Hello Friends,

February is short and slow and dark and cold — but it’s also a sign that, thankfully, spring is edging closer. Of course, it’s also Black History Month (and, crucially, Black Futures Month — since 2015, an artist-led celebration of Black visionary futures). At MSC, we celebrate Blackness — and all diversity, really — every month. Nonetheless, we want to take this opportunity to salute Black History Month.
We also want to salute the Black siblings we’ve lost to state-sanctioned violence. This February marks ten years since the murder of Trayvon Martin. And, on the second day of Black History Month, Amir Locke was murdered — in the same city as George Floyd, and in the same way as Breonna Taylor. We must show up, engage our feelings, put our love into practice, and demand an end to no-knock warrants while supporting local activists with the resources they need.

We also want to celebrate our partners at Climate Innovation (soon to be renamed the People’s Climate Innovation Center!) The team recently announced that, with support from the Kresge Foundation and partnership with the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT), they are calling for an initial philanthropic investment of $100 million by Earth Day 2022 to support the newly formed National Building Performance Standards Coalition. This will magnify efforts to develop community-centered and equitable policies relating to the decarbonization of America’s buildings in an effort to tackle some of the country’s most difficult challenges, including climate risk, energy burden, housing affordability, grid decarbonization and resilience, and job creation and economic opportunity.

Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:

YBCL Mini DreamLab
Climate Innovation invites you to Celebrate Black History/Futures Month with the next Young Black Climate Leaders (YBCL) Mini DreamLab. Join them on February 26 at 12pm PST in a space for Black youth to share art, solutions and ideas; and to check out YBCL Leader Dontay’s new EP. Called “Rituals,” the collection was made with a YBCL grant and is intended to shake up people’s ideas on how we engage or change to make the world more just and balanced. Register here.

Connecting Climate Leaders of Color
Climate Innovation invites you to the next virtual mini-convening in Connecting Climate Leaders of Color Through the Partnership for Resilient Communities event series on Wednesday, March 9 at 8am PST — co-hosted in partnership with Institute for Sustainable Communities. The event is open to climate leaders of color who are focused on climate resiliency efforts in their local communities and involves workshops and opportunities to share their current work and visions for addressing urgent climate needs. Register here. All participants will be provided with a meal, a complimentary beverage, swag, and other favors!

Calling all Groups, Facilitators, Researchers
Community-Academic Partnerships to Advance Equity-Focused Climate Action (CAPECA), a year-long training rooted in participatory action research, popular education, and social equity principles and practices, launches with a two-
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The Latest from JoyLabs and BCN
JoyLabs is hosting its first workshop with author and trainer Laura Khoudari — a trauma practitioner, certified personal trainer, and corrective exercise specialist — and you're invited. The Zoom meeting takes place March 10 at 10am PST; you can register here. Of course, Beloved Communities Network (BCN) is back with another episode of Beloved Communities Radio. Watch live on February 20, at 12pm PST on Instagram Live. Host Taj James will chat about all the ways Black imagination can shape a future towards liberation with guests Terry Marshall and Calvin Williams of Wakanda Dream Lab, a community for fanactivists.

Help Wanted!
Climate Innovation is seeking a Justice40 Navigator to serve as the primary point of contact for a portfolio of Justice40 Accelerator cohort members on their journey of federal funding readiness and implementation.

The Reclaim Our Power Campaign is looking for a Staff Fundraiser/Development Consultant who is passionate about economic, environmental, and social justice, to secure the financial support needed to carry out its ambitious goals to shape energy policy in California.

Ioby, a platform that gives local leaders the ability to crowdfund for real, lasting change from the ground up to make neighborhoods more sustainable, healthier, greener, more livable, and more fun, is seeking Proposals for an REI Facilitator.

And: MSC is hiring! We are currently seeking a full-time Chief Fiscal Sponsor Program Officer to join our Senior Leadership Team and manage and expand our fiscal sponsorship program as well as an HR Generalist to manage day-to-day human resources operations.

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