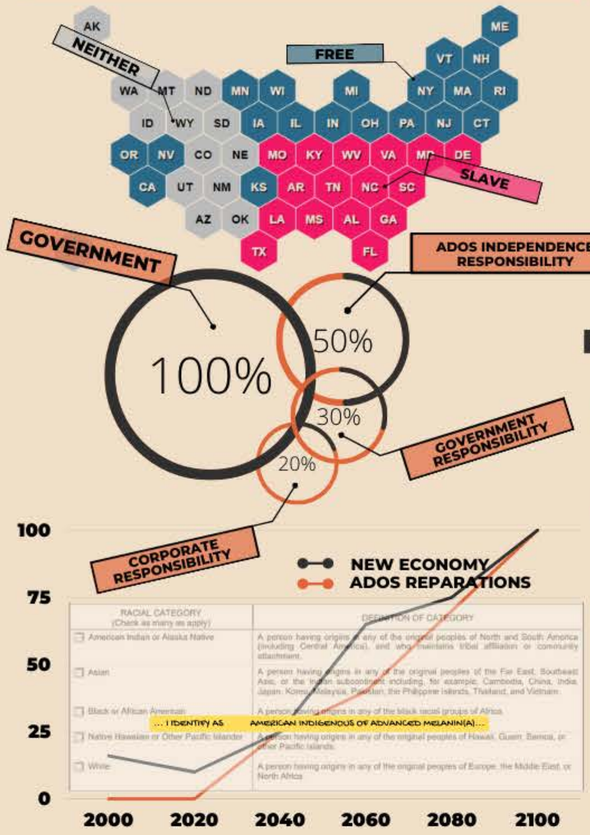
1926
AS AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE SHUT OUT OF JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES DURING JIM CROW, AND AS MORE JOBS BECAME AVAILABLE IN THE NORTH AND MIDWEST, MORE THAN 2 MILLION SOUTHERN AFRICAN AMERICANS MIGRATED AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR

1948
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ARTICLE 4 STATES: 'NO ONE SHALL BE HELD IN SLAVERY OR SERVITUDE; SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE SHALL BE PROHIBITED IN ALL THEIR FORMS.'

1965
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONTINUED SLAVERY BY WAY OF APARTHEID WITH A MASK LABELED JIM CROW LAWS

2022
SLAVERY AND APARTHEID STILL EXISTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHILE ITS PERPETRATORS AND BENEFICIARIES HAVE FORMED EXCUSES, BACKLASH, AND LACK OF WILL TO DIMINISH

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REPARATIONS

A: A REPAIRING OR KEEPING IN REPAIR
B: REPARATIONS PLURAL: REPAIRS

A: THE ACT OF MAKING AMENDS, OFFERING EXPIATION, OR 1 GIVING SATISFACTION FOR A WRONG OR INJURY
B: SOMETHING DONE OR GIVEN AS AMENDS OR SATISFACTION

THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES: INDEMNIFICATION SPECIFICALLY: COMPENSATION IN MONEY OR MATERIALS PAYABLE BY A DEFEATED NATION FOR DAMAGES TO OR EXPENDITURES SUSTAINED BY ANOTHER NATION AS A RESULT OF HOSTILITIES WITH THE DEFEATED NATION – USUALLY USED IN PLURAL

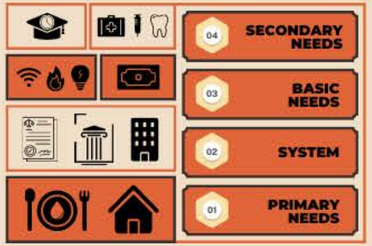
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1. CESSATION/ ASSURANCE
2. NON-REPETITION
3. RESTITUTION AND REPATRIATION
4. COMPENSATION
5. SATISFACTION, AND REHABILITATION

RESTORE AND REPLENISH STATISTICS







ECONOMIC /FREE MARKET SUGGESTIONS

1. MANDATORY BOOK STUDY
2. 1 FOOD & 1. DRINK TAX
3. SOLAR ENERGY TAX
4. MARIJUANA TAX FOOD, MATERIAL, RECREATIONAL, MEDICAL
5. TOILET PAPER
6. WOMEN'S MENSTRUAL TAX
7. BABY FOOD AND/ BABY/ADULT DIAPERS
8. MAKE-UP TAX
9. IDEA CONNECTED TO HOLOGRAM THERMOSTAT IDEA DEDICATED TO REPARATIONS
10. IDEA CONNECTED TO SMART SECURITY DEDICATED TO REPARATIONS



FORMS OF REPARATIONS

ALTHOUGH TIME OF OCCURRENCE MAY DIFFER, THE OBJECTIVES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PROGRESSIVE PRIORITY.

01 | FREE THE UNJUSTLY INCARCERATED
- MOST UNWARRENTED SUFFERAGE IS WITHIN CONTINUED SLAVERY.

FREE ALL NON-VIOLENT AND ALL MISDAMEANOR PRISONS. IMMEDIATELY!

02 | ACTUAL WELL-BEING *TO ALL HUMANS
- ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY NEEDS DOMINANT AND PASSIVE.
- FULLY RE-WRITE THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS...

*HEALTH AND DENTAL (FREE) HEALTH MAINTENANCE/CLEANING/CARE/OPERATIONS... MENTAL HEALTH, PARENTAL PLANNING AND CHILD DISCIPLINE, SAFE SEX)

GRANTS FOR FREE EDUCATION TO MASTES DEGREE (w/ GPA REQUIRMENT) SERVICE AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING *BACHELOR DEGREE

GRANTS FOR NEWLY BUILT HOMES (FULLY OWNED) OPT 2000 SQ FT - SINGLE - 4000 SQ FT FAMILY STONE BUILT FULLY COMMENCED BY CAUCASIAN COMPANIES AND/ OR 3D PRINTED

*FREE UTILITES (WATER, ELECTRIC (GAS), SEWER MAINTENANCE, GARBAGE REMOVAL, INTERNET)

NUTRIANCE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WIFI,

03 | BUSINESS START-UP, BAIL-OUT, INVESTMENTS GRANTS

6 MONTH COMMERCE INVESTMENT, DATA COLLECTION, PROTOTYPE, BUSINESS AND MARKETING PLAN - W/STIPULATIONS

ENTERTAINMENT BROADCAST AND PRODUCTION FUNDING

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT, BLOCK-CHAIN PROGRAMING, BLOCK-CHAIN SECURITY

04 | EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION TRANING

*TRAINING INTO CORPORATE WORKFORCE

05 | 5 ACRES OF PERSONAL LAND (ON GOOD FOUNDATION)

06 | DEFUND AND RECONSTRUCT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

07 | RECONSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, LABOR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC ASSITANCE

08 | CASH PAYMENTS

09 | TAXES | HOME AND OR AUTO INSURANCE CREDIT RESTORATION

10 | SECURE FEDERAL ID/ PAYMENT METHOD THAT IDENTIFIES INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT OF AFRICAN DESCENDENT

From: Prentice Johnson
To: #CI-StPaul_Council; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Video Submission for comments
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 6:22:25 AM

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Voice

From: BERGOS,ANASTASI
To: CouncilHearing_English (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 17 seconds)
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 8:56:55 AM
Attachments: audio.mp3

Good morning, Saint Paul. My name is David Benjamin calling from New Jersey Skunk Hollow. Specifically I'm calling to say thank you guys for fighting for our reparations for foundational black Americans. And you guys please make sure that it's tangible cash payments and this language based specifically to the descendants of slaves, also known as Friedman, based on the constitution. We need our direct tangible lineage based reparations and cash form. This cannot be all lives matter. We did enough for everybody with the 1964 Civil rights bill, affirmative action and other laws that was specifically meant for black Americans. But the word minority helped everybody else. So now everybody's a minority. We need ours to be language based on. We didn't flee to America. We built America through through our ancestors and like the Jewish community, we standing our ancestor shoes. Please make this right. Greatly your time. Thank you.

You received a voice mail from BERGOS,ANASTASI.

Thank you for using Transcription! If you don't see a transcript above, it's because the audio quality was not clear enough to transcribe.

Set Up Voice Mail

From: Cathy Pecholt
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: I support a permanent St. Paul Reparations Committee
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 9:18:06 AM

It has been my absolute pleasure to have been introduced to many men and women who have bravely taken a stand to help support and voice the situations of people whose ancestry has been debilitated through Chattel slavery. To this present day, if it wasn't for Black representatives and leaders telling about themselves and the endurance of hostility which so many people in our past and present live and have lived, many of us would just go on not caring due to ignorance. I have taken a much closer look and have increased my study due to this activism.
May the city of St. Paul be a strong leader in true recovery for the Black culture which i am so grateful for.
Thank you,
Cathy Pecholt
New Prague, MN

From: Nick Gardner
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul); *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Reparations
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 9:20:22 AM

Fatherlessness is the problem, not slavery.

From: CouncilWard5VM (CI-StPaul)
To: Weiner, Greg (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 5)
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 11:00:56 AM
Attachments: audio.mp3

Hi Greg,

Here's a VM. Do you want these too?

Janie

From: WIRELESS CALLER <+16514889283>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 10:20 AM
To: VM-CouncilWard5 <VM-CouncilWard5@stpaulmn.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: Shared Voicemail (CC-Ward 5)

Hi. I just wanted to voice my opinion on reparations. I guess there's a meeting coming up and I can't make it to that. But the fact of the matter is that there's going to be reparations. There's a lot of us that have dead Civil War soldiers in Oakland Cemetery and that wiped out generations of our people. At least their people are still alive. And you also have to realize that it's not so much racism as it is a stereotype that they brought on themselves. I myself went to school where they were called the blackboard jungle. It was in the paper where the black people were beating us up and taking our jewelry and breaking jaws and breaking legs. If you bumped into them and my grandmother got robbed by some black people that even though she was down on the floor, they had to make sure and kick her. So you would think I would be prejudice. But the fact of the matter is I have a biracial grandchildren because she married a good black man. So it's the good black people that need to get after the thugs, which they're outnumbering the good black people. So they need to get after their own kind. Thank you. So we want our reparations also. And they're going to be a lot more than from the black people because our people are dead.

You received a voice mail from WIRELESS CALLER.

From: Anthony Gardner
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Saint Paul Reperations
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 11:41:45 AM

I received this request to submit information about the possibilities of repreparations last night so in short notice. I have constructed a few paragraph paraphrasing some on the history, highlights, ideas and positives that would come out of reparations.

Hello, my name is Anthony Gardner and I was born and raised in Saint Paul, MN on Central Ave and Lexington Ave. Both sides of my family on my mothers side (Price) and father's side(Gardner's) were displaced due to the construction of 94. The displacement caused a shock wave through Rondo separating families and causing frustrations, confusion and doubt in the government who approved the decision. We all know the history of Rondo so I won't go into it in depth.

The majority of my family attended Mechanic Arts and Central High School. My grandfather George Snooky Price was a prize fighter coming out of St. Paul. It was George Price, Freda Rozin and my mother Anita Price, Linda and Roxanne. My grandfather worked construction after his fighting career in which he retired. He resided on Iglehart and we still own that home in the family.

My Grandfather Littleton Gardner owned a dry cleaner on Selby Ave. My uncle Leroy Gardner Sr was a pastor at his church which was located on University and Western and he was the first Black man to graduate from Bethel College.

My uncle Leroy Gardner Jr-Gardner, As young man, was a playground basketball legend. As the community lore goes that as a 14-year-old, he Ralph Mitchell (19) and Tommy Miller (19) beat (then) University of Minnesota basketball players Lou Hudson, Don Yates and Archie Clark in a pickup game at St. Paul's Oxford Park. Gardner went on to play for St. Paul Central from 1962 to 1965 and helped take the team to its first state tournament berth in years. He scored 41 points in a region semifinal and 33 points in a consolation title game. He was recruited by legendary coach Kundla and was the first Black man born and raised in Minnesota to receive a full basketball scholarship at the U of M.
So our St. Paul familial history runs deep. My grandma and grandpa Gardner had 12 kids so it made the Gardner's one of the largest families in St. Paul.

How reparations can help. I don't believe reparations can heal the years and years of anger and animosity towards the people who made the decision, but it can provide some comfort in knowing that people will be compensated. I believe compensation will help uplift St. Paul and allows those that truly love my city to invest in it. We have a huge community that is positive, supportive, and innovative. We have great nonprofits supporting youth in our city and we

have new Non-profits such as mine who will do the same by providing an outlet to get out of the city to boat and fish while learning life skills. Reparations in my mind have been due to the black community not only in Saint Paul but the entire country for decades and counting. People who know the real history and not the fictional version of history understand the complexities of generational wealth, health and education that weren't forwarded to blacks in America.

Jimmy Lee, The Loft and Mr. Robinson created a safe haven for all of the youth in the rondo area. Without that type of support, education, and opportunity to play sports would have caused more people to end up in the system.

How reparations will hurt. I see only positives if this is passed.

What types of reparations? Monetary, Tax incentives, Home buyer grants, subsidies. I think monetary would work best because it can allow people to invest in what they need especially during these hard times of inflation, war, recession, fed hikes, disease and everything else that’s happening. We know POC are the people struggling the most.

Who should receive reparations? I believe the original families that were upended by the 94 decision and the descendant’s of St. Paul families should receive reparations. Those families who were born and raised here in the 1940s to the 1970’s. The black families that helped mold and shape St. Paul to what it is now.

Thank you and I hope my 2 cents will be helpful, yet persuasive to provide the necessary reparations to our St. Paul family and community.

From: Shontelle Flowers
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Cc: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: St. Paul Reparations Hearing
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 1:28:11 PM

Hello,

I support Saint Paul moving forward with Reparations for the American Descendants of Chattel Slavery who reside in Saint Paul.

Thank you.

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Shontelle Flowers

From: Tripp, Marvalyne (CI-StPaul)
To: Weiner, Greg (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: Reparations Commission
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 1:54:33 PM
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From: jmhjmd@aol.com <jmhjmd@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Tripp, Marvalyne (CI-StPaul) <Marvalyne.Tripp@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: Reparations Commission

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Yes, please.

On Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 11:50:00 AM CST, Tripp, Marvalyne (CI-StPaul) <marvalyne.tripp@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello James,

Thank you for writing into Ward 3. Your message is important to us and has been shared with Councilmember Tolbert. Would you like your email added to the public record?

Best,

Marvalyne

Marvalyne Tripp

Executive Assistant to Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Pronouns: She/Her

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MINNESOTA

From: jmhjmd@aol.com <jmhjmd@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 7:27 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Reparations Commission

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Whatever merit there may be to reparations, the issue is best addressed at a larger level of government than the City of St. Paul.

One example: The destruction of the Rondo neighborhood, in which I was born in 1951, was the result of state and federal action, not the City's.

Another: Redlining began as a federal matter and evolved into a bank lending maneuver. The City had no control over either.

Too, there is the issue of who would receive reparations: those whose families have resided in St. Paul since [pick a date]? Anyone who lives in St. Paul now or at any time while the program is in operation? Would there be a blood quantum test?

If the Council supports a reparations committee it should go on record asking that the issue be addressed at that state and federal levels.

James M. Hamilton

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St. Paul