# REPARATIONS – From "What is That?" To EVERYBODY is Shoutin' "REPARATIONS NOW!"

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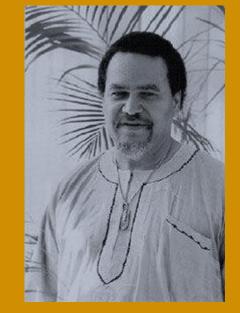
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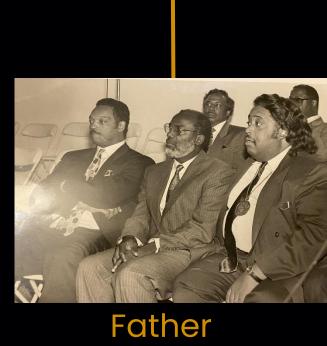


Iya Fulani Sunni-Ali





Mother



Kwanzaa





## What is N'COBRA?

The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America is a mass-based coalition of organizations and individuals organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.

Its work is organized through nine national commissions:

1.Economic Development

2.Education

3. Health

- 4. Information and Media
- 5. International Affairs
- 6. Legal Strategies
- 7. Legislation

8. Membership and Organizational Development

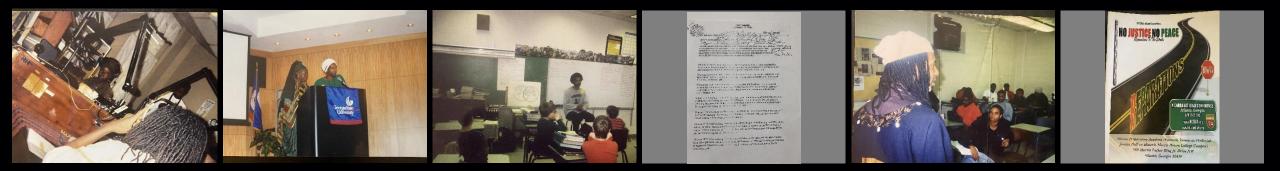
9. Youth



# **Highlights of Atlanta Chapter**

1. Hosted 3 National N'COBRA Conventions 1996, 2005, 2013

- 2. Hosted 12hour and 6 hour Reparations Radio Marathons on WRFG 89.3fm
- 3. Coordinated several college Reparations Conferences GSU, Morehouse and Morris Brown
- 4. Organized Press Conference at Atlanta City Hall for HR40 Support Resolution



WRFG

GSU

4<sup>th</sup> Graders

Resolution

College

Convention

## What Are Reparations

Reparations is a process of repairing, healing and restoring a people injured because of their group identity and in violation of their fundamental human rights by governments, corporations, institutions, and families.

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Three Roads of Reparations —









3 Assimilation

UN 5 forms of full repair reparations



## Self Repair

"Let me begin by noting that reparation is not just about money: it is not even mostly about money; in fact, money is not even one percent of what reparation is about. Reparation is mostly about making repairs. self-made repairs, on ourselves: mental repairs, psychological repairs, cultural repairs, organisational repairs, social repairs, institutional repairs, technological repairs, economic repairs, political repairs, educational repairs, repairs of every type that we need in order to recreate sustainable black societies....More important than any monies to be received; more fundamental than any lands to be recovered, is the opportunity the reparations campaign offers us for the rehabilitation of Black people, by Black people, for Black people; opportunities for the rehabilitation of our minds, our material condition, our collective reputation, our cultures, our memories, our self-respect, our religious, our political traditions and our family institutions; but first and foremost for the rehabilitation of our minds"

Professor Chenweizu from Nigeria at Reparations Conference held in Abuja Nigeria April 23-27, 1993

# **Un 5 Forms Of Full Repair Reparations**

CESSATION AND NON-REPITITION - Ending the crimes

2 RESTITUTION – Restoring citizenship, language, culture, nationality

REHABILITATION- Restoring health, mental\emotional as well as physical

COMPENSATION – Restoring financial losses

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5

SATISFACTION-Restoring reputation thru education, commemorations museums , apologies etc.



# **Example of UN 5 Forms of Reparations Applied to a Local Reparations**

#### What Reparations Look Like For Burge Police Torture Survivors



Chicago Torture Reparations

### **National Reparations Movement Precedents**





John Conyers Jr

Shelia Jackson Lee



Cory Booker

Kamm Howard

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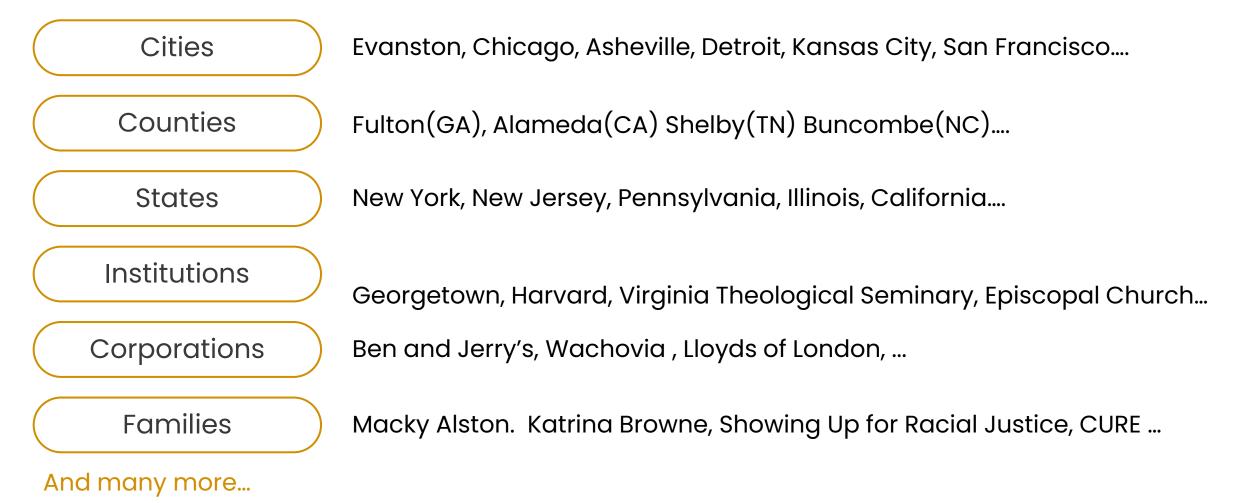
To address the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

1. Revised Version January 3, 2017

- A. Reparations Proposals
- B. UN 5 forms of Reparations
- C. 6 appointments from Civil Society and Reparations organizations
- 2. Senate Companion bill S40 by Senator Cory booker April 9, 2019
- 3. Congressional Hearings June 19, 2019 and February 17, 2021 (December 18, 2007)
- 4. Passed out of Committee April 14, 2021

5. Congress co-sponsors and yes vote commitments 218 Senate Co-sponsors 20 in 2022

## **Non Federal Reparations Activity** Partial list



#### **3 Reasons Why Local Reparations are Important**

Address more quickly local harms and disparities

Build Infrastructure for Federal Reparations

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Build Momentum for Federal Reparations

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### What is the Criteria for Local Reparations

The harmed must determine the remedy

The creation of an independent structure to receive resources

Standard, regular or ordinary public policy is not reparations

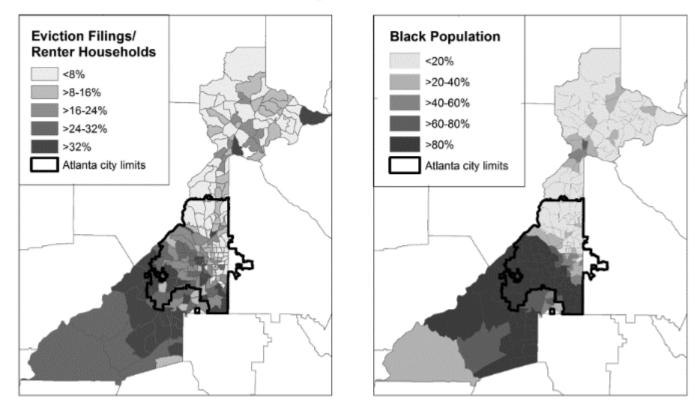
Laying the Foundation For Local Reparations

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A Guide for Providing National Symmetry for Local Reparation Efforts

### N'COBRA brings a Coalition of Organizations and Individuals

Figures 4 and 5 Eviction Rate (Single-Family and Multifamily) by Census Tract; Percent Black by Census Tract



Sources: Author calculations, Fulton County Magistrate Records, Fulton County parcel tax Assessors data; U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2014 5-year estimates

Civil Rights orgs	Social Justice orgs
Progressive Churches	Genealogists
Community orgs	Faith Based institutions
Media connections	Activist Attorneys
Attorneys	European American allies

#### And more.....

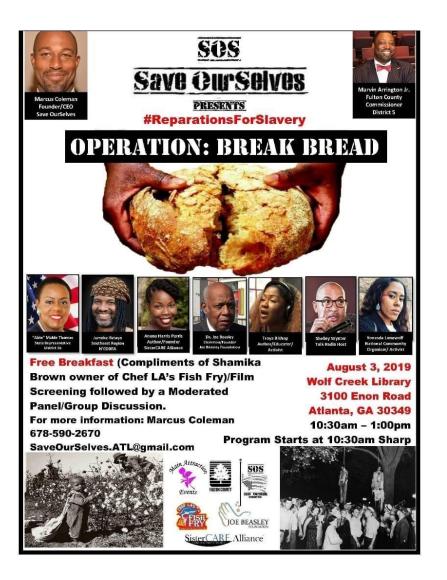
**SUPPORTING** the Fulton County Reparations Taskforce on behalf of the 458, 669 Black Residents of Fulton County (2020 Census)

## N'COBRA Support

**Experience and Expertise** 

**CONSULT CRITIQUE CLARITY COOPERATION** 

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"And so they say, the Negro must lift himself by his own bootstraps. They never stopped to realize that no other ethnic group has been a slave on American soil. The people who say this never stopped to realize that the nation made the black man's color a stigma. But beyond this, they never stopped to realize the debt that they owe people who were kept in slavery 244 years.

In 1863, the Negro was told that he was free as a result of the **Emancipation Proclamation** being signed by Abraham Lincoln, but he was not given any land to make that freedom meaningful. It was something like keeping a person in prison for a number of years and suddenly discovering that that person is not guilty of the crime for which he was convicted.

And you just go up to him and say, *now you are free*. But you don't give him any bus fare to get to town. You don't give him any money to get some clothes to put on his back or to get on his feet again in life. Every code of Jurisprudence would rise up against this. And yet this is a very thing that our nation did to the black man. It simply said, you're free, and it left him there penniless, illiterate, not knowing what to do."

Excerpt from Rev Dr, Martin Luther King Jr last Sunday Sermon titled "Remaining Awake Through A Great Revolution" delivered Sunday March 31, 1968 at the National Cathedral in Washington DC



