

Sojourner Truth

LEGACY PROJECT VIRTUAL SUMMIT

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11 AM - 3 PM EST

Welcome to the Sojourner Truth Legacy Project Summit, Celebrating the Rise in Black Women leaders creating lasting community change.



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If the first woman God ever
made was strong enough to

*turn the world
upside down*

all alone these women together ought
to be able to turn it back and get it
right-side up again.

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 Sojourner Truth Legacy Project Summit. Join us as we celebrate the legacy of Sojourner Truth and countless women who have courageously changed the course of history.

For years, local and nationally renowned Black women leaders like Shirley Chisolm and Vice President Kamala Harris have forged pathways for their communities to enjoy protected rights and have greater access to achieve, regardless of race or socioeconomic status. They have served in the spirit of Sojourner Truth's courageous and visionary drive for freedom, justice, and equality, making an undeniable difference in the lives of their communities.

This year, the Sojourner Truth Legacy Project Summit is dedicated to honoring women leaders who have led community change and pushed the American agenda towards greater equality for Black and other people of color. Over the past two years, Black women have stepped up as medical leaders during the COVID-19 pandemic, consistently narrowed the wealth gap, fought for free and fair elections, and geared up to run for some of the nation's highest offices. Their leadership has not just been about their strength and perseverance, but about how consistently they show up and fight for the common good.

During this summit, you will have the opportunity to meet some of our nation's most influential and trusted voices. These thoughtful Black leaders lead the charge on conversations that have marginalized our community for far too long. These issues include targeted oppression, maternal and child health, unconscious bias, police brutality, equal pay, and violence against Black trans women, to name a few. At CBCF, we will continue to display our unwavering commitment to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion on Capitol Hill and in other policymaking offices while amplifying the voices of our next generation of leaders.

Thank you for participating. I encourage you to stay engaged as the CBCF continues to provide opportunities to uplift the Black community and advance Black women today and every day.

With warmest regards,

Nicole Austin-Hillery

CBCF President and CEO

The Sojourner Truth

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This Sojourner Truth Legacy Project virtual summit will highlight the amazing work of Black women who have dedicated their careers to eliminating systemic barriers and ensuring equity for all.

Black women continue to serve as change agents to secure a more equitable nation for the next generation of leaders. During this virtual dual-session presentation, we will recognize the crucial role our most influential and trusted voices play. The Black women we honor during the presentation, advance the important conversations in American politics. This event continues the long-overdue recognition of celebrating Black women, highlighting past and present triumph, and lighting the way for future leaders and accomplishments.

Opening Remarks



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Session 1: The Empowered Voter:

Navigating Voting Rights and the Influx
of Voter Suppression

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Session 2: When Women Lead

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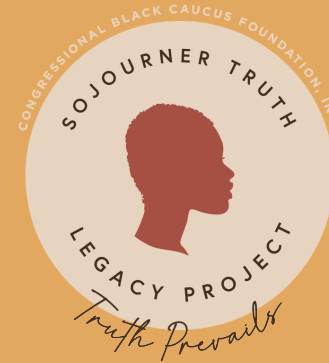
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