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Hard Solid Thinking About The State Of The Black Trans Community

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Abstract

One of the things I was contemplating during my downtime at Out on the Hill, while riding the Washington Metro and on the plane ride home is the state of the Black trans community.During the Transgender Person of Color (TPOC) breakout session, one of the things that was foremost on our minds amongst the participants [...]

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Trans pride is much easier to declare and maintain when everything and every happy-happy joy-joy positive image about being trans in America reflects a vanillacentric heritage. It’s easier to be proud of being trans when the history of the community overwhelmingly reflects you. It’s easier to be proud of being trans when the leadership ranks and people driving the policy agenda and thinking look like you and the voices speaking for it are predominately white. It’s also easier to be an out and proud trans person when you’re not facing a life and death struggle to survive and off the charts violence aimed at you as evidenced in DC lately.



We must also call out and put an end to the anti-trans bigotry and hatred aimed at us from people inside and outside the African American community, including our LGB/SGL brothers and sisters.





They are quite aware that I and other trans leaders are going to hold them to that standard. and they are going to hold me and us to some standards as well.



I'm going to do that even if I am the only person or blog doing so. It's past time my diverse hometown had trans leadership and a trans community that reflects the city of Houston's diversity

Starting today, the 'T' will no longer be silent for transpeople of color in Houston or the state of Texas. I am busy compiling a short term and long term plan to help achieve that long needed goal.

And yes, that diversity needs to happen on the national level as well.

We Black trans people are starting that process of closing ranks with our African descended GLB/SGL brothers and sisters in order to be a stronger, more cohesive part of the communities we intersect with we must have that happen.

The African American TBLG community and the overall African American community needs our talents that we bring to the table and we can no longer afford to waste or ignore them. At the same time, we African descended trans people have to own our power and do our part as well.





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