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As an Oregonian, aware of the state's overtly and covertly racist policies, I am in support of a task force studying and developing proposals for ALL forms of reparations for Oregonians of African-American decent. I believe this task force is emblematic of a broad vision of restorative justice while identifying resources that create pathways for economic equity and generational transmission of wealth, which is what Black & African-Americans were actively prevented from accessing because of Oregon's racist policies that historically and currently directly benefited white residents. Restorative and reparation justice is not a zero sum outcome, when wealth is distributed equitably all citizens benefit, healthy communities beget healthy communities.