



President's Circle Perspectives

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I am pleased to write you and your fellow President's Circle supporters today to update you on what is underway at the National Urban League this Spring via an exclusive quarterly newsletter.

Read below to learn more about the work that YOU help to make possible.

Yours In The Movement, Marc H. Morial



IMPACT ON THE GROUND

In response to the **30% rise in gun violence across the United States** since the Covid-19 pandemic, we **published the [Toward a New Age of Community Safety report](#)**.

The report was presented at the inaugural **[Safe and Just Communities Summit](#)** in collaboration with John Jay College of Criminal Justice from May 8-9th. The hybrid event convened experts from government, mayors from across the nation, community-based organizations, advocacy, law enforcement, and academia to offer actionable solutions and address violence prevention, improve community trust, and promote public safety.

Business startups remain key to job and wealth creation and we aim to elevate underrepresented individuals in pursuing a path toward business ownership. As part of our **Entrepreneurship and Corporate Diversity Equity and Inclusion initiatives**, the National Urban League, in partnership with Popeye's, recently launched the **[Franchise Inclusion Initiative](#)**. Black and Asian owners comprise only 6% of the franchise owner market, while Latino ownership stands at only 14% of the market. We are excited to share that we have already begun to receive franchise inquiries via the program's website.

The **20th Legislative Policy Conference** was held **March 6 - 8, in Washington, DC**. This conference convened members of Congress,



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Sadly, 1 in 3 Americans has a criminal record, from initial arrests to actual convictions, and this, no matter how severe, creates barriers to voting, education, employment, housing, and healthcare.

We proudly announce the launch of our **National Urban League Expungement Project**. This new initiative **will provide dedicated Expungement Case Managers** to navigate the record relief process and connect individuals to pro bono lawyers, clinics, and financial assistance.

The pilot program is scheduled to kick off this year in partnership with the Akron Urban League, Urban League of Greater Cleveland, and Columbus Urban League. To learn more watch **[Instagram Live Justice Now: Collateral Consequences to Criminal Records](#)**, which delves into the challenges returning citizens face and how we plan to assist.

"Healing the rift between the police and our communities through comprehensive and realistic reform and accountability".

The Equitable Justice and Strategic Initiative division continues to steadfastly address gun violence, policing, and criminal justice system reform.

Bringing the **[21 Pillars for Redefining Public Safety and Restoring Community Trust](#)** to communities around the country as a guideline not

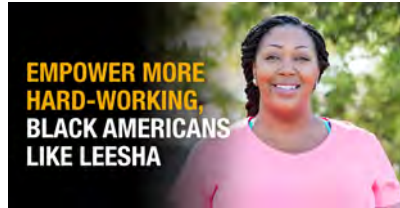
elected state leaders, community advocates and National Urban League Affiliate CEOs to discuss policies impacting Black and other underserved communities and to further our ever-present fight for equal access to jobs, education, housing, health, justice, and democracy.

only for reforming policies and procedures, but for reimagining the relationship between police and the communities they serve.

Our next stop this Fall is to visit Los Angeles, California.

Watch LPC RECAP

FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE



FACES OF THE MOVEMENT

A victim of the Covid-19 induced economic fallout Leesha hasn't traveled an easy road but nothing has ever stopped her. While incarcerated, she became a role model to new inmates. From vocational and college courses, hospice training, peer-to-peer education, and self-help classes, she took every opportunity to better herself. She even used her life story to help other inmates recover from abusive relationships.

After her release, Leesha worked every odd job she could find, but it wasn't always enough to put food on the table.

After losing work due to the Covid-19 pandemic, she enrolled in the **National Urban League's local affiliate Career & Workforce Fundamentals course**.

It was there that she was connected to KIMCO, a company who immediately hired her as a housekeeper with a living wage, in her area, of \$12 per hour.

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STATE OF BLACK AMERICA

[The 47th edition of the State of Black America® Democracy In Peril: Confronting the Threat Within](#) is here.

The report raises the alarm around the **explosive growth of far-right and domestic extremism** and the threat it poses to our communities, our families, and our nation. The leaked membership of the January 6th insurrection ant anti-government militia group included people who either held or were running for public office in 2022, serving in law enforcement, and active duty military.

The consequences of extremism are beyond just the looks we get on the street, the racially charged incidents on social media, police brutality, and increasing racially driven gun violence. **Our communities, our families, our nation – our future – are on the line.**

Black Americans have a life expectancy of 74.7 years – 4 years less than White Americans (2022 Equality Index of Black America). As the Health Division continues to expand their approach to address health inequities, they have launched a monthly **Health Equity Webinar Series**. The series focuses on topics and issues that impact Black Americans, understanding the root causes of health inequities, highlighting practical actionable solutions to tackle health disparities.

SUCCESS STORIES

READ STATE OF BLACK AMERICA

SPECIAL INVITATIONS & EVENTS

As a vital part of the Urban League Movement, I invite you to learn more and connect with us. We will host a series of virtual conversations, Inside the Movement, exclusively for our President's Circle supporters. This is a special opportunity to discuss topics central to our mission of economic empowerment and social justice with our executive leadership team.

- Workforce /Entrepreneurship/Housing - September 13th from 1-2 pm ET

[To confirm your attendance, Please Register Here.](#)

Join us for our annual signature events.

- The National Conference, in Houston, TX (July 26-29, 2023) [Line up/Registration](#)
- The Equal Opportunity Dinner in New York City (November, 8, 2023)

MESSAGE FROM MARC H. MORIAL

In closing, I share a personal milestone event.

I am celebrating my [20th anniversary](#), as **President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League**. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity that I have had to advance our mission of justice, equity, and opportunity. Our team assembled a look back over the years. This work was possible through the philanthropic leadership of you and your fellow supporters.

I hope you take pride in what we have accomplished together, as I certainly have.

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