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Reparations are important in the only "free" state admitted to the union with Black exclusion laws in 1857 and racist language that wasn't removed from the state constitution until 2002. Unsurprisingly, only 2% of the Oregon population is Black. In the early 1970s, Portland's urban development agency destroyed the homes of 171 families to make room for a hospital expansion that never happened. It's time to make these (and many other) injustices right.