

# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Celebration and Installation of 26 Fallen Angels During Black History Month

We say their names.

We send love and light to their families and their loved ones.

**LOS ANGELES, CA.** This installation of twenty-six (26) ANGELS is located on the lawn of Park Hills Community Church, 5247 Overdale Drive (Northridge Dr. & Overhill Dr.), Los Angeles, CA. The tribute is presented to remember just a few of our Angels who have earned their wings due to systemic racism.

Their lives were cut short way too soon. We have the blessing of remembering them by saying their names and sending love and light to their families and loved ones. We keep their spirits alive through awareness that Black Lives Matter. We celebrate Black History Month by acknowledging the loss of their physical presence. We celebrate a fraction of the fallen by placing these Angels in our Los Angeles Community.

Our fallen Angels are listed by the year in which they were killed...1955 – Emmett Louis “Bobo” Till - 14 years of age - Money, MS; 1969 – Fred Hampton - 21 years of age – Chicago, IL; 1973 – Clifford Glover – 10 years of age – New York, NY; 1976 – Randolph Evans - 15 years of age - Brooklyn,



NY; 2006 – Sean Bell – 23 years of age – New York City, NY; 2009 – Oscar Grant - 22 years of age – Oakland, CA; 2010 – Alyana Mo’Nay Stanley-Jones – 7 years of age – Detroit, MI; 2012 – Jordan Davis – 17 years of age – Jacksonville, FL; 2012 – Trayvon Martin – 17 years of age – Miami Gardens, FL; 2014 – Tamir Rice – 12 years of age – Cleveland, OH; 2014 – Michael Brown – 18 years of age – Ferguson, MO; 2014 – Eric Garner – 43 years of age – New York, NY; 2015 – Wal-

ter Scott – 50 years of age – North Charleston, SC; 2015 – Sandra Bland – 28 years of age – Waller County, TX; 2015 – Corey Jones – 31 years of age – Palm Beach Garden, FL; 2015 – Freddie Gray – 25 years of age – Baltimore, MD; 2016 – Alton Sterling – 37 years of age – Baton Rouge, LA; 2016 – Philandro Castile – 32 years of age – Falcon Heights, MN; 2017 – Jordan Edwards – 15 years of age – Balch Springs, TX; 2018 – Stephone Clark – 22 years of age – Sacramento; 2019 – Eli-

jah McClain – 23 years of age – Aurora, CO; 2019 – Atatiana Jefferson – 28 years of age – Fort Worth, TX; 2020 – Ahmaud Arbery – 25 years of age - Brunswick, GA; 2020 – George Floyd – 46 years of age – Minneapolis, MN; 2020 – Breonna Taylor – 26 years of age – Louisville, KY; The last Angel represents the other murders by the hands of Law Enforcement or racially motivated. 2021 – As of February, there have been 15 additional killings of Young Black Lives.

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March 7, 2021, Sunday, 5:00 pm: The Angels will ascend in a celebratory evening vigil and ceremony. Live entertainment featuring “The Gift” is scheduled to perform. More details will follow.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The article below is taken from the *African-American Historical News Journal: 178 Years of Our Country's History as Documented by Historical Newspaper Articles*. It reports the justification for Black American descendants of Slaves to receive reparations today in contrast to the testimony of pro-football great Herschel Walker winner of the 1982 Heisman Trophy who told a House Judiciary subcommittee that he opposes reparations for slavery on a number of grounds including his religion, according to Susan Jones reporting for CNSNews.com. The hearing which was focused on H.R. 40, legislation introduced by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas), was to seek to address the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and defacto racial and economic discrimination against African Americans, the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes, reported Jones. African American descendants of slaves have never been fully repaired from the breach of wrongful acts from the government of the United States.

## Amid Alarming Audit Findings, Legislators Introduce Bipartisan Measure to Increase Oversight of State Homeless Funding

Legislation Follows Highly Critical Report by the California State Auditor; Would Require Providers to Report Key Data and Metrics as a Condition of Receiving State Funding

Introduction Follows Veto Last Year by Governor Newsom of Similar Legislation that Passed the Legislature with Unanimous Bipartisan Support

**SACRAMENTO, CA** — Today, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Woodland Hills), along with seven bipartisan co-authors, introduced legislation that would provide stronger oversight, transparency, and accountability for state homelessness funding.

Most significantly, Assembly Bill (AB) 977 would mandate that recipients of state homelessness funding report key data and metrics through the state's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), thereby allowing policymakers to better track and evaluate the effectiveness of various programs around the state. “There is immense frustration in the Legislature and around the state with the lack of progress on homelessness,” said Assemblymember Gabriel. “No matter how well-intentioned, we can't keep writing blank checks and hoping for the best.



We need stronger oversight to hold local programs accountable and ensure that public resources are being spent in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

As our State Auditor rightly notes, we need more accountability, transparency, and data-driven policymaking, especially when it comes to meeting the biggest challenges facing our state or helping the most vulnerable among us.”

AB 977 follows the release last week of a highly-critical report by State Auditor Elaine M. Howle, which called the State's approach to homelessness “uncoordinated” and “disjointed” and highlighted that California “continues to lack a comprehensive understanding of its spending to address homelessness, the specific services the programs provide, or the individuals who receive those services.”

Notably, the Audit specifically recommends the approach taken by AB 977, which it argues will “ensure that the State has access to comprehensive data about

homelessness,” and provide desperately-needed insight into various homelessness programs and strategies, thereby enabling policymakers to craft better solutions to this worsening crisis.

Among other findings, the Audit notes that despite spending \$13 billion over the past three years, California continues to have the largest homeless population in the nation, with over 151,000 Californians experiencing homelessness in 2019.

Moreover, “[a]t least nine state agencies administer and oversee 41 different programs that provide funding to mitigate homelessness, yet no single entity oversees the State's efforts or is responsible for developing a statewide strategic plan.” The introduction of AB 977 follows Governor Newsom's veto last year of AB 2746 (Gabriel), a similar measure that passed both houses of the Legislature with unanimous bipartisan support.

AB 977 is expected to be heard in committee in the coming weeks.

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## AMERICA FOR ALL

The United States has at last taken the great step toward democracy. With passage of the 15th Amendment, the citizenship of our people is secured.

From this day on, the black man is an American.

But our struggle is not ended. We must now fight to exercise our newly granted freedom. The responsibility lies with each and every black man in the country. We must use our talents, education, strength and courage to make our freedom real.

White Southerners have made it clear that they will not abide by proportional representation and will attempt to stop us from exerting our rightful political power at the polls. Neither the deceitful words of the Democrats nor the cowardly night attacks of the Ku Klux Klan shall stop us from electing our representatives. The law of the land calls for equal representation for all citizens and, where we are the majority, we shall make that majority felt in Congress.

Nor will we sit back and watch our schools destroyed and our teachers harassed and sometimes murdered.

We call upon the federal government to pass legislation to stop the Ku Klux Klan or any group attempting to deny us political power in an effort to again control us physically and economically.

And we call for land.

Conveniently forgotten is the question of land for freedmen. Land was given to contrabands during the war. Then five years ago, General Oliver O. Howard, head of the Freedman's Bureau, was forced to announce to stunned freedmen that President Andrew Johnson was restoring their lands to the enemy who had sought to destroy our country.

But our people helped to build this country. We have toiled on her rich earth and in her cities for 200 years. America: Give each freedman a plot of earth so he can toil for himself!

We have learned that only by unending agitation and struggle can we achieve our ends. In the words of Frederick Douglass: "... a people too spiritless to defend themselves ... are not worth defending and are not worthy to defend anything else."