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## ***Movement Strategy Center's May 2022 Community News***



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Hello Friends,

To all the mothers and mother figures out there — **Happy Mother's Day**, a few days late. We celebrate you and the hard work of mothering everyday. It's time to acknowledge that [what moms](#)

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rebuild beloved community in ways that allow all of us to contribute to nurturance, care, growth, and evolution. We can all take care of each other. We can all get what we need. Remember back ten thousand years. To gather the seeds of partnership cultures we need to tend for our liberated futures ..." Today and onward, acknowledge "how others are burdened with criminally unfair and impossible" expectations, and step up.

This isn't just for mothers in the traditional sense. **We are talking about the mothers of movements:** the femme members of our staff, board, partner organizations, and ecosystem; and everyone at [1M4](#) (One Million Madly Motivated Mothers) — one of our newest fiscally-sponsored projects who work to end police brutality and free innocent individuals like [Terrence Richardson](#) and [Ferrone Claiborne](#).

On a related note, **we are pleased to officially launch MSC's brand new blog.** [The Move Blog](#) will host our ongoing essay series on the future of philanthropy; features on members of the MSC ecosystem; important announcements and opportunities; MSC-produced videos; and — circling right back to femme leadership — our new MSC Storytelling Series. First up, [Jacqueline "Jacqui" Patterson](#) — MSC board member and founder of the [Chisholm Legacy Project](#). Much of her work is "**specifically focused on supporting the wellbeing of Black femmes**" who hold so very much: "our families, our organizations, the movement, in the case of Alabama and Georgia — actual democracy. Yet so often you see our sisters in the struggle are so weighed down by that."

Check it out, and please — if you want to be featured or have ideas for stories, [please reach out.](#)

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



#### Town Up Tuesday

Local elections can make all the difference. Join our partners, [Urban Peace Movement](#), to learn about issues in the community, ways to get engaged in making a difference, and get educated on important upcoming elections at a free live music festival featuring some of the Bay's finest hip hop and R&B artists and DJs. What else are you going to do on a Tuesday? It's happening at the Edoff Memorial Bandstand at Lake Merritt on May 17, 3pm to 7pm PST. Register [here](#).

#### A Somatic Exploration

Join our partners [Healing Clinic Collective](#) for the second installment of the Collective Wellness Series with Holiday Simmons (right) on May 19 from 6pm to 7:30pm PST. The interactive course will discuss the topics of extending care, attention, and support to others while also setting boundaries around one's capacities and needs. No one will be turned away for lack of funds; and the event will be closed captioned. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.



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Calling all Female Climate Leaders!  
The Women's Earth Alliance Accelerator

supports a diverse group of women leaders from across the US and US territories as they deepen their strategies for change, build powerful alliances, garner resources, and scale their solutions. The Accelerator is designed for women leaders with an existing project looking to strengthen, scale, or replicate their environmental and climate solution initiatives or campaigns. The program will launch on August 24 and continue until December 7. Learn more about the program [here](#).

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### Racial Equity Core Training Series

The [Latinx Racial Equity Project](#) training is back! Our partners, LREP, are supporting Latinx leaders tackling anti-Blackness and Native erasure through four workshops starting in July. Understand how oppression dynamics play out within the Latino community and other groups and develop real-time solutions for the challenges leaders face in addressing equity issues. Registration is [here](#).



### A Conversation on Movement Music

Art is a medium to reimagine systems and challenge the status quo and [Dontay Wimberly](#) — artist and Climate Innovation/People's Climate Innovation Center Young Black Climate Leader — is doing just that! Wimberly spoke with Rev. Yearwood from [the Coolest Show](#) podcast about “movement music,” artivism, unlearning systems of oppression, and his new album “Rituals.”

[Listen here!](#)

### Help Wanted!

[MSC](#) is hiring a full-time, remote [Director of Development](#) with excellent grant writing and management skills to grow and sustain robust relationships with institutional and corporate donors.

Our partners at [Thrive Network](#), a network of beloved community-based in Oakland, are looking for a part-time [grants writer](#).

And, if community-driven planning, capacity-building work, and community of practice is more your speed — our friends at [the National Association of Climate Resilience Planners](#), is looking for a [network coordinator](#).

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