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### **END THE WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE**

- Educate yourself on the **school-to-prison pipeline** and support legislation to stop it.
- Stop laws which disproportionately harm Black people and the most marginalized populations, via **#BanTheBox, Chicago Community Bond Fund, No Money Bond.**
- Support restorative justice efforts like the first ever **Restorative Justice Community Court in North Lawndale.**
- Attend an **Alternatives to Calling the Police workshop** put on by SURJ-Chicago.
- Volunteer with **ICIRR, CRLN, and OCAD** to stop deportations and protect immigrations.

### **REPARATIONS**

- Support full and free access to education for all Black people via **SocialWorks Youth Empowerment.**
- Support efforts to demand **reparations from University of Chicago.**
- Guarantee a minimum livable income via **Fight for \$15 Chicago.**
- Read the compelling The Atlantic article ***The Case for Reparations*** by Ta-Nehisi Coates and the book ***The New Jim Crow*** by Michelle Alexander.
- Support public education curriculum and funding for cultural sites by supporting **the DuSable Museum and the CTU.**
- **Contact your representatives about H.R.40:** "Commission to Study Reparation . . . Act."

### **INVEST – DIVEST**

- Support **#MedicareForAll** and **universal health care campaigns** and contact your legislators
- **Advocate for proper allocation of TIF money:** instead of giving TIF money to Rahm's donors' projects, use TIF money to reinvest in low-income communities and fully fund CPS and community health clinics.
- Support the **#NoCopAcademy** and advocate for the \$95 to reinvest in communities.
- Contact your alderperson about **divesting the city from fossil fuel investments.**
- Contact your banks, elected officials, and retirement funds to **divest from prisons.**

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### **ECONOMIC JUSTICE**

- **Educate yourself about progressive tax plans** & governor candidates' tax plans.
- **Support laws that expand work access** to marginalized populations (e.g. Ban the Box).
- **Support expanding access to unions** & living wage efforts such as **Fight for \$15**.
- Advocate **for ethical re-negotiation of TPP, NAFTA, FTAA, CAFTA**.
- Support **coops** whenever possible.
- Support residents of **West Calumet Housing Project** displaced by toxic lead.
- Support the **Breathing Room Space Coop** on 1434 W 51st Street. They have a "rent party" fundraiser on Sat. 1/27 9pm-1am.
- Support **Assata's Daughter's community garden** in the spring and summer.
- Support **Black Lives Matter-Chicago's food box** on 51<sup>st</sup> and Calumet.

### **COMMUNITY CONTROL**

- In Chicago, **work to enact the Civilian Police Accountability Council Ordinance (CPAC)**. The Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression is coordinating this campaign.
- To **bring the Chicago Public Schools an elected school board**, work with the coalition of organizations that have pushed IL H.B. 557 to overwhelming passage in the IL House. It now needs to overcome resistance in the IL Senate.
- To have even a chance of adopting needs based budgeting at the federal level, **work to elect a progressive majority to the U.S. House and Senate, as well as to the Presidency**. This means donations and sometimes volunteering in swing districts/states. In Illinois, we need to elect a progressive as Governor to have a chance at needs based budgeting.

### **POLITICAL POWER**

- Support **Indivisible Chicago**, which meets at our church.
- **Inform residents of automatic voter registration**.
- **Assist underrepresented individuals** in getting to voting polls.
- Provide **court support for activists** via NLG and other organizations.
- **Volunteer with National Lawyers Guild (NLG)** to support protesters.
- **Advocate** for release of political prisoners and review of COINTELPRO.
- Contact senators to **protect Net Neutrality**.

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