**2021 Policy Agenda**

***Building People Power Campaign***

*"Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose."*

*~ Zora Neale Hurston*

## **Summary of Policies**

**1. Crime, Inequity and Public Safety**

* Eliminate criminal legal fees and base fines on ability to pay
* Replace cash bail with risk assessments
* Establish a statewide law enforcement "Do Not Hire" list
* Reform the Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights

**2. Economic Empowerment**

* Set state/local government racial minority contracting requirements of at least 10%
* Set a 50% cap on interest rates
* Invest in programs that support Black entrepreneurs and business owners
* Institute Community Benefit Agreements

**3. Education**

* Remove School Resource Officers from the education system
* Mandate equitable education funding, ensuring additional supports for high needs students
* Equity in pandemic response and virtual learning

**4. Health Disparities**

* Require implicit bias training and accountability for all aspects of the healthcare system
* Expand State Medicaid and private health insurance coverage to 1-year postpartum
* Expand Medicaid and private health insurance coverage to include Doulas (and allow Doulas to go into hospitals/prisons/clinics)
* Instituting a Medicaid buy-in program

**5. Housing**

* Institute a Homes Guarantee
* Establish a tenants’ Right To Counsel (RTC)
* Institute a statewide “Housing First” approach to address homelessness
* Invest in programs to assist home buyers purchasing homes in historically red-lined communities
* Establish a Homeless Bill of Rights

## **Resources**

* [Black to the Future - Black Agenda 2020](https://black2thefuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/BlackAgenda2020.pdf)
* Other policies to consider
	+ ballot initiatives (or some way to pass policies without going through GA)