

Maryland's Rare Treasure: Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture by Janice Temple

I am Janice Temple, a grandmother of 6 and mother of 4. I am a Cannabis user who has utilized the plant off and on since age 15 years old. I am now a senior citizen who will be turning 65 years old this year. I have lived in France, Belgium, Venezuela, Argentina, Turkey and Mexico. My ex-husband was an international basketball player so I have smoked cannabis in those countries. He used the plant for rest and recovery for his two a day basketball practices. We met in Paris, France and traveled while raising our family for 7 years. I have visited about 30 countries. I have lived in Maryland and Washington DC for the past 6 years. I currently live in Silver Spring, Maryland in District 14. I am a transplant from Chicago (Southside) who received her B.A. from Loyola University Chicago in French Language & Culture, Home Economics : Fashion Merchandising and Business Administration. I am also a former flight attendant, travel writer and black history tour operator and social media influencer.

The [Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture](#) is committed to discovering, documenting, preserving, collecting, and promoting Maryland's African American heritage.

The Commission also provides technical assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives. Through the

accomplishment of this mission, the MCAAHC seeks to educate Maryland citizens and visitors to our state about the significance of the African American experience in Maryland.

What does the Maryland Commission on African and History and Culture have to do with Cannabis Reform?

Everything. There can be no reform without the history of the African American people who built the industry.

The youth of today are violent because they are lost and have no hope. They can not see past next week or the summertime when they live large to die. They don't care about themselves or others because no cares about them. I experienced my only son who was raised in a 2 parent household join the gangs of the Southside of Chicago. We had many conversations about the youth and Chicago violence. They reason the young people live to wear Jordan's, designer clothes, drive nice cars at any cost. Through prayer and God's grace he has been redeemed His marijuana record expunged. He knows who he is now. He has a family and a career.

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Youth are lost when they don't know their peoples. Martin Luther King III recently visited Maryland at Coppin State University and spoke on panel at [Equity, Representation, Opportunities for Cannabis Workers](#).



This is the reason that the Governor of Florida is banning Black History Books so that African American youth and adults in Florida remain lost in mental slavery.

The youth of Maryland need buses and chaperones to take them to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Museum National Park as well as the Frederick Douglass Trail.

Social Equity Funds should be utilized to enlighten the youth of Maryland to end the violence. They need hope. Funds should be directed to the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture to transport them to the Maryland Black History Sites.

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Maryland should be the blueprint for every state to create a Commission on African American History and Culture. There should also be a National Commission on

African American History and Culture.

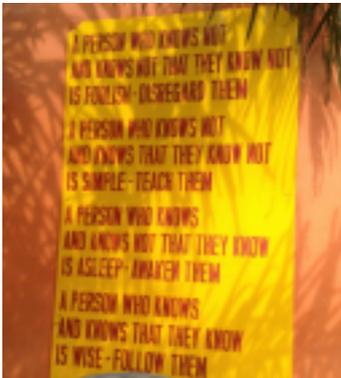
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THEY KNOW NOT IS FOOLISH-DISREGARD THEM

A PERSON WHO KNOWS NOT AND KNOWS THAT
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IS SIMPLE-TEACH THEM

A PERSON WHO KNOWS AND KNOWS NOT THAT
THEY KNOW IS ASLEEP-AWAKEN THEM

A PERSON WHO KNOWS AND KNOWS THAT THEY
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