

# The Black Experience



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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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# What are the City of LA's plans for reparations?

The seven members of the City of Los Angeles Reparations Advisory Commission and its academic and fund development partners will **study the harms experienced by Black Angelenos.**

**The study will have two major parts:**

- **Part I:** Uncover and chronicle what role the City may have played in harms experienced
- **Part II:** Envision and recommend to the Mayor and City Council potential reparative efforts

**City leaders have the authority to implement what the Commission may recommend.**

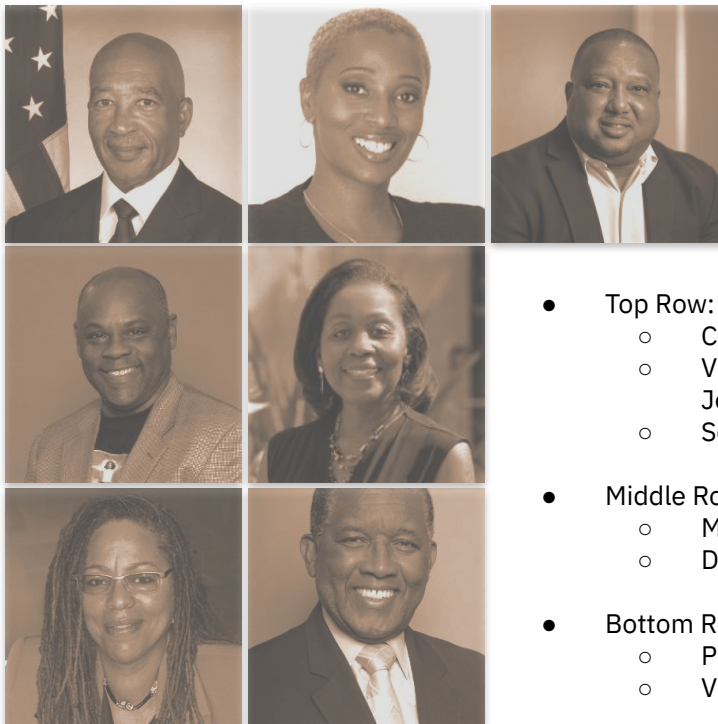


The City's efforts are independent of California's efforts, but the Commission plans to learn and adopt beneficial and helpful practices modeled by the State's Reparations Task Force.

# What's the Reparations Advisory Commission?

In June 2021, the City of Los Angeles established the Reparations Advisory Commission, a blue-ribbon task force composed of leading voices in activism, academia, law, and racial justice.

For more information on the Commission, visit [Reparations4LA.com](https://Reparations4LA.com)



- Top Row:
  - Chair Michael A. Lawson
  - Vice Chair Khansa T. Jones-Muhammad,
  - Secretary Mark Wilson
- Middle Row:
  - Mandla Kayise
  - Dr. Katrina VanderWoude
- Bottom Row:
  - Professor Cheryl Harris
  - Virgil Roberts

# Who are the Commission's partners?

The Commission's Academic Partner is California State University, Northridge College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Fund Development Partner is Mockingbird Analytics.

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# How we work



LA Civil Rights supports the Commission to do outreach, coordinate meetings, secure research partners, and comply with City protocols.

We are advised by two City Attorneys.

## Community Members

shares lived experiences to bear witness to harms, build a body of research specific to Los Angeles, and provides feedback on the study and recommendations

## Partners

conduct research, analysis of historical and contemporary documents, conduct interviews, and share with the Commission to gather feedback

## Commission

advises on research and goals, shares community feedback to partners, and makes final recommendations to the Mayor and City Council

## Mayor & City Council

approve and incorporate the recommendations into City operations



# Since Fall 2022, RAC and LACR have made the following community touchpoints:

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**PRESENTATIONS**, and tabling opportunities at events, such as the Taste of Soul and Leimert Park Jazz festivals, Neighborhood Council meetings and Sunday church services

12

**WEBINARS** to promote responses to its community Black Experience Study activities

640

Responses received to the Black Experience survey



# What topics will the study cover?

The Commission is primarily focused on government actions since the adoption of the City's 1925 charter. Its study will also explore the impact of harms experienced by African-Americans in Los Angeles before the 20th Century. The study will uncover harms experienced in the City of Los Angeles through the lens of the 12 topics the California State Reparations Task Force outlined in their interim report of June 2022. Topics include:

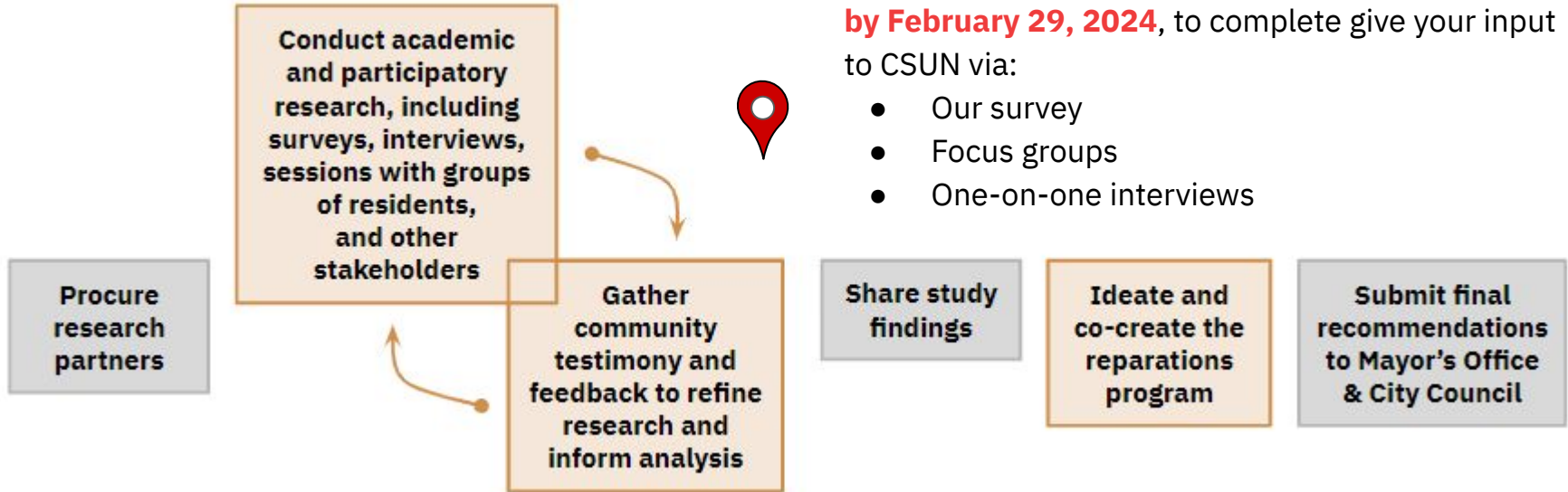
- Enslavement
- Racial Terror
- Political Disenfranchisement
- Housing Segregation
- Separate and Unequal Education
- Racism in Environment and Infrastructure
- Pathologizing the Black Family
- Control Over Creative Cultural and Intellectual Life
- Stolen Labor and Hindered Opportunity
- An Unjust Legal System
- Mental and Physical Harm and Neglect
- The Wealth Gap



# Where are we now?

The Commission is **currently in its phase of collecting lived experience responses** to inform its academic study. **Visit [BlackExperienceLA.com](https://blackexperiencela.com) by February 29, 2024**, to complete give your input to CSUN via:

- Our survey
- Focus groups
- One-on-one interviews

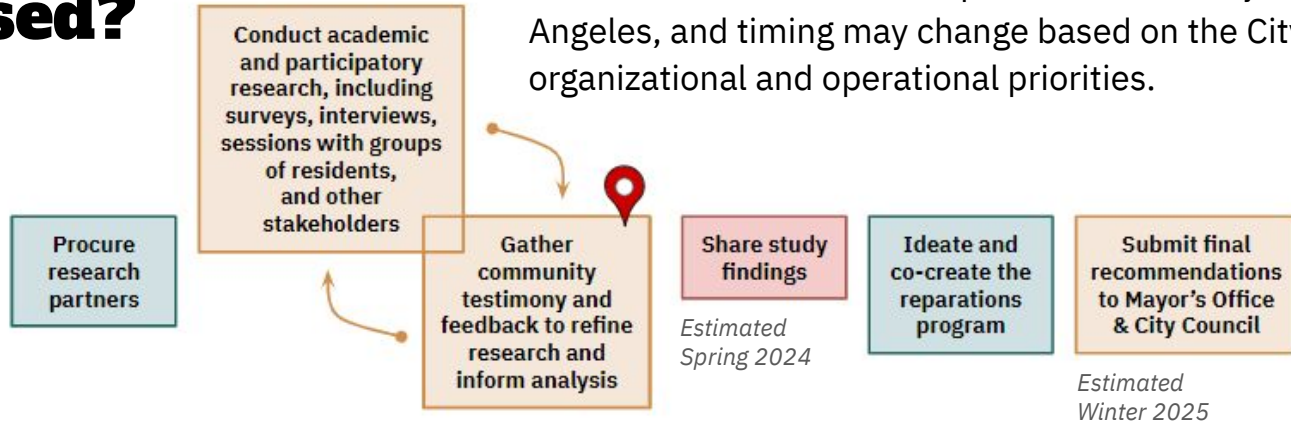




# How soon will the study be finished?

# How soon will reparations be disbursed?

The Commission is not yet at a point to recommend reparations, including eligibility, nor distribute reparations. The Reparations Advisory Commission began conducting its study in Spring 2023. **The study is expected to be fully complete in 2024 with recommendations for city leaders on reparations by early 2025.** The study's timing is based on the need for rigorous and thorough original research about the Black experience in the City of Los Angeles, and timing may change based on the City's organizational and operational priorities.





# Who might benefit from from an eventual LA City reparations initiative?

The **recommendations for reparations and corresponding eligibility are to be determined.** The study, which will include historic research, community testimony, and feedback will help determine eligibility. **Join the study today!**

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or scan the QR code  
to join the study today!

