Thank you for joining!
We will begin shortly

LANSING PEOPLES ASSEMBLY

GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE

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The Lansing People’s Assembly is part of the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation process of Metro Lansing.

Learn more at [www.TRHTLansing.org](http://www.TRHTLansing.org)
What is a People’s Assembly?

- Ongoing process and dedicated space
- Community-driven co-governance
- Democratize data and make information accessible
- Center those directly impacted
- Build our vision and priorities together
- Hold ourselves and elected officials accountable
- Taking action and delivering results
Beloved Community:

1. The conditions that create crime and violence are no longer present.
2. Outcomes can no longer be predicted by race.
3. Racial hierarchy is no longer the norm.
4. Everyone feels welcome.
5. Everyone feels safe.
Local Data - Overview

Lansing Population

Lansing School District Composition
Local Data - Education

Lansing School District Composition

Gifted & Talented Composition

Suspension & Expulsion

For every 2 School Resource Officers in an average Michigan school district

Lansing Public School District has 5
“I go past the place now and nothing is the same... the house is gone, and the weeping willows are gone... that's one of the things that hurt, they tore down everything.”  
Lonnie Johnson

Lansing State Journal
Lansing’s Black residents are

**35%** less likely to be homeowners than white residents

Lansing’s Black residents are

**70%** more likely to be unemployed than white residents
For every $1.00 its white residents earn...

Lansing’s Black residents earn 62¢
The life expectancy of Black residents is fewer than white residents in Lansing-EL metro area by 4 years. Black infants are 2x more likely to die before their first birthday compared to white infants in Ingham County.
Black residents have been **37.5%** more likely to contract COVID-19 compared to white residents in Ingham County.

This accounts for about **400 more infections** and **12 more deaths** based on ICHD infection rates and national average mortality rates.

*Who gets prioritized in a crisis?*

*Blue Monday by Annie Lee*
In order to address unmet needs, most providers (70.4%) referred their patients to community mental health services. Over half of providers referred their patients to either home care or hospice services.

- Community mental health services: 70.4%
- Home care and/or hospice services: 55.6%
- Public health services: 40.7%
- Substance abuse treatment services: 37.0%
- Community health clinics: 29.6%
- Food bank/pantry: 29.6%
- MI Dept. of Health Human Services (MDHHS): 25.9%
- Community organizations (i.e. Salvation Army): 18.5%
- Intermediate school district services: 18.5%
- Community health workers (CHWs): 14.8%
- Domestic abuse services and resources: 14.8%
- Other: 14.8%
- Women’s resource center: 11.1%
- Religious organizations: 7.4%
- Resident clinic: 7.4%
- I do not refer patients to community resources: 3.7%
- Police department: 3.7%

Note: Answer options that were not selected are not displayed.
Our Priorities

1. Defund the police and invest the money in community organizations.
2. Ensure livable wages for all to meet basic needs without worry.
3. Divert funds to community programs and mental health help (preventative measures).

Community Safety
FY21 Adopted Budget - City of Lansing

- City supported agencies: 0%
- Internal audit: 0%
- Media venter: 0%
- Council: 0%
- Neighborhood & citizen engagement: 1%
- Mayor's office: 1%
- Clerk's office: 1%
- Human services: 1%
- Human relations & community service: 1%
- Assessing: 1%
- Finance/operations: 2%
- Treasury: 2%
- Human resources: 2%
- Attorney's office: 2%
- Non-departmental: 2%
- Economic development & planning: 4%
- Courts: 5%
- Parks & recreation: 6%
- Public service: 9%
- Fire: 27%
- Police: 34%

2021 Lansing City Budget
This visionary bill divests our taxpayer dollars from brutal and discriminatory policing and invests in a **new vision of public safety**—a vision that answers the call to defund the police and allows all communities to finally BREATHE free.

We are rising up against all the ways that the criminal-legal system has harmed and failed to protect Black communities. The moment requires a solution that fundamentally shifts how we envision **community-care** and **invest in our society**. History is clear that we cannot achieve genuine safety and liberation until we abandon police, prisons, and all punishment paradigms.
1. **DeFund the Police** - Divest federal resources from incarceration and policing

2. **True Community Safety** - Invest in new non-punitive, non-carceral approaches to community safety that lead states to shrink their criminal legal systems and center the protection of Black lives, including Black Mothers, Black trans people and Black Women

3. **Meaningful Investment in People** - Allocate new money to invest in healthy, sustainable, and equitable communities

4. **Holding Official Accountable** - Holding political leaders to their promises and enhance the self-determination of all Black communities
Section 1 of the BREATHE Act bill will:

- Repeal major programs and agencies that are currently funding state and local criminal-legal systems
- Recommend ways to shrink military spending
- Make policy changes across areas of policing, pretrial detention, bail and indigent defense

Section 2 of the BREATHE Act bill will:

- Create a Community Public Safety agency that will conduct research on alternatives to policing
- Provide grants that encourage state and local governments to shrink criminal-legal systems and police budgets
Section 3 of the BREATHE Act bill will:

- Create funds so that our tax dollars support programs to directly build:
  - Education justice
  - Housing justice
  - Health and family justice
  - Environmental and climate justice
  - Economic justice
  for our communities

Section 4 of the BREATHE Act bill will:

- Incentivize states to end the voter suppression that has denied political empowerment to BIPOC communities
- Incentivize states to design decertification programs that not only decertify offending police officers, but entire police departments that have a pattern of misconduct
Michigan & Lansing BREATHE Act

- Rep. Sarah Anthony championing
- Federal version of the Act includes several hundreds of bills that need to be tackled and revised for Michigan
  - Some of the proposals have already passed through the Michigan Legislature, some are in progress, some are new concepts
- Will reflect the broad and specific scope of federal bill (police and criminal justice reform, health care, economic, educational, and other topics)
Community Agreements

As a member and/or a supporter of the Lansing community, I agree to make a conscious commitment to honor the following agreements:

1. **Respect.** Respect the rights of others to hold opinions and beliefs that differ from your own. When you disagree, challenge/critic the idea, not the person.
2. **Affect.** Practice intentional listening. Let your comments, request for clarification, critiques, etc., reflect that you have paid attention to the comments made by the person who spoke before you.
3. **Inclusion.** Take space, Make space. Be mindful of others. Share responsibly. If you have much to say, try to hold back a bit; if you are hesitant to speak, look for opportunities to contribute to the discussion.
4. **Grace.** Recognize that we are still learning. Be willing to change your perspective and make space for others to do the same.
5. **Sanctuary.** Create a safe space for sharing. Keep personal stories that people share, confidential.

Always be guided by and offer contributions that are rooted in, and come from our desire to improve our beloved community of Lansing.
Up for Election in 2021

- Mayor
- City Clerk
- Council Member At-Large (Two Positions)
- Second Ward Council Member
- Fourth Ward Council Member

All terms to expire 01/01/2026

Candidate Filing Deadline

Friday, April 30, 2021

Save the Dates

City Primary:
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

City General Election:
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Looking for ways to Take Action?

Visit the Liberation PAC Action Center to use your voice to support racial equity

https://LiberationPAC.quorum.us