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Racial Justice Platform

- ▶ **Economic Justice** – Address the racial wealth gap by:
 - Having a **federal jobs guarantee** for every American with good salaries through re-building infrastructure and providing critical services to communities
 - **Ending redlining** and lending discrimination, end the affordable housing crisis and create a path to wealth building through **home ownership**
 - Making substantial federal investments in **distressed communities of color** with high levels of poverty
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 - Ensure children in communities of color receive their right to a **quality K-12 education, with universal childcare**
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