



Building Sovereign Black Tech: Visibility Without Surveillance, Growth Without Extraction

YOUR PASSWORD (*one word, case sensitive*): **BlackLikeMe**

AGENDA & PARTICIPATION GUIDE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 ·

LOBBY OPENS: 09:30 AM

ROUNDTABLE BEGINS: 10:00–11:00 AM PST

PARKING LOT SESSION · 11:00–11:45 AM PST

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

THIS IS A ROUNDTABLE, NOT A LECTURE.

YOUR INSIGHT, INTUITION, AND LIVED EXPERIENCE GUIDE THE ROOM.

TO HONOR EVERYONE’S CONTRIBUTIONS:

- **PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED**
- **VOICES WILL BE SHARED RESPECTFULLY AND WITHIN TIME LIMITS**
- **CHAT REMAINS OPEN** FOR COMMENTARY AND QUESTIONS
- **UNANSWERED QUESTIONS MOVE TO THE PARKING LOT SESSION**
- **PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND WAIT TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED**

THIS KEEPS THE FLOW BALANCED, SACRED, AND SOVEREIGN.

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM

WELCOME & GROUNDING THE SPACE

- OPENING REMARKS
 - SPIRITUAL GROUNDING OF BLACK TECHNOLOGICAL CREATION
 - WARM-UP REFLECTION:
“**DROP ONE WORD IN THE CHAT THAT DESCRIBES YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TECHNOLOGY RIGHT NOW.**”
 - OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION THEMES
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10:10 AM – 10:50 AM

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

EACH QUESTION RECEIVES ~10 MINUTES OF SHARED REFLECTION AND PARTICIPANT VOICES.

QUESTION 1 (10 MIN)

WHY DO BLACK TECH PLATFORMS STRUGGLE FOR COMMUNITY ADOPTION?

QUESTION 2 (10 MIN)

WHAT DOES NON-EXTRACTIVE DESIGN LOOK LIKE FOR BLACK COMMUNITIES?

QUESTION 3 (10 MIN)

WHAT IS THE POLITICAL AND CULTURAL COST OF REFUSING VC FUNDING THAT COMMODIFIES BLACK LIFE?

QUESTION 4 (10 MIN)

WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL COST OF BUILDING TECH IN AN ANTI-BLACK DIGITAL WORLD?

QUESTION 5 (IF TIME ALLOWS)

HOW DO WE DESIGN TOOLS THAT HONOR BLACK HUMANITY RATHER THAN STRIP IT?

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM

CLOSING THE CIRCLE

- COMMUNITY CHALLENGE:
CHOOSE ONE BLACK-CENTERED DIGITAL PLATFORM TO EXPLORE BEFORE NEXT MONTH
 - CLOSING REFLECTION ON SOVEREIGNTY, AWARENESS, AND CARE
 - FINAL WORD + NEXT STEPS
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11:00 AM – 11:45 AM PST

PARKING LOT SESSION

A DEDICATED SPACE TO:

- ANSWERING REMAINING QUESTIONS
- DEEPEN CHAT THEMES
- UPLIFT QUIETER VOICES
- EXPLORE NEXT STEPS FOR BLACK DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY (CLOSE)

OPTIONAL, BUT POWERFUL.
