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As we come together in solidarity to commemorate the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth, the legacy of slavery and systemic racism in the United States has never been more apparent. Juneteenth serves as a celebration of the freedom and culture of our Black families, friends and neighbors, but it also urges us to remember our troubled past and fight to build a better future and continue to demand action.

Today, Black communities across the country continue to face discrimination and abuse. The tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other Black individuals underscore a broken criminal justice system. Black communities here in the LA County are still demanding answers to the deaths of Robert Fuller and Malcolm Harsch. Black communities continue to be hit the hardest by COVID-19, and are nearly 4 times more likely to die from its complications. The abolishment of slavery was only the beginning of racial justice in the United States. Now more than ever, we must continue the fight for racial justice.

While there is much work to be done to educate and agitate for a better tomorrow, Juneteenth could not be celebrated without the recognition and appreciation of Black voices who empower the ideals of freedom and justice. In Los Angeles alone, Democratic icons and local leaders like Senator Kamala Harris, Congresswoman Karen Bass, Councilmember Herb Wesson, Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, Labor Leader Yvonne Wheeler and more have proven their excellence, even through intense racial adversity.

We're excited to announce an upcoming LACDP panel discussion, [Leading While Black: How Democrats can meet and lead past the moment](#) on

**Monday, June 29th at 7:00pm.** This conversation will be moderated by Charity Chandler-Cole, the President of the Black Los Angeles Young Democrats. [Register TODAY](#) and stay tuned for more information about the panel in the coming days.

We also encourage you to [watch this video](#) from Black DNC staff, learning more about Juneteenth. Additionally, the National Museum of African American History & Culture has all-day Juneteenth virtual programming which you can tune into [here](#).

In the words of Representative Maxine Waters, Juneteenth allows us to “affirm our commitment for justice & equal opportunity for all” and that's exactly what Los Angeles County Democrats will continue to do.

In Service,

Patt Sanders  
*Vice-Chair*

Mark J Gonzalez  
*Chair*

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*We're in the fight for our democracy, and we need your help to win in November and beyond!*

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