

## Summit for Civil Rights • Thursday • May 2

Thursday Afternoon, May 2 - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

### Opening Remarks

### Why Race and Place Matter

American progressive are excited about the prospects of a forward-looking agenda and a political movement to combat economic inequality, climate change and array of critical social issues in the coming years.

Speakers and panelists will make the case that ignoring America's enduring racial divide by place, power and opportunity will stymie a progressive agenda and undermine the multiracial solidarity needed to advance such a movement.

- **Why Race and Place Matter I**
  - Presentation and panel discussion on American electoral politics 6 months after the midterms and 18 months before presidential: *new electoral data will be presented for this presentation and panel*
    - What have we learned from the last two national elections a about:
      - Class, race, and place?
      - Role of cities and suburbs?
      - The role of minority and black voters?
    - How does this inform how we think about a civil rights policy agenda?
- **Why Race and Place Matter II**
  - Presentation and panel discussion on the state of racial segregation in America today - and why it still matters.
- **Keynote**
  - The case for going Big and Bold – Rev. Cornell Brooks, Harvard Kennedy School, immediate past CEO of NAACP

## Summit for Civil Rights • Thursday Evening • May 2

Reception - 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### Opening the Vault of Opportunity

Participants will have the opportunity to join us in celebrating the civil rights contributions of Congressman Jim Clyburn • *and* in honoring civil rights women in leadership and power. Special guest speaker, award-winning Ella Baker Biographer, Barbara Ransby, along with Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee and Bonnie Watson Coleman will help us pay tribute to and recognize the power of civil rights women of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

# Summit for Civil Rights • Friday • May 3

Friday, Morning May 3 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## What's Working - Report from the Field

Drawing from our civil rights past, participants at the last Summit for Civil Rights called for a three-pronged approach employing litigation, organizing and legislation to advance policies to reduce racial and economic disparities in schools, housing, and opportunity.

Litigators, organizers, and local leaders in a number of states have been advancing campaigns that include these three elements.

- **Morning Keynote** – Attorney General Keith Ellison
- **What's Working Report from the Field I**
  - Speaker/s build on last night's talk about the need and political opportunity to combat segregation.
- **What's Working Report from the Field II**
  - Panelists will describe campaigns in New Jersey and Minnesota to desegregate the public schools.

Friday, Afternoon, May 3 - 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

## Turning the Progressive Agenda into a Civil Rights Cause

The new majority in Congress, the 2020 presidential candidates and advocacy groups are proposing legislation and advancing policy proposals to move our country in a positive direction to combat economic inequality, climate change, and promote education and jobs.

But what has our experience and our history revealed to us about a taking a “race neutral” approach to these issues? Will progressive programs and policies engage and mobilize a multiracial constituency - including African American voters? Will they meaningfully attack inequality and address the structural disparities in wealth and power created by Jim Crow and modern segregation?

- **Turning the Progressive Agenda into a Civil Rights Cause** – Congressman Frank Pallone Chairman of Energy and Commerce.
  - Building a Progressive Agenda that unites and mobilizes.
- **Break - Lunch and Group Discussion**
- **Turning the Progressive Agenda into a Civil Rights Cause**
  - Group I           Jobs and Environment
  - Group II          Housing and School
  - Group III         Healthcare and Poverty
- **Report back**
- **Next Steps (Actions)**
- **Closing Keynote**                   Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO