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# Advocate and Resist

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## Reece shines spotlight on minority businesses at first Ohio Municipalities Business Conference

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State Rep. Alicia Reece spoke to some 1000 attendees at the first statewide Ohio Municipalities Business Conference, an effort organized by Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther to link more minority businesses with city and state agencies.

Serving on a panel of mayors and civic leaders, Reece took the opportunity to champion recent state-level minority business successes, but also to outline continued work to build opportunity and inclusion in the Buckeye State.

"African American and minority owned businesses are Ohio businesses, and when they succeed, Ohio succeeds," Reece said. "We've come a long way in the last few years, but there's more to do to make sure everyone has a fair shot at economic opportunity in the Buckeye State. I ap-

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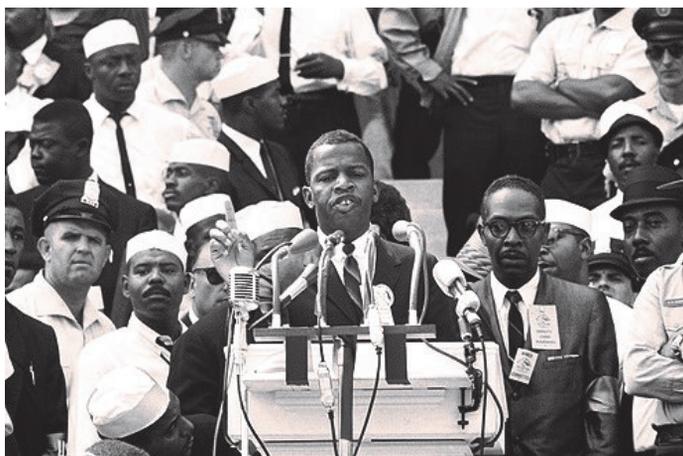
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## JOHN LEWIS, "SPEECH AT THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON" - August 28, 1963

We march today for jobs and freedom, but we have nothing to be proud of. For hundreds and thousands of our brothers are not here. For they are receiving starvation wages, or no wages at all. While we stand here, there are sharecroppers in the Delta of Mississippi who are out in the fields working for less than three dollars a day, twelve hours a day. While we stand here there are students in jail



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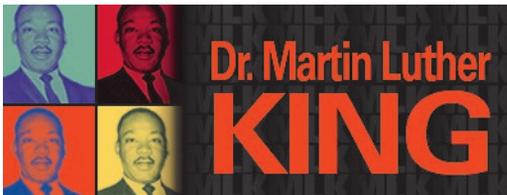
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## State MLK Commission seeks nominations for awards



Nominations are being accepted for awards honoring Ohioans who carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's death.

Awards honoring such individuals and organizations will be given at the 2018 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration,

scheduled for Jan. 11, 2018, at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Columbus. The theme of the commemorative celebration is MLK50: Legacy of Love in Pursuit of Justice.

The award ceremony is sponsored by the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, which is housed within the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Nominations are due to the commission by Sept. 30. For more information and a nomination form, visit [das.ohio.gov/mlk](http://das.ohio.gov/mlk) or contact Bobbi Bell-Bartholomew of the DAS Equal Opportunity Division at [614-466-8380](tel:614-466-8380) or [mlk@das.ohio.gov](mailto:mlk@das.ohio.gov).

## Tractor, boom lift, trucks among vehicles on sale at state auction

A 1986 John Deere 1050 DSL tractor will be among more than 260 vehicles up for bid at the next state surplus vehicle auction scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19. The sale also will feature a 1995 Genie S-65 boom lift, five Harley-Davidson FLHTP-I motorcycles, a large variety of trucks as well as a variety of other cars, SUVs, vans and other vehicles.

The auction will be held at the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, General Services Division headquarters, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, 43228. The gate opens at 8 a.m. and the auction begins at 9 a.m. The lot will remain open until 5 p.m. on the day of the auction.

To view all of the vehicles up for bid, visit: <http://www.dasapps.ohio.gov/Surplus/nextauction.asp>. Vehicles may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14 through Friday, Aug. 18. Vehicles may be started only between 8 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Aug. 18. All vehicles are sold "as-is" with no warranties. All vehicles must be paid for in full the day of the auction. Cash, credit and debit cards (Discover, MasterCard and Visa) are accepted. There is a 3 percent service fee on all credit and debit card transactions.

For more information, contact Jeff Scanlan at 614-466-2670 or Larry McConnell at 614-728-3112, or visit the DAS State and Federal Surplus Services website at [www.ohio.gov/surplus](http://www.ohio.gov/surplus).

## Ohio BWC Safety Innovations is accepting entries

Has your company or organization developed an innovative solution to help reduce the risk of workplace injuries and illnesses? If so, you could earn a cash award up to \$6,000 for it!

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Safety Innovation Awards.

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The deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2017. Learn more and apply at <http://bit.ly/2hRJCnl>

## Columbus Regional Airport Authority's Office of Business Diversity: Vendor Open House

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority's Office of Business Diversity is excited to announce a collaborative effort to engage small, minority and diverse business owners with information on partnership opportunities with our food, retail and rental car vendors.

We will be hosting an Open House on August 18, 2017 that will include informational sessions with our master concessionaires HMSHost and Paradies, as well as our car rental agencies. We will be discussing current and future opportunities to partner with these vendors and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority.

Business owners will also learn how they can become a registered small, minority or diverse business partner with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates John Glenn International Airport, Rickenbacker International Airport and Bolton Field. A representative from the Ohio Unified Certification Program will be on hand to help answer any questions on becoming a certified Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE).

- 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.
- John Glenn International Airport, 4600 International Gateway, Columbus, OH 43219
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Morning Session 9-11:30 a.m. <http://conta.cc/2uFM4Sx>

Afternoon Session 1-3:30 p.m. <http://conta.cc/2vQRxV8>

## Advocate! Resist!

By Ronda Watson Barber - Publisher

The events of recent days should have definitely inspired you to get involved. Now is the time to play your part in making a positive difference. Consider joining your local NAACP. The Columbus Branch is actively engaged and working to provide opportunities for Black businesses. They can be reached at [www.NAACPColumbus.org](http://www.NAACPColumbus.org).

The Klan, Nazis and other white supremacist groups are organized and making their crazy notions of how America should be known. It is crystal clear how many in this country feel about diversity, inclusion and people of color. I printed Congressman John Lewis' epic speech from the August 1963 March on Washington in this issue. Read it. Share it. Ironically, many of the issues he discussed are still happening 54 years later. It's time to mobilize and act to create a legacy of wealth and equity for our children. Nobody wins when the family feuds.

There are less than 100 days until the November elections. It is imperative that Black businesses and the Black community exercise their right to cast a ballot. Many challenges and barriers have been erected to stifle the vote. Voting must be important because some in our state and across the country are going to extreme measures to prevent some of us from doing it. Don't let that deter you. Their efforts to prevent you from voting should make you even more determined to get the required identification and stand in line to vote. You are not too busy. As we commemorate legacy and the struggles from Freedom Summer, it is our obligation to participate in our democracy. The Freedom Fighters were not too busy. They make sacrifices. We have no excuses.

Business is political. It is critical to the continued growth and development of Black businesses that we engage in the political process. Are the lawmakers acting in your businesses' best interest? Are laws being enacted that hamper or grow your business? Have you voiced your displeasure on how your tax dollars are spent? Are your elected officials engaged in the community or do they simply take their marching orders from powerful PACs that provide the majority of financing to their campaigns? OhioMBE encourages you to be an informed voter. Elected officials must be held accountable for their votes they cast. During the campaign season, many politicians will say whatever is necessary to get elected. The important questions are what they will do when they are in office and how do we make them keep their promises? Are they looking out for



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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority at 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307 until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017** at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

**LEAD BASED PAINT ABATEMENT, REHABILITATION AND RELATED WORK** at 151 GLEASON AVENUE, AKRON, OHIO 44312

Specifications can be purchased at SE Blueprint, Inc. located at 540 South Main Street, Suite 211, Akron, Ohio 44311 (330) 376 - 1689. [seblue@seblueprint.com](mailto:seblue@seblueprint.com)

The above mentioned are on file for viewing at the Subcontractors Association NEO, 637 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, Ohio; Akron Urban League, Minority Business Assistance Center, 440 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, Ohio; the Builders Exchange of Canton, 5080 Aultman Rd., North Canton, Ohio; Builders Exchange of Cleveland, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio; and the Ohio Construction News, 7261 Engle Road, Suite 304, Cleveland, Ohio. A list of plan holders can be obtained from SE Blueprint's website @ [www.seblueprint.com](http://www.seblueprint.com)

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held by the Housing Authority at the AMHA Administration Building, 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307, on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.**

See full bid notice at [www.OhioMBE.com/bid-opportunities](http://www.OhioMBE.com/bid-opportunities)

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WPCF Grit Removal System Improvements, Bowling Green, OH for the following areas of the project: Stone, Trucking, Concrete/Reinforcement, Misc Metals, Painting, Masonry, Doors and Windows, Roofing, Process Integration, Process Equipment, Piping & Valves and Electrical. The project bids on August 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Bidding documents may be reviewed via the internet at <http://www.private-planroom.com/> Enter **LXP77V27LLRVVX** into the box labeled "Project Code" Fill out the registration information. Your information will be confirmed by the planroom staff, and you will be granted access. Quotes are requested by August 28, 2017 and must include the appropriate EPA Form 6100-3. Email quotes and form to [estimating@kirkbros.com](mailto:estimating@kirkbros.com) Or Fax # 419-595 -4019. Email questions to [s.gohrband@kirkbros.com](mailto:s.gohrband@kirkbros.com).

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Kokosing Industrial, Inc. is preparing bids for the Youngstown WWTP Secondary Treatment Improvements Project in Youngstown, Ohio which bids August 25, 2017. We are seeking quotes for any portion of the project listed that you are qualified to perform or provide supplies for which includes the following: **Trucking, Paving, Seeding & Landscaping, Reinforcing Steel, Caulking, Masonry, Roofing, Flooring, Painting, Plumbing, and HVAC.** Bidding documents can be examined at Kokosing Industrial, Inc., 6235 Westerville Rd., Westerville, OH 43081 or by calling Sonja Nichols at 614-212-5701. Please have your quote to Steve Ehret by 12:00 PM August 24, 2017: e-mail [snichols@kokosing.biz](mailto:snichols@kokosing.biz) or Fax 614-212-5711.

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 Kokosing Industrial, Inc. is preparing bids for the Queen City Avenue Sewer Separation Phase 2 project in Cincinnati, Ohio which bids August 23, 2017. We are seeking quotes for any portion of the project listed that you are qualified to perform or provide supplies for which includes the following: Paving, Trucking, Aggregates, Concrete, Maintenance of Traffic, Seeding & Landscaping, Pavement Striping, and Tunneling/Bore & Jack. Bidding documents can be examined at Kokosing Industrial, Inc., 6235 Westerville Rd., Westerville, OH 43081 or by calling Sonja Nichols at 614-212-5701. Please have your quote to Chad Lampe by 12:00 PM August 22, 2017: e-mail [snichols@kokosing.biz](mailto:snichols@kokosing.biz) or Fax 614-212-5711.

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Kokosing Industrial, Inc. is preparing bids for the Quebec Road Sewer Separation project in Cincinnati, Ohio which bids August 21, 2017. We are seeking quotes for any portion of the project listed that you are qualified to perform or provide supplies for which includes the following: Paving, Trucking, Aggregates, Concrete, Maintenance of Traffic, Seeding & Landscaping, and Pavement Striping. Bidding documents can be examined at Kokosing Industrial, Inc., 6235 Westerville Rd., Westerville, OH 43081 or by calling Sonja Nichols at 614-212-5701. Please have your quote to Chad Lampe by 12:00 PM August 18, 2017: e-mail [snichols@kokosing.biz](mailto:snichols@kokosing.biz) or Fax 614-212-5711.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is soliciting bids for replacement of the boilers at John Frederick Oberlin (JFO) Highrise, 138 S. Main Street, Oberlin, OH.

Bid documents and specifications will be available from the LMHA Contract/Procurement Office, 1604 Kansas Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052, beginning Wednesday, August 9, 2017, until and including Tuesday, August 29, 2017. The non-refundable fee is \$25.00 for each bid package. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to mail each set of documents. Contractors planning to bid the project must obtain a bid package from LMHA for your bid to be considered for award.

Drawings and specifications may be examined without charge at LMHA, 1604 Kansas Avenue, Lorain, OH; GPD Group, 520 South Main Street, Suite 2531, Akron, OH; Builders Exchange, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Valleyview, OH and CMD members online at [cmdgroup.com](http://cmdgroup.com).

A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at JFO Highrise, 138 S. Main Street, Oberlin, OH. Individual sealed bids will be received at the office of the LMHA Director, 1604 Kansas Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052, until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the BOARD OF EDUCATION, City School District of Columbus, Ohio, for the above referenced projects. More information can be found on the District’s web site at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>

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Walsh Construction encourages bids from all qualified subcontractors/suppliers including WBE/MBE firms for the – **City of Toledo, Ohio Collins Park Water Treatment Plant New Maintenance Facility & Chemical Building Renovations** until 12:00 Noon EST, on September 12, 2017

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

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The work includes construction of a new Maintenance Facility, replacement of the truck dock, and remodeling select areas of the Chemical Building, and HVAC updates. The new Maintenance Facility will be approx. 31,500 sq. ft. masonry building that will house the trades such as, but not limited to the electricians, maintenance workers, utility workers, painters, plumbers, millwrights, and shop workers. The building will contain shop and fabrication equipment, paint booth, store room, meeting/lunch room, storage locker rooms, and offices.

The renovations to the Chemical Building include, but are not limited to, approx. 1,400 sq. ft. building addition for offices, new lunchroom, conference rooms in the existing maintenance and shop area, new reception area, updating finishes in HR office area, update finishes on second floor.

HVAC updates include replacements of the ventilation fans in the galleries of the East and West Plants, new HVAC for repurposed and remodeling spaces of the Chemical Building as well as the HVAC associated with the new Maintenance Facility.

Work scopes include concrete, cast-in-place concrete, masonry, metal fabrication, chain link fences and gates, landscaping, rough carpentry, roofing, doors and windows, glass, glazing, carpet, ceramic tiling, drywall, painting, HVAC and electrical.

If you have any questions regarding this project please contact Joe Grant at 313-456-6534 or [jgrant@walshgroup.com](mailto:jgrant@walshgroup.com)

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The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is requesting proposals from firms to undertake a Regional Corridor Analysis which will utilize a variety of metrics to assess the likely impact(s) of implementing

the more compact development options identified by and study the relationship between these corridors and high-capacity transit, inclusive of all types of technologies.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that the results of the Regional Corridor Analysis will lead to specific recommendations in terms of implementation tools and guidance.

View the RFP at [www.OhioMBE.com/bid-opportunities](http://www.OhioMBE.com/bid-opportunities)



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Legal Notice: RFP 2017-004  
Janitorial Services

The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of Janitorial Services. The response deadline is Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 11:00AM on Wednesday August 23, 2017 at our corporate office. Specifications may be obtained by visiting our website, [www.cmhanet.com](http://www.cmhanet.com) or by contacting the Purchasing Department of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority at 880 E. 11th Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43211 or by calling 614-421-4434, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

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# ECDI unveils Capital For Construction program for MBEs

Economic & Community Development Institute (ECDI) unveiled a new program focused on providing financing to minority-owned construction subcontractors. The program, called “Capital For Construction,” is a partnership with JPMorgan Chase & Co.

More than half of minority contractors surveyed by an ECDI-led working group reported the need for advance payments to bridge the time gap between the start of construction work and payment for the work. Two-thirds of contractors surveyed said they are concerned about starting a construction job without the availability of an advance payment.

Through the MBE Financing Program, supported by a \$290,000 from JPMorgan Chase, ECDI will provide qualified minority contractors with low-interest advance payments of \$5,000 to \$150,000. The planning group believes this program will create or retain more than 100 construction jobs per year in Franklin County.

“Access to capital and bonding has been major barriers to inclusion for contractors, especially minority contractors,” Dan Moncreif said. “With this program we’re taking a tremendous step as a community toward eliminating capital barriers. I believe this will be transformational for many small, minority-owned construction companies.”

In addition to accessing financing, subcontractors will also be able to take advantage of industry-specific training, incubation services, and mentorship opportunities.

Jesse Mark, ECDI relationship manager will oversee this program during its pilot phase. He can be reached for additional information at [www.jmark@ecdi.org](mailto:www.jmark@ecdi.org)

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4. Certification can be a marketing tool for your business. You can add your certifications to your marketing materials, business cards, website, etc. Many consumers like doing business with veteran, minority or woman owned businesses.
5. Certification can be used in the private sector. Many companies don’t have a certifying program but in an effort to have supplier diversity, will accept the certifications from some governmental agencies.



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***Classes are held at the Columbus Women’s Business Center***

# Ohio Diversity Network

Get a weekly email from [OhioDiversityNetwork.com](http://OhioDiversityNetwork.com) notifying you of upcoming events. Sign up online!

Friday, August 18, 2017 at 9:00am

[Columbus Regional Airport Authority's Office of Business Diversity: Vendor Open House](#) - Columbus

Friday, August 18, 2017 at 12:00pm

[Columbus WBC: Google Friday: Set Goals with Google Analytics](#) - Columbus

Friday, August 18, 2017 at 1:00pm

[Columbus Regional Airport Authority's Office of Business Diversity: Vendor Open House](#) - Columbus

Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 10:30am

[OhioMBE: Certification 101 at the WBC](#) - Columbus

Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 11:45am

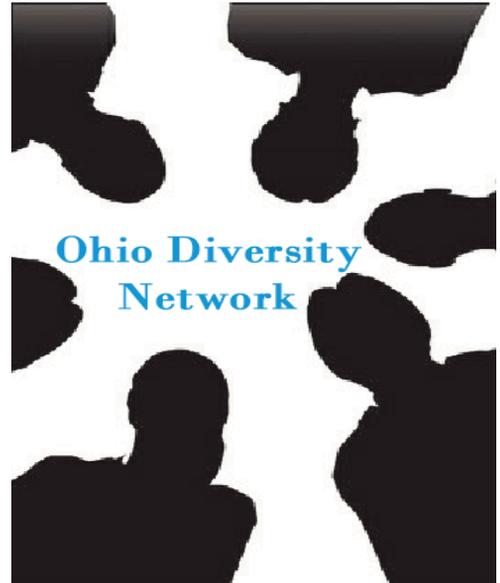
[WBC -In The Company of Women Lunch](#) - Columbus

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm

[Neighborhood Nights](#) - Columbus

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 11:30am

[OhioMBE Awards](#) - Columbus



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plaud the efforts of Mayor Ginther and everyone involved in making this critical linkage between government and business. We must change the way we look at minority businesses. They pay taxes and should be granted equal access to contracts throughout Ohio.”

During her tenure as Ohio Legislative Black Caucus president, Reece helped usher in record-level minority business participation with the Kasich Administration and state agencies. State contracts with minority-owned businesses in 2016 hit a record high with nearly \$298 million going to purchase 23.63 percent of eligible goods and services.

2016 marked the second time Ohio met its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) certification goals since the program was established over 30 years ago.

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on trumped-up charges. Our brother James Farmer, along with many others, is also in jail. We come here today with a great sense of misgiving.

It is true that we support the administration’s civil rights bill. We support it with great reservations, however. Unless Title III is put in this bill, there is nothing to protect the young children and old women who must face police dogs and fire hoses in the South while they engage in peaceful demonstrations. In its present form, this bill will not protect the citizens of Danville, Virginia, who must live in constant fear of a police state. It will not protect the hundreds and thousands of people that have been arrested on trumped charges. What about the three young men, SNCC field secretaries in Americus, Georgia, who face the death penalty for engaging in peaceful protest?

As it stands now, the voting section of this bill will not help the thousands of black people who want to vote. It will not help the citizens of Mississippi, of Alabama and Georgia, who are qualified to vote, but lack a sixth-grade education. “One man, one vote” is the African cry. It is ours too. It must be ours!

We must have legislation that will protect the Mississippi share-cropper who is put off of his farm because he dares to register to vote. We need a bill that will provide for the homeless and starving people of this nation. We need a bill that will ensure the equality of a maid who earns five dollars a week in a home of a family whose total income is \$100,000 a year. We must have a good FEPC bill.

My friends, let us not forget that we are involved in a serious social revolution. By and large, American politics is dominated by politicians who build their careers on immoral compromises and ally themselves with open forms of political, economic, and social exploitation. There are exceptions, of course. We salute those. But what political leader can stand up and say, “My party is the party of principles”? For the party of Kennedy is also the party of Eastland. The party of Javits is also the party of Goldwater. Where is our party? Where is the political party that will make it unnecessary to march on Washington?

Where is the political party that will make it unnecessary to

march in the streets of Birmingham? Where is the political party that will protect the citizens of Albany, Georgia? Do you know that in Albany, Georgia, nine of our leaders have been indicted, not by the Dixiecrats, but by the federal government for peaceful protest? But what did the federal government do when Albany’s deputy sheriff beat Attorney C.B. King and left him half-dead? What did the federal government do when local police officials kicked and assaulted the pregnant wife of Slater King, and she lost her baby?

To those who have said, “Be patient and wait,” we have long said that we cannot be patient. We do not want our freedom gradually, but we want to be free now! We are tired. We are tired of being beaten by policemen. We are tired of seeing our people locked up in jail over and over again. And then you holler, “Be patient.” How long can we be patient? We want our freedom and we want it now. We do not want to go to jail. But we will go to jail if this is the price we must pay for love, brotherhood, and true peace.

I appeal to all of you to get into this great revolution that is sweeping this nation. Get in and stay in the streets of every city, every village and hamlet of this nation until true freedom comes, until the revolution of 1776 is complete. We must get in this revolution and complete the revolution. For in the Delta in Mississippi, in southwest Georgia, in the Black Belt of Alabama, in Harlem, in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, and all over this nation, the black masses are on the march for jobs and freedom.

They’re talking about slow down and stop. We will not stop. All of the forces of Eastland, Barnett, Wallace, and Thurmond will not stop this revolution. If we do not get meaningful legislation out of this Congress, the time will come when we will not confine our marching to Washington. We will march through the South; through the streets of Jackson, through the streets of Danville, through the streets of Cambridge, through the streets of Birmingham. But we will march with the spirit of love and with the spirit of dignity that we have shown here today. By the force of our demands, our determination, and our numbers, we shall splinter the segregated South into a thousand pieces and put them together in the image of God and democracy. We must say: “Wake up America! Wake up!” For we cannot stop, and we will not and cannot be patient.

us? As small and black business owners consider asking the following questions to those seeking public office and your precious vote.

1. What have you done for Black & minority businesses during your career?
2. What do you promise to do for Black & minority businesses if elected?
3. What Black & minority business do you regularly purchase products for services from?
4. Why should Black & minority business owners vote for you?
5. How important is Black & minority business development to the overall Ohio economy?
6. Are minority business set-asides and goals in city/county/state government still important and why?
7. Is the entity you are seeking office, engaged in including Black businesses in its purchasing scheme?
8. What can the city/county/state do to improve its purchasing with Black & minority businesses?
9. What should Black & minority owned businesses do to get city/county/state contracts?
10. Is there anything else, aside from contracting that the city/county/state can do to assist MBE's?
11. Who are the major contributors to your campaign?
12. How do we hold you accountable?

Advocate! Resist! Vote!

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