## From your perspective, what happened to Russell City, why do you think it happened, and how did it affect your family?

It appears that the government intimidated the land owners and those that where resistant.... Imminent domain was implemented and owners where forced off their land. For most a minuscule payment was forced and considered willing consent to sale. This miscarriage of justice occurred because the group's impacted where under valued, people of color, had no voice and no support from their local, state and federal government. This left them wide open and vulnerable to this extreme abuse of power and disregard of their lives. My grandmother worked hard her entire life. She grieved this loss until her death. This theft sent her to a very early grave. She spent her life morning this loss. This negativity impacted her mentally, physically and spiritually. This agony was placed on the hearts and souls of her descendants. Our grandmother died in her 50's much to soon. Her descendants have been deprived of her love, wisdom, financial support and guidance. Our children will never know her, nor her greatness.

### What is your connection to the Russell City Community?

My grandmother, Jessie Mae Henry/Johnson and owned 10 parcels of shore front property. Property that was stolen from her and subsequently, developed.

#### What is your background?What meaningful value or expertise can you bring to the committee?

I have a BA in psychology, MSW in public policy from UCLA and 1 year at USC law school I have spent 39 years as an executive in County government . My executive functions included: Government departments, private and publications..private non- for profit corporations Creating, facilitating teams.. ie.. Capital projects Program development Feasibility studies Succession planning Strategic planning Action planning Creation of Senate bills/ Assembly BillsTranslation laws into federal/state/local regulations Translating regulations into departmental policies and procedures



### Do you have any additional or unique qualifications you would like to share? If so, please list them below.

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### Tell us about your experience working in a team or community-based process.

My extensive background (over 38 years) Of administrative /executive career experience makes me a perfect candidate for the steering committee. My team building skills accompanied by my in-depth knowledge of community based process will be of extreme value. My vast includes but is not limited to the following:

Government departments, private and public, non-profit corporations

Creating, facilitating teams.. ie..

Capital projects

- Program development
- Feasibility studies
- Succession planning
- Strategic planning
- Action planning

Creation and modification of Senate bills/ Assembly Bills

Translation of laws into federal/state/local regulations

Translating regulations into departmental policies and procedures, etc

# What is your purpose for being here? As a member of the committee, what do you want to achieve? At the end of the day, what would you want to see happen and what are you willing to do to get us there?

My purpose for wanting to participate is to right an decades long, wrong. Help to bring peace to those that had to endure generations of suffering. I want to see Those negatively impacted by these egregious acts, made whole. I WILL NOT STOP UNTIL JUSTICE is SERVED, to ALL

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