

# Collaboration & Community Engagement

August 16, 2022



# AGENDA

1.

**Welcome and  
Engagement**

2.

**Reflections**

Article Thoughts

Collaboratives vs. Collectives

3.

**Building Black  
Houston**

Model Sharing

# Engagement Activity

Adapted from Erin McClarty

Think of times when you as a Black leader felt most affirmed. Where you felt like you and your Blackness most belonged. Take a few moments to identify what created this feeling.

# MEETING Goals



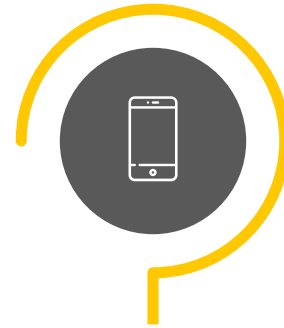
## Your Roles

What roles do we need today?



## Your ideas

Goals Should Be Addressed



## Our Ideas

Agreement on Goals

# Engaging Your Community

**Coordination**



**Cooperation**

**Collaboration**

**Partnership**

What does Black Centered Collaboration look like for us by us?

# What Could It Look Like

“Community Change and the Black Freedom Collective recognize that our destinies are intertwined; therefore, our work must be collective. We are united in a demand for significant and long-term investment in building organizing infrastructure that is led by Black people.”

<https://communitychange.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CC-Reinvestment-Case-for-Support-single.pdf>

The BLC collaborates with more than 70 Central Texas leaders representing grassroots community members, nonprofit leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, activists, educators, policymakers, and young professionals.

<https://www.blackleaderscollectiveatx.com/about>

# Recommendations

Define rules of engagement for collaboration and community engagement

With a focus where the result is trust building among organizations and community members.

Leverage collaborative efforts as Black-led organizations to have a broader impact on the communities.

Seek capacity building support for engagement

# Recommendations (August and Sept.)

Redefine the rules of engagement centered around Black Leaders by Black Leaders

Distinguish levels of engagement (Engagement with and for Black Leaders and Engagement centered around community)

Share the clear call to action of Black Leaders needing Black led initiatives in unlearning to relearn.

Create a framework to build:

- Community

- Sustainability

- Collective Impact

- Communal Healing

Develop a continuum of engagement that goes from

- Community Engagement to Collaboration to Collective Change

Create spaces within existing models to support the unique needs of Black leaders.





# Next Steps

## Next Meeting

A Calendar invite  
will be provided

Sept  
8

## Unwavering

The Power of Black  
Innovation

Aug 31  
6pm

# THANKS

**Do you have any questions?**

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