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CITIZENS OF JACKSON WAKE UP!

JOIN IN THE PROTEST

POLICE BRUTALITY IN OUR CITY MUST GO. YOUR VOICE AGAINST THIS EVIL MUST BE HEARD. HOW LONG? HOW LONG? MUST NEGROES SUFFER THE IN- GNITIES HEAPED UPON THEM? SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AN 18 YEAR OLD YOUTH WAS SLAIN IN THE COUNTY JAIL BY FIVE OFFICERS OF THE LAW. TO DATE NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO BRING THE MURDERERS TO JUSTICE. THE SHERIFF FIRED HIS DEPUTIES, BUT NOT A SINGLE ONE INVOLVED IN THE MURDER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

OVER 1000 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

THESE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO EXERCISE THEIR CON- CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PEACEBLY ASSEMBLE AND TO PROTEST GRIEVANCES. WE DEMAND THAT THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE NOW INCACERATED BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. WE REQUEST THAT CHARGES AGAINST THOSE ARRESTED UNDER THE ILLEGAL CITY ORDINANCE BE DROPPED.

WE MUST ORGANIZE FOR ACTION

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PASSED LEGISLATION WHICH GUARANTEES TO ALL ITS CITIZENS THE BASIC RIGHTS TO USE PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS. IT HAS INSTITUED SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE EFFORT TO ELIMINATE POVERTY, TO GIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO THE CULTURALLY DEPRIVED, TO GIVE BETTER JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN THE PAST. LET US TAKE AD- VANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES AS WE CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE FOR FULL FREEDOM.

WE MUST SUPPORT THE CHALLENGE

WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT MUST BE ONE THAT IS OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE. WHE CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THOSE WHO HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICIES WHO WERE NOT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE AND WHEN ELECTED ENACT LAWS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ONE SEGMENT OF THE PEOPLE. WE DEMAND THAT SUCH OFFICIERS BE REMOVED AND THAT FAIR AND JUST ELECTIONS CALLED IN WHICH ALL THE PEOPLE PARTICIPATE. UNTIL THIS IS DONE, WE WILL GIVE OUR UNSTINTED SUPPORT TO THE CHALLENGE.

THE CITIZEN-S COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI