# Learning How to be Anti-Racist 7/29/20

Slides and materials from the discussion held on 7/29/20

## **COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS**

- 1) Please change your name in Zoom to include your pronouns.
- 2) Prepare to get uncomfortable and lean into that.
- 3) Use the "raise hand" feature if you would like to speak next.
- 4) Assume good intentions when others are speaking and take a breath before responding.
- 5) Use "I" statements and speak from your own experiences.

## What We're Reading

Becoming by Michelle Obama Deacon King Kong by James McBride How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi Me and White Supremacy by Layla Saad *Native Son* by Richard Wright Our Black Year: One Family's Quest to Buy Black in America's Racially Divided Economy by Maggie Anderson Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi The Autobiography of Malcom X by Alex Haley and Malcom X The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

## What We Read

What was one thing you learned from this book that you were unaware of before reading?

## ACTION ITEM #1 Select one of the following organizations: All God's Children, Doctors without Borders, Invisible Children, Peace Corps

- Research what they do and WHY
- Go deeper what circumstances created the need for the "what" and the "why"? (If they operate in more than one country, select one country to research)
- Go even deeper what event(s) created those circumstances?
- Extra Credit: Go deeper still what was the catalyst for the event(s)?

## **ACTION ITEM #1**

- Take notes on your findings
- Keep track of any sources you use
- Be prepared to share next week

## ACTION ITEM #2

### Take at least one action.

- Advocate for translations of Long Beach City Council meetings
- Advocate for due process of asylum seekers
- Join Black Lives Matter Long Beach for their Monthly Meeting
- Advocate (again) for <u>#FreeGrace</u>

## LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS NOW!

SINCE MARCH 24, 2020, THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE. INTERPRETATION <u>HAS NOT</u> BEEN PROVIDED FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS.

#### IMMIGRANT VOICES CANNOT BE EXCLUDED FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS!

COMMUNITY VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD! OUR VOICES MATTER!

#### CALL YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR GARCIA TODAY TO DEMAND:

ADEQUATE INTERPRETATION FOR ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING. COMPETENT SPANISH, TAGALOG, AND KHMER SPEAKING STAFF TO HANDLE COMMUNITY CALLS. EASY ACCESS TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS!

### **COUNCILMEMBER!**

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DISTRICT 9: REX RICHARDSON (562) 570-3319 HOLA, MI NOMBRE ES \_\_\_\_\_\_Y ESTOY LLAMANDO A SU OFICINA PARA DEMANDAR LO SIGUIENTE: TRADUCCIÓN ADECUADA PARA TODAS LAS JUNTAS DEL CONCILIO, PERSONAL COMPETENTE EN EL IDIOMA ESPAÑOL, TAGALO, Y CAMBOYANO PARA LIDIAR CON LLAMADAS DE LA COMUNIDAD. ACCESO FÁCIL AL COMENTARIO PÚBLICO PARA PERSONAS QUE NO HABLAN INGLÉS. LAS VOCES DE TODAS NUESTRAS COMUNIDADES DEBEN DE SER ESCUCHADAS.

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HI, MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_\_ AND I'M CALLING YOUR OFFICE TO DEMAND: ADEQUATE INTERPRETATION FOR ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HIRING OF COMPETENT SPANISH, TAGALOG, AND KHMER SPEAKING STAFF TO HANDLE COMMUNITY CALLS AND EASY ACCESS TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS! NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS DURING CITY COUNCIL

## What's happening in McAllen, Texas? The US-Mexico Border Crisis & Immigration

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#### IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ARE BEING ILLEGALLY DETAINED AT HAMPTON INN & SUITES IN MCALLEN TX.

- Children as young as 1 year old are being detained for days to weeks on end.
- Records show this hotel was used to detain migrant children about 123 times in the past two months.
- At least 2,000 children have been deported since March.

Information via TXCivilRights.com

- The Trump Administration has begun to immediately expel asylum seekers, using the pandemic to set aside antitrafficking laws.
- Housing unaccompanied migrant children in hotel rooms risks trauma; they're detained in an unfamiliar environment.
- Immigration lawyers are being denied contact with detainees, sometimes being violently escorted out.

Information via TXCivilRights.com

- These children are being transported in unmarked vehicles, driven by "contractors" who ensure minors remain "compliant."
- There is no verification these contractors are licensed to work with children or that they've undergone a federal background check.
- ICE is currently denying answers to any questions.

Information via TXCivilRights.com

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Call McAllen DHS: (956) 664-8010 Call Rio Grande Valley ICE: (956) 389-7051 Call Texas ICE ERO Dept: (210) 283-4750

You can also call the Hampton Inn & Suites location to check the status of the children: (956)661-1100



# What to Say on the Phone:

My name is [Name] from [City, State]. Migrant children are being illegally detained in a nonfederal facility at Hampton Inn & Suites in McAllen, TX. Immigration lawyers are being denied contact with detainees, violating immigrant due process rights. I demand the speedy and proper representation of these children in immigration court. We demand justice and answers.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP:

The link tinyurl.com/JusticeForDetainees is a document with an email template to copy & paste. This will file a formal civil rights complaint agaisnt Department of Homeland Security.

The bottom of the document has the link to a petition.

EMAIL, SIGN AND SHARE!

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#### BLACK LIVES MATTER LONG BEACH MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2020 AT NOON

### Familiarize yourself with **#FreeGrace**

<u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CQVIZnvqapbGYbT</u> <u>WgffwEkIMkNlyQjsK7FZYKzLePEc/mobilebasic</u>

Includes information on the case, links to petitions, email and phone templates, email addresses and phone numbers