

# New Afrikan Panther



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW AFRIKAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (NAIP)

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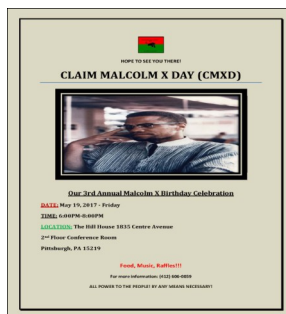
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**CLAIM MALCOLM X DAY-2017 (CMXD) AND THE MALCOLM X COMMEMORATION PROJECT**

**Claim Malcolm X Day (CMXD)** is a national grassroots initiative celebrated May 19th on Malcolm X's birthday.

**The Malcolm X Commemoration Project** is an initiative of the NAIP which celebrates and profiles the philosophy and politics of Malcolm X as they apply to contemporary issues.

This years theme was 'Reparations and Black Self-Determination', a preview of our national conference to be held in August 2017. Featured panelist was Ari Merretazon of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA).



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## RETURN TO THE SOURCE: ORGANIZE AND MOBILIZE FOR LIBERATION

The racist administration of Donald Trump is not a new challenge to New Afrikans in amerikkka -Our People have stood down far worst during our struggle in this country and emerged stronger. Amerikkka's election of Trump however must be a reminder to Us as a People that we cannot depend on the conscience of white people to do the right thing. We failed to heed the warning of Our martyr Malcolm X who said that it is useless for us to appeal to amerikkka's morals because it is morally bankrupt.

The question We should be asking is, after this country elected president a candidate that ran on a platform of racism, bigotry, sexism, lunacy and white supremacy do you feel comfortable knowing that the future of your children are in the hands of white amerikkka? If they elected him, what will they elect next?

The African revolutionary Amilcar Cabral developed the concept of oppressed people Returning to the Source of their culture in order to sustain themselves.

This means we must return to the traditions of resistance and values of Self Reliance, Self Defense & Self Determination. We do this by Organizing and Mobilizing workshops, community events, etc. Organizing is planting the seeds (educate). Mobilizing is harvesting the crop (the people).

Here are the themes we organize around:

- **Proportional Representation** ([www.newafrikan.org](http://www.newafrikan.org))
- **Mass Incarceration** ([hrcoalition.org](http://hrcoalition.org)),
- **Controlling the Police** ([www.operationghettostorm.com](http://www.operationghettostorm.com))
- **Community Self Reliance** ([www.cooperationjackson.org](http://www.cooperationjackson.org))
- **Self Defense** ([www.mxgm.org/let-your-mottobe-resistance](http://www.mxgm.org/let-your-mottobe-resistance)),
- **Self Determination** ([www.blackisbackcoalition.org](http://www.blackisbackcoalition.org)).

We have a rich history of resistance and struggle to draw from. We begin by Organizing and Mobilizing our People around it. The sooner begun, the sooner done!

**FREE THE LAND!!!**

**Robert Saleem Holbrook, NAIP Member**



## CALL FOR WRITERS, CORRESPONDENTS, POETS, PHOTOGRAPHERS



'The New Afrikan Panther' is calling on

all members and supporters with talent, skills and interest to help us build and develop our newsletter.

If you consider yourself an **essayist**, someone who has a perspective you are willing to share with the public: a **correspondent** who is willing to report on news events and happenings in your city, county and/or state: a **photographer or videographer** who enjoys capturing the moments digitally—we are calling on you!

All submissions may be subject to some type of editing and become the property of 'New Afrikan Panther', unless otherwise noted.

In order to be considered and entered into the following month's edition, please submit your items by the 25th of the month.

Send your essays, stories, poetry, photos and videos to:

[newafrikanpanther@newafrikan.org](mailto:newafrikanpanther@newafrikan.org)

## NATIONAL MOBILIZATION AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

As we pursue the ideal goal of 'Community-Control of the Police', the National Mobilization Against Police Brutality & the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) also propose the following interim reforms:

1. **Mandatory cultural sensitivity training for all new and veteran police officers.**
2. **Intense psychological evaluations for all officers, especially those returning from military service.**
3. **Legislation creating a National Civilian-Police Review Board.**
4. **Universal drug-testing for any police officer who discharges his/her weapon while in the performance of duty.**
5. **Mandatory reporting for all stop, frisk, arrest and/or civilian confrontations.**
6. **Mandatory body-cameras for all police officers.**
7. **Mandatory dash-board cameras for all police vehicles, including transport vans.**
8. **We advocate & support local legislation which prohibits local police from acting as immigration enforcement officers.**
9. **We advocate & support legislation which guarantees full & public disclosure of any police officers prior employment history, including complaints and disciplinary actions resulting from all allegations and/or findings of police misconduct.**

No one, not even police officers and/or members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) should be exempt from accountability and prosecution regarding criminal misconduct.

Sincerely,

National Mobilization Against Police Brutality and the FOP

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All Power To The People!

THE TIME IS NOW:

During the last fifty years, the Democrat and Republican parties have failed to address and remedy the systemic and structural inequalities that impact the lives of Black/New Afrikan people. Both the Democratic and Republican leadership avoid and/or marginalize serious national discussion regarding dismantling White supremacy, institutional racism and the plight of Blacks/New Afrikans, especially the urban poor and working class.

The **New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP)** is committed to the pursuit of social justice, human rights and self/group determination for Black/New Afrikan people. We call for a revolutionary and radical reconstruction of the economic, political and social structures and institutions that impact our lives.

The **NAIP** will embrace the best ideals, ideas and practices of the Civil Rights, Black Power, Black Liberation, Pan-Africanist and other movements for independence and self/group determination.

The **NAIP** will also embrace the best ideals and practices of contemporary activists, organizers and movements for social change and radical reconstruction.

## MAJOR INFLUENCES

- Marcus Garvey
- Malcolm X
- SNCC
- BLACK PANTHER PARTY
- REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA



# UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**HEALTHY VILLAGE LEARNING INSTITUTE**

**2998 BOYD STREET**

**McKEESPORT, PA 15132**

## **NEW AFRIKAN/BLACK UNITY & SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE (NABUS) 2017**



### **'REPARATIONS AND BLACK SELF-DETERMINATION'**



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## FREEDOM GARDEN

### Peace, LOVE, and Joy!

More color comes to the Earth as the cycle of spring appears. New, lighter small blades of green grass arise amongst the once dormant taller thicker darker blades; colorful male birds begin to fly around the area, looking for the females. And instead of hearing the howl of the winter wind, we now wake up to the birds' communication that us humans call singing. Buds with their various hues of green peak from the knots of the browns branches. Yellow, pink, white flowers emit from trees and bushes. Scents of the early spring flowers birth in spring and although it snows in spring making some days very cold, the Earth is soft enough to have the fragrant, colorful spring flowers penetrate and stretch to the sun.

Also, herbs start their debut. Dandelion, a herb --not a weed -- is out now and needs to be harvested. Pick the flowers and steep for ten minutes, remove the flowers and drink the tea. Pick the leaves and make greens. Pull, dig out the long, thick stubborn roots and steep into a tea as well. This bitter root tea is great to cleanse the liver. I also heard that the flowers can be made into a wine.

There is much joy in gardening and some hard work will give you great results. The journey in gardening brings much joy when you see, fairly quickly, the toils of your labor.

Gardening can be as costly or as frugal as you want it to be. The most economical method is to use kitchen scraps and place them in a jar filled with water and place on a window sill. We already do this with potatoes, onions, and some seeds. You can go to the next step and take the scraps and place them in a pot (terra cotta clay pot - not painted [so it can breathe]) of growing soil, sit them in the sun and water every other day, if the rain chooses not to visit. The butt of celery, the slice of a tomato, the head of carrot, root of ginger, seed of bean sprouts, and stock of lettuce are just a few to name that will regenerate and grow.

The next step is to volunteer with a seasoned gardener in a community setting or a grass roots organization setting. Taking instruction and asking questions is a great way to learn quickly about gardening -- without the costly and time consuming mistakes.

Another step to gardening is to start your own garden in the Earth. If you are a beginner, it is best to research. The area you choose is important. Is it shady, sunny, or a bit of both during the day? What kind of

## POLITICAL EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Political Education and Community-Organizing classes are **mandatory for all NAIP members.**

Contact us if you would like to set up a Political Education and Community Organizing class in your area.

Currently we meet every Saturday from 11am-1pm in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area.

The NAIP provides over 10 modules which include the following:

- The Philosophy and Platform of

the NAIP

- White Settler Nation: the Political Economy of the United States
- Electoral Politics and Black/New Afrikan Liberation
- Malcolm X to George Jackson

We also facilitate sessions on:

- Organizing to Stop Police Brutality & Terror
- The Impact of Mass Incarceration

### POLITICAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING SESSIONS

EVERY SATURDAY: (11am-1pm)  
@FREEDOM UNLIMITED  
2201 WYLIE AVE, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15219

- TOPICS INCLUDE:**
- ORGANIZING TO STOP POLICE BRUTALITY & TERROR
  - THE PHILOSOPHY AND PLATFORM OF THE NEW AFRIKAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY
  - ELECTORAL POLITICS AND BLACK/NEW AFRIKAN LIBERATION
  - FROM SLAVE REVOLTS TO THE ANTI-LYNCHING MOVEMENT

FOR QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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"ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE"

## LETTER TO PA ATTORNEY GENERAL JOSH SHAPIRO REGARDING POLICE MISCONDUCT

Mr. Shapiro:

The National Mobilization Against Police Brutality and the FOP is a grassroots organization the mission of which is to monitor aggressive and violent actions by police upon communities of color and other vulnerable populations as well as seeking to counteract undue political influence by the Fraternal Order of Police and similar associations.

In 2015 our group staged a rally and march to protest the 100th anniversary convention of the FOP which was held in Pittsburgh and opened a year to the day after Michael Brown was killed in Ferguson, Missouri. We are very much outraged at the frequent killings of unarmed blacks by police and by the tendency either of local district attorneys not to prosecute or of the almost automatic tendency of local juries to acquit police in those rare instances when the DAs do bring police malfeasance to trial.

However, over the past eight years, when local authorities failed to do their duty, the US Department of Justice served as a "last resort" by investigating individual cases for civil rights violations and prosecuting when it believed that there was sufficient evidence to warrant it. But with the election of Donald Trump as president and with his appointment of Jeff Sessions as US

Attorney General, this "last resort" has come to an end.

AG Session's attitude toward curbing police misbehavior is clearly reflected in a recent Tweet which declares: "Stop handcuffing cops instead of criminals". And his recent promise to review all existing and contemplated police consent decrees is surely not to determine if they can be made stronger. This mentality, along with the ubiquitous "dog-whistle" racism in Donald Trump's presidential campaign, will certainly lead many rogue cops to believe that they can maim and even kill minority persons with impunity.

That is why we urge you, Mr. Shapiro, in the strongest possible way to commit yourself and your office to investigating all questionable police killings in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania when it is clear that local authorities or local juries have dropped the ball. We believe that you have the power to do this under Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution which states that "[a]ll men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent and indefeasible rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty" and Section 26 which states that "[n]either the Commonwealth nor any political subdivision thereof should deny to any person the enjoyment of any civil rights." If officeholders at the federal level choose to look the other way, then it is incumbent upon state officeholders to pick up the slack.

There are lives at stake here, Mr. Shapiro. And the peace in our communities is also at stake, for injustice unaddressed can so easily provoke civil strife.

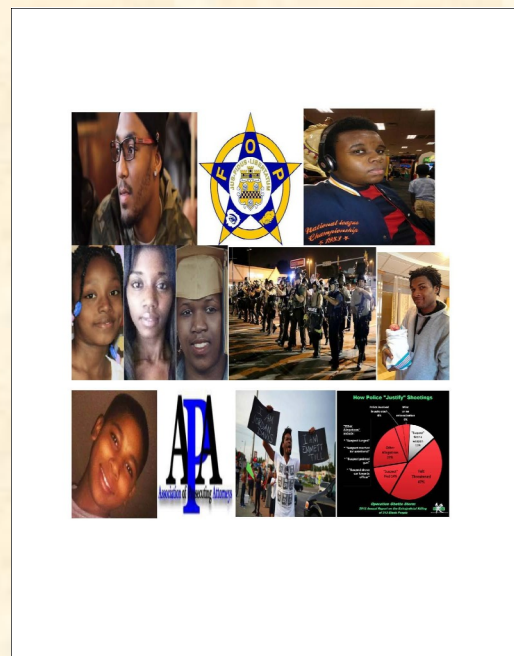
We would appreciate a response to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Khalid Raheem

Convener

National Mobilization Against Police Brutality/FOP





## **SHORT-TERM POLITICAL VICTORIES: LONG-TERM POLITICAL ENSLAVEMENT...**

During the last few weeks there have been many Democratic Party primary elections held featuring both prominent veterans and new-comers to electoral politics. There certainly will be more primaries held in several states over the next few months as the process advances toward the general elections of November 2017.

Some of these primaries, held in districts dominated by the Democratic Party, also have significant populations of Blacks/New Afrikans as well. As such, the general assumption is that whoever wins the democratic primary is the de-facto victor in the general election.

Within the circles of Black/New Afrikan, radical, progressive and leftist politics, no recent primary has received more attention, scrutiny and general support than that of Chokwe Antar Lumumba in his quest to become mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.

Chokwe Antar is the son of the late Chokwe Lumumba, a long-time human rights and revolutionary activist/attorney, himself a former city councilman and mayor of Jackson.

To the credit of his campaign organizers, supporters and the legacy of grassroots advocacy and organizing through formations such as the New Afrikan Peoples Organization, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and Cooperation Jackson, Chokwe Antar Lumumba won the Democratic mayoral primary on May 2, 2017 and appears to be on his way to becoming the next mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.

And while we commend and congratulate Brother Chokwe Antar Lumumba for his decisive primary victory, there remain some very important strategic issues concerning the quest for Black/New Afrikan freedom and self-determination.

A central issue however continues to be the need to develop a truly independent political vehicle, i.e. political party in Jackson and the surrounding cities, counties and states.

Why has this not happened? And, why is there continued dependence and reliance on the traditional Democratic Party machine and mechanism in areas that are predominantly Black/New Afrikan?

The democratic party is a political party of racism, capitalist exploitation, imperialism and war.

Throughout the United States, in countless cities, the dominant political party directly overseeing the deluge of Black poverty, unemployment, crime, police brutality and terror, closed schools, mass incarceration and gentrification has been the Democratic Party.

We can do better and chart a new course on developing and sustaining genuinely independent Black/New Afrikan political institutions.

Jackson, Mississippi is over eighty percent (80%) Black. We must challenge the stranglehold and hegemony of the democratic party over the Black/New Afrikan community. It is time to leave the political plantation of the Democratic Party and free the land.

All Power to The People!

Free The Land!

Khalid Raheem, Chairman & Founder, NAIP

**(Freedom Garden, continued from page 6)**

soil is present? Dirt or sand? Is it near a street? A pedestrian area? Littered? A house used to be on top? Ever been used for gardening before? What kind of animals stroll by? These factors are important due to the fact that the soil will need to be tested, not only for a balance chemical composition, but also for lead.

Tools can be costly and the right tool is needed. Most tools (especially the larger and/or costly ones) can be rented from a home improvement business or borrowed from a garden resource center if one is available.

How and where are the purchased tools going stored? Natural pesticide may be needed, plotting the garden for maximum use based on soil testing results, sun/shade, and what plant will be a good neighbor to the other, are factors needed for calculation. However, as a more seasoned than I gardener told me once "all you need is a fork and some dirt!"

All this sounds good, but not interested? Not your cup of tea? Plant a seed in another way. Buy a tomato plant (cheap and easy to grow) some baker's string or tie-offs like those used for garbage bags, a sturdy stick (from out back) or a wooden stick, and give away as a gift to an Elder or a family that has children or to members in your immediate family or your community family. Your office coworkers may also enjoy a plant as well as your place of worship or other places you are involved. Never know where the seed of gardening will settle and grow!

**Free The Land!**

**Feed The People!**

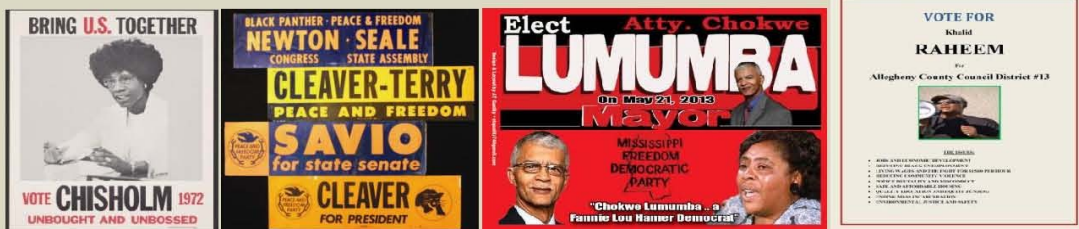
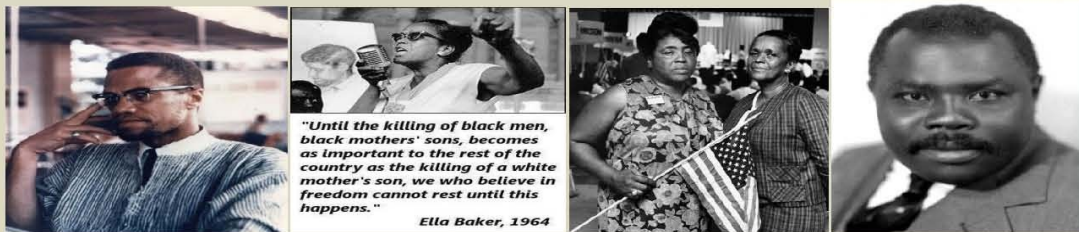
**Lisa Quinn**

**Project Director, 'Freedom Garden'**



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- Voter Registration and Voter Protection
- Proportional Political Representation
- Open Primaries
- Easier and Fair Ballot Access



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## New Afrikan Independence Party

### **Basic requirements for NAIP candidates seeking public office**

*In order to run for any public office as a member of and/or ballot line of the New Afrikan Independence Party, the following requirements must be met:*

1. You must be an organizational member of the New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP) in good standing. Your completed membership application must be on file with our national office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
2. You must be registered with your local board of elections as a member of the New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP).
3. You must have been an active Party member for at least six (6) months prior to your candidacy. Active party members are those who attend and participate in **Political Education and Community Organizing** classes, attend NAIP-sponsored events and actively support NAIP projects and programs.
4. You must demonstrate a basic understanding of the '**Philosophy and Platform of the New Afrikan Independence Party**'.
5. Your campaign must be supported by your local chapter and leadership.

**All Power To The People!**

**Khalid Raheem**

**Chairman & Founder**

**January 16, 2017**



New Afrikan Independence Party

## **MEMBERSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1. Listen attentively to the people. There is no change without them.**
- 2. Be courteous and respectful, especially to the youth and elders.**
- 3. Protect and defend one another and your communities.**
- 4. Don't make promises that you can't keep. Your word is bond.**
- 5. Be honest. Do not lie, cheat or steal from the people.**
- 6. Party members must study and learn the NAIP philosophy and platform.**
- 7. Depending on their schedule and availability, all Party members must participate in Political Education (P.E) and Community Organizing (C.O.) classes.**
- 8. Learn and practice 'criticism/self-criticism'.**
- 9. Follow your national and local leadership. Focus on principle, not personality.**
- 10. Do not use drugs, alcohol and/or intoxicants while representing the NAIP or doing Party work.**
- 11. Work hard to get things done. Talk is cheap.**
- 12. Develop and maintain a moral compass in all that you do.**

National Executive Committee

January 7, 2017

## OUR NATIONAL PLATFORM:



- 1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our New Afrikan/Black Community.**
- 2. We want the complete dismantling and abolition of White-supremacy.**
- 3. We want Reparations for Slavery, State Sanctioned Terrorism and Jim Crow.**
- 4. We want Freedom for all Political Prisoners.**
- 5. We want Proportional Political and Judicial Representation.**
- 6. We want adoption and implementation of a King-Malcolm-Chavez Plan for jobs and economic development.**
- 7. We want an end to the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration.**
- 8. We want General Amnesty for the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted.**
- 9. We want reform and restructuring of the educational system.**
- 10. We want a National Civilian-Police Review Board & Community Control of the Police.**
- 11. We want free universal health care.**
- 12. We want clean air, clean water and healthy food for all.**
- 13. We want safe and affordable housing.**
- 14. We want universal debt relief for those making less than \$250,000 per year.**
- 15. We want land, food, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And, as our major political objective, a United Nations supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the New Afrikan/Black colony in which only New Afrikans/Black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of Black people as to their national destiny.**

Khalid Raheem, Founder

February 21, 2012