

# FREEDOM NOW PARTY PLATFORM

## PREAMBLE

*We, the black people of the State of Michigan, and of these United States, in this historic period of worldwide revolutionary change, recognizing our desire to achieve our own destiny through our own efforts; recognizing our desire for independent black political action after 188 years of political subservience; recognizing that our struggle for freedom and equality can issue, meaningfully, only from our own leadership and candidates, do establish the only independent political movement dedicated to the unity and liberation of all black people — the FREEDOM NOW PARTY!*

*The FREEDOM NOW PARTY, in its dedication, perceives the common interests of black people everywhere and, as a united body of Afro-Americans, aligns itself with all liberation movements throughout the world!*

*The FREEDOM NOW PARTY, in its recognition of its mandate, repudiates and breaks with the established party system which serves only to sustain the enslavement of Afro-Americans!*

*The FREEDOM NOW PARTY, in its awareness of history, is not a reform movement. The condition of the Negro in America cannot be altered by reform. It must be fundamentally changed!*

*The FREEDOM NOW PARTY, in its understanding of the needs of black people, is an educational as well as a political movement. It is a medium for the awakening of Afro-Americans to political and historical consciousness, and it is a vehicle for them to do something about it!*

*As our Declaration of Washington, on August 28, 1963, on the founding of the FREEDOM NOW PARTY states, "We are the political expression of the mighty black crusade for freedom that nobody can halt or suppress." All black people everywhere are welcome to join us in this momentous and historic undertaking for*

**FREEDOM NOW**



## Title I — Police Brutality

The FREEDOM NOW PARTY intends to use all of the power it will generate to eradicate this vicious practice that has so long been used to deny the Negro his basic equality.

## Title II — Civil Rights Commission

The FREEDOM NOW PARTY intends to demand that this constitutional commission with its vast powers carry out its constitutional powers and make real its constitutional directive. We note that the principal areas of concern are equal opportunities in employment, education, housing and public accommodations.

## Title III — Inadequate representation in government by the Negro

The FREEDOM NOW PARTY deplores the lack of representation in government. The FREEDOM NOW PARTY feels that we must solve this problem ourselves with the instrumentality of independent black political action. We understand that a Democrat represents Democrats, a Republican represents Republicans, but that a FREEDOM NOW PARTY candidate represents Negroes.

## Title IV — Economic plight

The FREEDOM NOW PARTY understands that in this society the fundamental area of our exploitation is economic. We therefore shall strive in every way to utilize the total power of the Negro community and bring it to bear upon the discrimination that places us at the bottom of the economic ladder. Our concern is for our own black people and we consider the solution of this problem as more important than the economic theories of this society or the peace and tranquility of this society.

## Title V — Schools

The FREEDOM NOW PARTY demands schools of the highest quality for black children. It is our belief that this is a multi-racial society and within that context the schools must involve themselves with the realities of that situation. For black children this means that Negro history must be taught and the future must be depicted as a process in which the black man and the white man share the stage as equals.

## Title VI — Political

The FREEDOM NOW PARTY is the expression of independent black political action and the political arm of the Negro's struggle for FREEDOM NOW.