



I look at my own body  
With eyes no longer blind—  
And I see that my own hands can make  
The world that's in my mind.  
Then let us hurry, comrades,  
The road to find.

[-Langston Hughes](#)

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### **Right to Income Committee Takes On Guaranteed Income**

Join us this Thursday April 8th at 6:30PM for the Right to Income Committee meeting. This week, we will continue building our strategy on our Guaranteed Income campaign.

The committee has also started a learning circle to collectively study about worker-owned cooperatives. For this week's learning circle, we are reading Part One and Chapter 1 of [Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought & Practice](#) by Dr. Jessica Gordon-Nembhard.

Thanks to a generous donation by one of our members, we have 3 available copies of "Collective Courage" to give away. If you are interested, please email JoJo at [jmorinvil@onedconline.org](mailto:jmorinvil@onedconline.org) with your current mailing address. We'll be giving the books away on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### **[RSVP Here](#)**

You can now RSVP to our Right to Income meetings online by visiting our website and heading to the "Events" tab. We'll continue to share the link via email as well.

The Right to Income Committee meets every other Thursday at 6:30PM via ZOOM unless stated otherwise.

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### **Tenants Drop Banners Demanding Cancel Rent**



Over the past two weeks, tenants across the city, in coordination with the Cancel Rent DC Coalition, have been dropping banners from the windows of their apartment buildings to show support for cancel rent.

Download these graphics to share on your social media to call on Councilmembers Anita Bonds, Kenyan McDuffie, and Brooke Pinto to pass cancel rent legislation in DC and ensure no one loses their home!



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Tenant justice is racial justice! [Join the Right to Housing Committee to fight for cancel rent](#)

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**Featured Article: *Three Ways Local Policymakers Can Confront Development-Directed Policing in Washington, DC***

[Originally published on 'Housing Matters' by Gabriella Velasco & Oriya Cohen](#)

Featuring ONE DC Right to Housing Organizer Patrick Gregoire

[Evidence shows](#) that in gentrifying neighborhoods, police help drive displacement by proactively protecting and responding to the priorities of newer residents and businesses, who are disproportionately white and more affluent than long-term residents, and surveilling and criminalizing the behaviors of long-term residents, who are disproportionately Black and Latinx. This phenomenon is known as development-directed policing.

Until the mid-20th century, lenders, real estate agents, white residents, and elected leaders explicitly blocked people of color from opportunities to own property, [build wealth](#), and occupy the most-resourced neighborhoods by

codifying racist exclusion into law and [perpetuating it](#) via racially restrictive covenants, redlining, and blockbusting.

Today, housing and neighborhood outcomes (as measured by [residential segregation](#), [exclusionary zoning policies](#), the Black-white [homeownership](#) and [appraisal gaps](#), and [documented discrimination by real estate agents](#)) signal that structural racism in housing persists. Simultaneously, policymakers and elected officials use police forces, [which emerged from patrols that tracked and captured enslaved people, to assert social control in majority-Black communities](#) (PDF) and [criminalize Blackness](#). This history is critical for understanding that by prioritizing market and property interests, police further serve the interests of white, more affluent residents and businesses—a trend clearly apparent in DC.

In the District of Columbia, [rising property values and rents](#), [the growth of the police budget](#), and the disproportionate rates of both [displacement](#) and [low-level arrests](#) among Black residents raise red flags that city leaders, developers, homeowners, and new residents enable and encourage development-directed policing to protect market interests.

To learn more about development-directed policing in DC, we spoke with [Brenden Beck](#), a researcher from the University of Colorado, Denver, whose research explores the connection between housing markets and policing; [Tazra Mitchell](#) and [Eliana Golding](#), researchers from the DC Fiscal Policy Institute with expertise in the district's budget process; and [Patrick Gregoire](#), a right-to-housing organizer with ONE DC.

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## Upcoming ONE DC Meetings & Events

### ONE DC Member Orientation

**Tuesday, April 6 - 6:00 PM**

Join us for ONE DC's next Member Orientation, where you will learn about: ONE DC Mission, Vision, & Values; Our organizing model and principles; Our history, shared leadership model, and organizational structure; What it means to be a ONE DC member

[RSVP here](#)

### Right to Income Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 8 - 6:30 PM**

ONE DC's Right to Income Committee works with long-time DC residents to fight for decent, dignified, and sustainable jobs for everyone who wants it and the creation of alternative project developments. The current crisis has caused a severe spike in joblessness for an unprecedented number of D.C. residents. Working-class Black families are especially impacted by the pandemic and the public health response to it. Join us this Thursday as we strategize around Guaranteed Income in the District.

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## Resource Development Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 13 - 6:30 PM**

The Resource Development Committee is responsible for grant-writing and fundraising for ONE DC. Join a dynamic team to help raise funds for our organizing work!

[RSVP here](#)

## Right to Housing Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 15 - 6:30 PM**

Join us every other Thursday at 6:30 PM ONLINE to strategize, create and share popular and political education, conduct outreach to the community and take bold direct actions to build and secure community control of housing and Cancel the Rent! All ages are welcome!

[RSVP here](#)

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## Community Announcements & Events

### CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER: Paul Robeson's 123rd Birthday w/ Special Guests

**Friday, April 9 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Paul Robeson's  
123rd Birthday  
Celebration**

🎂 - Raising \$10K to  
celebrate our  
re-opening!

Moderated by:  
**Michael Coard, Esq.**

In 2021, the commitments and contributions of Paul Robeson could not be more relevant. In these times, the model of Robeson reminds us that we must continue to stand on our principles, be bold in our visions, and cultivate radical solidarities in order to meet the responsibility of the day. Celebrate with us as we invite reflections from heralded guests on the living legacy of Paul Robeson!

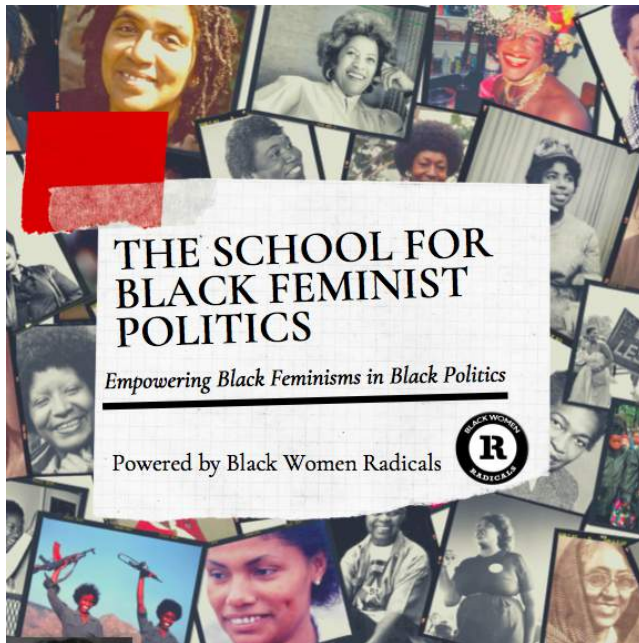
INCLUDING ROBESON SELECTIONS PERFORMED BY THE  
DC LABOR CHORUS

**APRIL 9, 2021 | 7-9PM ET**  
Online! | RSVP: [bit.ly/robeson123bdy](https://bit.ly/robeson123bdy)  
Hosted by the Paul Robeson House & Museum  
with support provided by **CLAUDIA JONES | SCHOOL FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION**

This event will feature special Robeson selections performed by the D.C. Labor Chorus.

[Register here](#)

## Support The School for Black Feminist Politics Fundraiser



The School for Black Feminist Politics (SBFP) is a Black feminist political education initiative and hub powered by Black Women Radicals. Established in 2020, the mission of SBFP is to empower Black Feminisms in Black Politics by expanding the field from transnational, intersectional, and multidisciplinary perspectives. The SBFP's goal is to illuminate what has often been obscured and neglected in regards to our Black feminist histories, political memories, and productions, so that our past, present, and future understandings of Black feminist thought and behavior can be understood more fully and completely.

[Click here to read more & support](#)

### Set the Vision for Wangari Gardens - Part 2



Wangari Gardens is getting a little TLC! With help from the wonderful designers at EnviroCollab, those of us who know and love Wangari Gardens have a chance to design improvements to the park and community garden. Join for free food, COVID-safe camaraderie with your neighbors, and hands-on design activities.

April 17, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

416 Kenyon St NW

[Learn more here](#)

[You can find past editions of the Monthly Voice here.](#)

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