



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

MICHAEL D. JOHNSON

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

My family left Russell City because they were forced out. At the time, my grandmother owned a business and a home there. They lost their largest asset and current and future revenue from the business. It had a massive effect on the finances of my family moving forward as they had to move, quickly find new housing and a new way to generate income.

What is your connection to the Russell City Community?

My grandparents and mother and other relatives. My grandmother own on of the establishments where blacks could go as entertainers and make money. She use to tell us about the entertainers that she knew and met. She loved that city and sometimes would not talk about it.

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

I am veteran of the United States Army where teamwork is fundamental. I also worked as a network engineer for over 30 years. No network is designed, built and activated by any one person. Teamwork is essential to make a functional and efficient network. I have also coached youth sports from elementary to high school levels. Coaching a team sport requires understanding how the youth will work best under your coaching system, identifying the leaders, and recognizing circumstances for others to develop.

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

If there is any technology used I would be good person to be able to explain how it works to the team or our audience. I have a desire to find out the truth and see that justice is brought to the families of Russell city. Also I have worked in the construction industry as a Safety Manager for several years and understand the reading of maps very well.

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

I was on the original committee that started a program named NJB (National Junior Basketball) it was a grassroots program to get kids from 7-17 involved in sports (Basketball). In the city of Fairfield California.



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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 is to focus to ensure that the decedents of Russell City are compensated. At the end of the day, I want the descendants of Russell City to be financially compensated retroactively for their loss of property by all parties involved - Russell City, the county, and the state of California. I am willing to add my technical expertise in any way that can help this happen and help the committee remove any road blocks preventing us from moving forward. I am willing to do what ever leg work and correspondents needed to make this happen. Thank you for letting me apply.

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