

## JAZZMIN RANDALL COBBLE MAYOR

## Greetings!

It is a profound honor to join such esteemed leaders as we gather virtually to mark the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination and to reflect on his unfinished dream.

As we explore the theme, "Where Do We Go From Here? The Unfinished Dream," we must remember that Dr. King' vision for economic justice remains as urgent and relevant today as it was during his time. His Poor People's Campaign called us all to action, urging us to build an economy that serves everyone, particularly the most vulnerable in our society.

In this critical dialogue, we not only honor Dr. King's legacy but also have the privilege of shaping the future of inclusive economics. This moment is our opportunity to craft a new economic blueprint for America, one founded on the principles of equity, opportunity and the creation of wealth for all.

I am humbled to be a part of this important conversation, and I look forward to collaborating with all of you to forge a brighter, more inclusive future for generations to come.

When I imagine what an inclusive economy truly is, I envision a society where every individual, regardless of their background, is empowered with equal access to the opportunities and resources necessary to build a prosperous future. It is a system where race, gender and socioeconomic status no longer serve as barriers, but where fair wages, quality education and economic mobility are within reach for all. In this vision, the walls that have historically hindered underserved communities are dismantled, allowing everyone the chance to create lasting wealth and realize their full potential.

To achieve this, we must focus on the following:

- 1. Equitable Access to Education and Skills Training: Ensuring that all Americans, especially those from marginalized communities, have access to quality education and workforce development programs to prepare them for the future economy.
- 2. **Support for Small and Minority-Owned Businesses:** Increasing investment in diverse entrepreneurs and small businesses, especially in underserved areas, to foster innovation and economic growth at the local level.

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- 3. Fair Wages and Benefits: Advocating for policies that ensure all workers receive a fair wage for their labor and access to benefits like healthcare, paid leave and retirement benefits.
- 4. **Wealth-Building Initiatives:** Expanding access to financial literacy programs and tools that empower individuals and families to build savings, invest and create generational wealth.

As a Founding Delegate for this vital conversation, I am deeply honored to contribute to the work of bringing this vision to life. Together, we share both the opportunity and the responsibility to shape the future where an inclusive economy is not an aspiration, but a reality for all Americans.

Through thoughtful dialogue, decisive action and collective collaboration, we have the power to turn Dr. King's dream of economic justice into a living reality, ensuring that every individual has the chance to realize their fullest potential and contribute to a flourishing, inclusive economy.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jazzmin Cobble Mayor of Stonecrest

