

**Seeking Informal Historians and Community Elders to participate in the African American/Black Experience Oral History Project**

Dear Community Stakeholders and Project Partners:

We are seeking fifteen Black community elders and informal historians to participate in the oral history component of the African American/Black Experience project. **If you know anybody who would be willing to participate in this component of the project, please nominate them by sending name, contact information, and a brief description of their role in the community to historic preservation staff so we can discuss the project with them in greater detail.**

Oral History participants should be over 65-years old and have lived in Sacramento for most of their lives. Subjects should be willing to meet no more than three times with history graduate students from Sacramento State University to be interviewed about their recollections about the black experience in Sacramento. Interviews typically last 1-2 hours. Transcripts and audio of interviews will be housed at research institutions, libraries, and churches throughout the community. Participants must agree to make their transcripts and recordings available for future researchers and the public.

This project is a collaboration between the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the City of Sacramento Community Development Department, Sacramento State University, and a number of project partners throughout the community. In addition to the oral history project, the project also includes developing a thematic historic context and a historic resources survey to identify significant people, cultural history, and places associated with the African American/Black experience in Sacramento from the city's early history through the recent past (approximately 1980).

Please send your nominations to Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, at [sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org) or by calling 916-808-2796. Please include the name, email, and phone number for all nominees.

We need your help to make this project a success!

Sincerely,



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