



# **Congressional Black Caucus National Black Leadership Summit: Summary & Next Steps**

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The **Black Education Research Collective (BERC)** is a working group of education research faculty, graduate students, and professional educators committed to generating cross-disciplinary research that supports the effective education of Black people. Our members conduct community-engaged research on issues of race, power, culture, diversity, and social justice in education policy and practice.



# The Fight for Justice

- Review of legal victories and cases to watch
- Need to sound the alarm when officials in our communities take actions that makes it hard for us to vote, to be counted
- Ensure everyone in our community is counted
- Repeal and replace the 1994 crime bill
- Elevate the voices of incarcerated women and girls
- Support HR 40 (Rep. Jackson-Lee)



# The Power of the Movement

- Seize opportunities for engagement in 2020 (Census and election)
- Protect our unions and people who work for a living, not the wealthy few
- Leverage the power of clergy and labor working together to advance the Black community agenda
- Engage young people and ask them how to best engage others
- Build, develop, and sustain trust and relationships



# Concluding Thoughts

- “Bad people are elected by good people who don’t vote.”
- Give our young people something to vote for
- Provide opportunities to take action
- Can’t allow our children to suffer because their communities didn’t show up
- When we fight together, we win.

1. Register to vote!
2. Check Black!
3. GO VOTE!





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