

Journey for Justice

The e-newsletter of
The Society of Justice & Equality for the People of Sugar Land



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Welcome to the first edition of **Journey for Justice**
the e-newsletter of the Society of Justice & Equality for the People of Sugar Land!
We're delighted to have your support. Here's a summary of recent and upcoming events:



S.O.J.E.S.'s Inaugural Juneteenth event for SL95 a huge success

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S.O.J.E.S.'s JUNETEENTH EVENT HERE

The Society of Justice & Equality for the People of Sugar Land (S.O.J.E.S.) honored the Sugar Land 95 in a moving ceremony designed to seek justice for the 95 African-Americans who died as part of state-sanctioned convict leasing.

The two-hour tribute – ***A Juneteenth Proclamation for Justice for the Sugar Land 95*** – was held June 19, the first national observance of “Juneteenth.” Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when Texas slaves learned they were officially freed two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Khambrel Marshall, KPRC-TV 2 meteorologist and host of *Houston Newsmakers*, served as the emcee to a standing-room only crowd of more than 250 attendees from across Fort Bend County and Houston.

S.O.J.E.S.'s included speeches from elected officials, community leaders, organizations, educators and supporters, as well as Marilyn Moore, wife of the late Reginald Moore, the former Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) guard and long-time historian and community activist who sought to tell the truth about convict leasing in Sugar Land.

Robin Cole, president of S.O.J.E.S., announced plans to build a national convict leasing museum in Sugar Land to educate the world about the harrowing system of racial oppression that existed in Texas and throughout the South from the late 1800s to the early 1900s.

“The time has come to get justice for the Sugar Land 95, their unimaginable lives of forced labor, and explain why people should never again be subjected to such inhumane and cruel practices that benefitted only a few,” says Cole, a Sugar Land resident.

The group was awarded a proclamation from Fort Bend County Commissioner Ken DeMerchant - Precinct 4, and a resolution from Texas State House Representative Jacey Jetton - District 26.

LIST OF SPEAKERS JUNE 19

S.O.J.E.S. sincerely thanks our many speakers for their time at ***A Juneteenth Proclamation for Justice for the Sugar Land 95*** and their commitment to joining us on a Journey for Justice.

Together with S.O.J.E.S.'s board, which includes Fort Bend County and/or Sugar Land residents Anna Lykoudis-Zafiridis, Paul Matthews, Debra McGaughey, Bruce Lemmie, Farha Ahmed and Pastor David Sincere, S.O.J.E.S. remains united in its dedication to causes of social justice and equality... especially the Sugar Land 95.

Together, we can be the Voice for the Voiceless.

To learn more about the Sugar Land 95, S.O.J.E.S. and how you can help construct the National Convict Leasing Museum and Reginald Moore Educational Center, please visit sojesjustice.org.



Upcoming events:

The Labor Day Progress Report (September 2021)

An Update on Memorialization Efforts for the Sugar Land 95

AND

***BELABORED:
Life at "The Hellhole on the Brazos"***

Date, time and location TBA.

This event will present an opportunity to learn more about S.O.J.E.S.
and how you can help.

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