

ADVOCACY ALERT: ANTI-RACIST RESOURCES, NEW FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION, 2020 CENSUS

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Dance/NYC in collaboration with Dance/USA is urging members of the New York City metropolitan dance community to stay informed on anti-racist resources, federal and state legislation, reopening plans, and to complete the 2020 Census. Specifically:

Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed as a nation and city the palpable impacts that systemic racism has on the lives of Black and Indigenous people, peoples of color, immigrants, disabled and immunosuppressed people, LGBTQ+ people, and people living in low-income communities and poverty impacted by COVID-19. White supremacy continuously manifests itself in violence at the hands of law enforcement and in interpersonal interactions, our government's response to COVID-19, and our cultural institutions.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

Open Letter from Arts and Cultural Workers of NYC, Demanding the Defunding of the Police and Investment in BIPOC Communities.

SIGN ON |
ARTSWORKERSFORBLACKLIVES

Sign on to the Nonprofits' Open Letter to the City to Center Black and People of Color Led Organizations in Reallocating Policing Funds.

SIGN ON | NONPROFIT'S OPEN
LETTER

ANTI-RACIST RESOURCES

- Dance/NYC's has a full glossary and resource directory: [Dance.NYC/JEIdirectory](#).
- [Dismantling Racism Works Web Workbook](#)
- [White Supremacy Culture](#) by Tema Okun.
- [AWAKE to WOKE to WORK: Building a Race Equity Culture](#) by Equity in the Center
- [People's Institute for Survival and Beyond](#)
- [A List of Anti-Racist Resources](#) by Katie Couric.

FEDERAL UPDATES

- On June 5, 2020 the President signed [H.R. 7010 The Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act of 2020](#) which outlined the following changes to:

1. extend the PPP through 12/31/2020,
2. extend the rehire deadline until 12/31/2020,
3. expand the covered period for loan use from eight weeks to 24 weeks,
4. expand maturity from 2 years to 5 years for new loans and permit borrower and lender to mutually agree to later maturity.
5. Loan forgiveness provisions:
 - a. Eases rehire requirement based on inability to rehire former or similarly qualified employees, or inability to return to operations levels.
 - b. Revises the 75%/25% rule to 60%/40%.

On June 12, 2020, the Small Business Administration [released new rules implementing the provisions of the Act](#) With \$130 billion remaining in the Paycheck Protection Program, any potential applicant should note that the deadline to apply for a loan is June 30, 2020

- The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) released an updated publication on: [What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](#). The publication provides approaches employers may adopt as they plan for employees returning to the workplace.

- Advocate to get [H.R. 40: Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act](#) passed. The bill was introduced to the House in January 2019 and needs to be considered by committee before it can be sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.

WRITE OR CALL CONGRESS

STATE ACTION

- This week, the State legislature passed a number of policing and criminal justice reform bills yesterday, including:

- [A6411B/S6670B](#): The Eric Garner Anti-Chokehold Act.
 - [A10360A/S3253A](#): The Right to Monitor Act.
 - [A1531B/S8492](#): Civil Penalty for Biased Misuse of Emergency Services.
 - [A10609/S1830C](#): STAT Act, requiring court and police data collection.
 - [A2513/S3695](#): Repealing Section 50-a.
 - [A8674/S8493](#): State Troopers Required To Wear Body Cameras starting next April.
- Further, the legislature is expected to pass:
 - [A3056/S4076B](#): Duty To Provide Medical Attention - requiring law enforcement officers to provide medical and mental health attention to a person under arrest or in custody.
 - [A4615/S1137A](#): Racial Profiling - prohibiting police officers from using racial and ethnic profiling and require a procedure to review complaints against police for profiling. This bill passed the Assembly on Monday, and could possibly pass the Senate on Tuesday.
- Rent Relief: In late May, the State legislature passed:
 - [A10552/S8419](#): The Emergency Rent Relief Act which sets aside \$100 million for rental assistance for rent burdened tenants.
 - [A10290/ S8192](#): The Tenant Safe Harbor Act which extends evictions protections for residential tenants that have suffered financial hardship during the COVID-19 covered period.

CITY ACTION

- New York City began Phase I of reopening on June 8, 2020. The City has created a reopening resource guide for businesses.
- City Council Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations hearing Friday June 19, 2020.

SIGN UP TO TESTIFY OR SUBMIT WRITTEN
TESTIMONY

REQUEST YOUR NYC ABSENTEE BALLOT

- The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is June 16th.

ABSENTEE BALLOT
APPLICATION

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS

- Complete the 2020 Census: Stand strong with your fellow New Yorkers at this time: Billions are at stake.

FILL OUT THE CENSUS
TODAY

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Dance/NYC [Coronavirus Preparedness](#) Resources.
- Join the movement: [#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers](#).

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