Youth Community Action Program

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Amend The 13th Movement

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We propose the adoption and implementation of the “Youth Community Action Program” as a model for both developing and empowering our young sisters and brothers in the hoods, projects, barrios, rural towns, suburbs and trailer parks where our communities are situated. The Youth Community Action Program (YCAP) is both an educational/training program and a co-operative economic nonprofit initiative which targets underclass youth and neighborhoods employing volunteers from the youth’s own community and family to work in concert with YCAP activists in a two phase development initiative.

**Phase I** - Involves a five times a week, 2-½ hour (after school) educational and training initiative that focuses on history (from the true perspective, think: Zinn, Diop, and DelaValle); cultural awareness to retard racial conflicts and strife between oppressed nationalities and citizens stemming from stereotypes and misconceptions of Asian, New Afrikan, Mexican/Latino, Euro-American, and Middle Eastern (etc.) cultures; computer- and technological literacy, the arts (visual, music, dance, etc.) and science/engineering; three out of every five days a week the final hour will be devoted to martial arts, self-defense training and strategic thought (to promote self-discipline and critical thinking). Participants **must** comply with participation in Phase I to be eligible for Phase II inclusion.

**Phase II** - Involves establishing a collectively-owned community-based venture which each youth participant will own an equal stake in and be trained in the area of the venture which best suits them. All will receive equal revenue portions/pay (collective work and responsibility, equalitarian distribution of wealth).

**Example**
Perhaps one of the more enjoyable commonalities shared by many cultural groups is a fondness for the ‘custom-car cultures.’ Building on the intra-cultural commonality, this pilot venture can be a custom-car garage (think “pimp my ride”) where we can seek in-kind donations of equipment and old cars (all tax-deductible), cash donations and fundraiser revenues to fund the rest. Volunteers from this industry will train such youngsters in exchange for marketing publicity for their own ventures while we also seek industry-related sponsors. The cars will be retrofitted, rebuilt and “pimped out” into custom low riders, donks, and euro-tuners and then put on the lot for sale and website auction. The proceeds
from each sale or client “fix-up” will be split equally among the youth (50% of the profit), 20% will go to expand the nonprofit initiative, 20% will go to a college fund for them all, and 10% will flow back into expanding the venture. We, in this manner, provide them with an economic incentive to be indoctrinated into collective practices and progressive activism, bring the community closer to one another, and introduce a new source of revenue into the underclass community where that chapter of YCAP is based.

The positive social impact on our communities for our people who live in these communities should be significant.

**Background and link to the Prison-Industrial Slave Complex**

On August 12, 2012 the Pelican Bay D-Short Corridor Collective issued the historic Agreement to End Hostilities (A.E.H.) in all prisons and juvenile facilities and called for its extension to our communities. The strategic and material benefits for our ongoing human rights struggle, for thousands of prisoners and their families is obvious.

What may be less obvious is the unprecedented opportunity for social progress and community development represented by the A.E.H.; and more precisely why its popularization in the communities from which prisoners hail, and all similarly affected communities nationally, is so vital.

The potential benefit to our interests collectively is equally as vital as the abolition of domestic torture units and mass incarceration as a whole, and in fact, may serve as a new front in that struggle.
The “Amend the 13th: Abolish “Legal” Slavery in Amerika Movement” is an all-inclusive, coalition-based national campaign and community-based organizing effort which is determined to remove the legal and social basis for the dehumanization of those subject to the judicial machinery of the United States, and finally abolish slavery in Amerika once and for all.

The Movement has three basic aims:

1) To amend the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to remove its “legal” slavery provision for all persons; including those found guilty and sentenced for a felony offense.

2) To abolish and/or repeal all “Civil Death” laws and social containment statutes which do not afford Prisoners, x-offenders and their communities full human, political, economic and participatory rights in social life in Amerika that derive their power from the 13th Amendment.

3) To develop and implement autonomous community-based economic, political and social infrastructure capable of eliminating, mitigating or diminishing the negative impact of mass incarceration, criminalization and “legal” slavery in our communities.

We are a growing coalition in California, determined to make a positive difference with each other. We cooperate with CA Prison Focus and the New Abolitionist Movement. We have plans, programs for sustainability, circular economies, empowering ourselves and each other with valuable knowledge on - for instance math and science, and many other ideas, dreams and projected plans. Together we can achieve so much!

Please join us in our efforts to have slavery abolished for everyone, and at the same time build a society in which our communities are resilient, thriving, a place for everyone to feel at home in.

You can join us: Contact us via our social media, write us, or fill in our form online:
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