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Hello Dr. Mullins. I hope you and your wife are well.

It has been awhile since we talked about the subject of Reparations. I wanted to give you an update on where we are in the process and ask for your participation.

As you know the Reparations Resolution that Council passed calls for the formation of a Reparations Commission. Before members of the Commission are selected, we wanted to have some informational sessions or as we are calling it truth telling sessions.

The truth telling/speaker series would pair national and local speakers to share the facts about our history, our current state of being and aspirations for the future. We are promoting it as a series of conversations about our Past, Present and Future.

This event is tentatively planned to occur between May 31-June 13, leading up to Juneteenth. There would be one event each week.

I have attached a presentation that I provided to Council in February that speaks to the overall process including the work of the Commission and their deliverables from start to finish. There is also more information about how the speaker series would inform the selection of the Commission members and support their work.

Please consider this as an official invitation to participate on the Panel to speak about Asheville's current conditions. We will provide a stipend and pay any other expenses that you may incur.

I would love to talk to you in more detail about this.

Please let me know if you are available to talk tomorrow (4/16) between 2:00 and 4:00 or Monday 4/19 at 9:30.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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