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OUR VISION FOR A NEW AMERICA

WE WANT JUSTICE FOR MICHAEL BROWN. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

We Want an End to all Forms of Discrimination and the Full Recognition of our Human Rights

The United States Government must acknowledge and address the structural violence and institutionalized racism that has kept communities of color in a life of poverty and/or one behind bars. We want the United States Government to fulfill its obligations under international law.

We Want An Immediate End To Police Brutality And the Murder Of Black, Brown & All Oppressed People

Every 28 hours a black person in the United States is killed by someone employed or protected by the police. We want an immediate end to state sanctioned police brutality, and we want all police officers who are involved in the murder, assault, or criminalization of black, brown, and oppressed people to be held accountable, targeted, attacked and brutalized. We want an immediate end to state sanctioned police brutality.

We Want Full Employment For Our People

Every individual has the human right to employment and a living wage. Inability to access employment leads to poverty, homelessness, and denial of our right to a life with dignity.

We Want Decent Housing Fit For The Shelter Of Human Beings

Our communities have a human right to access quality housing that protects our families and allows us to thrive.

We Want an End to the School to Prison Pipeline & Quality Education for All

We want an end to policies that criminalize our young people as well as discriminatory discipline. We want all children to be able to access free, quality education. Including free or affordable public ur

We Want Freedom from Mass Incarceration and an End to the Prison Industrial Complex

We want an end to the over policing and surveillance of our communities. This will hasten an end to mass incarceration everywhere. Policing in the United States has historically helped to enforce racist laws and a prison industrial complex built on the warehousing of black people. We call for the cessation of mass incarceration everywhere. In its place we will address harm and conflict in our communities through community based

NATIONAL DEMANDS

1. The De-militarization of Local Law Enforcement across the country

Strict limits on the transfer and use of military equipment to local law enforcement and the adoption of best practices. The federal government should discontinue the supply of military weaponry and equipment to local law enforcement, including eliminating the use of military technology and equipment.

2. A Comprehensive Review of systemic abuses by local police departments, including the public development of best practices.

A comprehensive review by the Department of Justice into systematic abuses by police departments and accompanying recommendations for police training, community involvement and oversight investigatory/disciplinary mechanisms when excessive force is used. These standards must include when excessive use of force occurs.

A comprehensive federal review of police departments' data collection practices and the development of best practices. The review allows for annual reporting of data on the rates of stops, frisks, searches, summonses and arrests. A DOJ review trigger when departments continue discriminatory policing practices.

3. Repurposing of law enforcement funds to support community based alternatives to incarceration, ending discriminatory policing and the adoption of DOJ best practices

The repurposing of Department of Justice funds to create grants that support and implement community based alternatives to law enforcement and incarceration—including community boards/commissions, restorative justice, community warrants, and know-your-rights-education conducted by community members.

The development of a DOJ policy to withhold funds from local police departments who engage in discriminatory practices. Funds on the adoption of recommended DOJ trainings, community involvement and oversight investigatory/disciplinary mechanisms.

4. A Congressional Hearing investigating the criminalization of communities of color, racial profiling and the prison industrial complex

Congressional hearings investigating the criminalization of communities of color and systemic law enforcement practices.

especially at the local level—including an examination of systemic structures and institutional practices that have impacted those most impacted. Congressional hearings will allow for a continuation of the national discussion.

5. Support the Passage of the End Racial Profiling Act

Support for the passage of the End Racial Profiling Act (ERPA) which in law would prohibit the use of race in determining religion by law enforcement agencies.

6. The Obama Administration develops, legislates and enacts a National Plan of Action for Racial Justice

The development and enactment of a National Plan of Action for Racial Justice by the Obama Administration should be a comprehensive plan that address persistent and ongoing forms of racial discrimination including: criminal justice, employment, housing, education, health, land/property, voting, poverty, and achieving racial equality and reducing racial disparities and create new tools for holding government accountable.

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