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St. Louis Reparations Commission recommends grants and policy reforms in final report

The St. Louis Reparations Commission released its final report Tuesday outlining the deep history of chattel slavery and systemic discrimination in St. Louis and how its continued impact on Black residents has created disparities in housing, education, health care, policing and employment. [...]

The eight-member volunteer commission held 27 public meetings from April 2023 through September 2024 in which local experts and scholars shared information on various topics including redlining, environmental harms, health disparities, policing and demolished Black communities in St. Louis. Black residents were allowed to provide testimonies of lived racist experiences and comment on how they would like the city to atone¹ for years of injustice.

From those testimonies, members gathered nearly 40 themes including the destruction of public housing, vacancy issues, financial literacy, medical racism,

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access to free mental health care, disparities in lending mortgage loans², zero-interest loans, cash payments and police violence. They grouped these issues into five core³ areas to shape the report's historical analysis of racial discrimination and to provide a framework for racial justice.

The commission based the report on the reparations framework of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. It defines reparations as a process of healing, repairing and restoring people who were injured because of their group identity and violations of their fundamental human rights by the government or corporations.

"We believe this report marks the beginning of a new chapter for St. Louis – one rooted in equity, accountability and a shared commitment to healing," said commission Chair Kayla Reed and Vice Chair Will Ross in the report.

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² prêts immobiliers

³ central