

A large crowd of people is gathered for a protest, filling a street lined with trees. Many individuals are holding up handmade signs with various messages. In the foreground, a large banner is visible with the text 'AN ABOLITIONIST'S FIELD REPARATIONS NOW MOVEMENT'. The overall scene is one of a significant public demonstration.

**KING COUNTY
EQUITY
NOW**

**2021
RESEARCH
UPDATE**

ABOUT KCEN

We are a pro-Black advocacy and policy organizing nonprofit focused on developing liberated Black communities that own and control the resources and systems that impact Black lives.

Black-led, Black-centered, and birthed out of a deep legacy of Black organizing in Martin Luther King Jr. County, Washington State.



WHY WE DO OUR WORK

Anti-Black racism remains America's biggest threat to democracy.

WHAT WE DO

At King County Equity Now, our mission is to close the racial wealth divide.

Our vision is liberated Black communities that own and control the resources and systems that impact Black lives.

HOW WE DO OUR WORK

In furtherance of our mission and vision, we:

Craft city, county, and state policy solutions

Execute power-building, equity-driven campaigns

Conduct and facilitate Black-centered research

Organize with Black community and allies

Create Black-centered media

Spotlight and fight anti-Black racism

Partner with Black political representation

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OUR CAMPAIGNS

BENU HOMES

We served as the lead advocacy organization to protect an entire block in Washington's most historic Black neighborhood, the Central District, from development into market rate apartments. We then helped steward the successful acquisition of the block by Black community ownership, including helping to secure the \$14 million for purchase.

Additionally, we helped successfully advocate for the site to be used in the short-term as the first Black-owned and Black-led shelter of-scale in Washington State.

The site just opened and will provide a safe, secure home for 150 of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.



A man with short dark hair and a light beard is sitting and speaking. He is wearing a light blue short-sleeved polo shirt. The background is solid black. The lighting is focused on him, creating a slight shadow on his face.

- This movement is something that's big,



RESEARCH PLAN

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BLACK RESEARCH

We are building a Black community centered research institute that returns power and control back to the Black community.

Our research is facilitated, structured, and conducted by and for Black peoples.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Learning from our incarcerated community

Building peace and safety

Closing racial wealth gap

Creating thriving Black health

Eliminating education racial disparities

RESEARCH INTENT

Engage community to uncover how COVID, amidst racial injustice, and economic pandemics, has impacted our incarcerated community members and their families.



RESEARCH OBJECTIVES | INTENTIONALITY

Strengthen ties to and within affected families and Black community

Facilitate relationship building amongst and between those on the inside and on the outside to ensure connections towards healing

Engage community to uncover how COVID, amidst racial injustice, and economic pandemics, has impacted our incarcerated community members and their support networks.

Foster ongoing and future advocacy work



RESEARCH FOCUS & APPROACH

Incarcerated Community

Lift voices that aren't heard

Overlooked community,
severely impacted by triple
pandemic

Community accountability:
Do right by the community, with
the community



REACH OUT
to community
leaders/agents



ENSURE
community voices
are heard and valued



EXAMINE
institutional and
inter-institutional aspects
of cultural racism



UNDERSTAND
racial historical
legacy



IDENTIFY
racial disparities

TIMELINE

2021

JUNE

Research
Planning

JULY

KCEN and
community
feedback: what
would be most
helpful?

AUGUST

Survey development

SEPT

OCT

Community engagement and
recruiting with those having
lived experience with
incarceration

NOV

DEC

Data collection

2022

JANUARY

Data collection

Data analysis

Use high-level
feedback to support
KCEN legislative asks in
partnership

Define programs,
campaigns, and events
on how to best show up
for the commun

RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Encourage policy advocacy support

Refine strategies to advance Black equity

Broaden and deepen reach and impact of the work

Create accessible pathways



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE FOR US

**Better inform and empower advocacy
and development**

**Strengthened existing and new community
relationships within community**

**Long-term, implement widespread equity
solutions (policy change, etc.)**



SURVEY PROMPTS

PART 1

Center incarcerated Black community members in our ongoing community outreach

1. Do you believe information, data, and research can help advance equity?
2. Please select the top 5 issue areas you think KCEN should focus on for information, data, and research
3. Why are the issue areas you chose most important to you?
4. In an ideal scenario, what would successfully addressing these issue areas look like to you?

SURVEY PROMPTS

PART 2

Ask questions specific to the experiences and perspectives of incarcerated community members and their families

1. How did the triple pandemic of racism, COVID-19, and an economic recession impact your support system (friends, family, loved ones, or community)?
2. If the triple pandemic of racism, COVID-19, and an economic recession hurt or negatively impacted your support system, is the damaged caused to your support system repairable?
3. What other factors affect the connection with your support system?

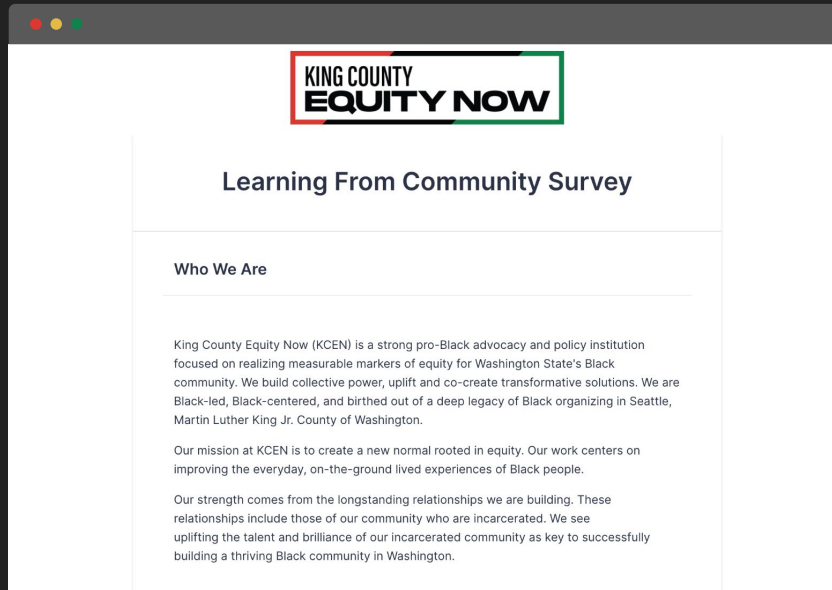
SURVEY PROMPTS

PART 3

Leaving room for community members to share what they see as important

1. What does support look like to you during the continuing triple pandemic (racism, economic recession, and COVID)?
2. Is there anything we need to know but have not asked? Please use the space on the blank page attached to expand on any questions above or add information we have not asked about.

[BIT.LY/KCENLEARNSURVEY](https://bit.ly/kcenlearnsurvey)



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QUESTIONS?

ANTI-BLACK
REPARATIONS NOW
MOVEMENT

BLACK LIVES MATTER

SAY HER NAME!
BREONNA TAYLOR!
REST HER NAME!

VOTE FOR CHANGE

DIDNT KNOW

BLACK LIVES MATTER

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Justice

FERRY RESIGN

BLACK LIVES MATTER

BLACK LIVES MATTER

BLACK LIVES MATTER

BLACK LIVES MATTER

BLACK LIVES MATTER

MAT COONS

MAKE KALOUZ TAKAIA SIAI

BUILD PATRICK

Black Lives Matter

BLACK LIVES MATTER

STOP

Wines St

Free The Land

CONTRIBUTOR
TO
LAWYERS COMMITTEE
FOR

#EquityNow

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