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The Black Leadership Council, First 5 Alameda County & Partners Host “Aftershock” Film Screening & Panel Discussion

SAN FRANCISCO (April 3, 2023) – [PRC](http://www.prcsf.org), the San Francisco nonprofit that offers comprehensive and relevant services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, substance use disorder or mental illness, today announced the film screening of *Aftershock* and post panel discussion on **April 12 at 3pm** at Grand Lake Theatre in Oakland, CA.

In recognition of Black Maternal Health Week (April 11-17), an effort to build awareness, activism, and community-building to amplify the voices, perspectives and lived experiences of Black Moms and birthing people, the **Black Leadership Council (BLC)**, an initiative of PRC, along with, **First 5 Alameda County, Alameda Health System, Alameda County Public Health Department's BElovedBIRTH Black Centering**, and the **California Black Health Network**, will screen the film *Aftershock* - a thoughtful and powerful example of the impact that maternal mortality has on our community and Black families.



Throughout the film, we witness two families become ardent activists in the maternal health space, seeking justice through legislation, medical accountability, community, and the power of art. Their work introduces us to a myriad of people including a growing brotherhood of surviving Black fathers, along with the work of midwives and physicians on the ground fighting for institutional reform. Through their collective journeys, we find ourselves on the front lines of the growing birth justice movement that is demanding systemic change within our medical systems and government.

A post-film panel discussion will feature:

- Co-Filmmaker & Director, Tonya Lewis Lee
- Featured fathers, Omari Maynard and Bruce McIntyre
- Executive Director of the California Black Health Network, Rhonda Smith
- Program Director of BElovedBIRTH Black Centering, Jyesha Wren

Moderated by Tasha Henneman, Director of the Black Leadership Council and PRC's Chief of Policy and Government Affairs, and Kevin Bremond, Founder and program administrator of the Fathers Corps initiative at First 5 Alameda County, this event assures to be filled with emotion and activism.

“I had the privilege to watch *Aftershock* at the African-American film festival in Martha’s Vineyard last summer, and I was activated,” stated **Tasha Henneman**. “After the screening I immediately approached Tonya Lewis Lee and insisted that we show this film in California, especially since our State Senator Nancy Skinner had recently authored the [California Mornibus Act](#),” legislation that follows the footsteps of the federal Black Maternal Mornibus Act of 2021 and includes several strategies to reduce pregnancy and postpartum death rates and infant mortality, especially for families of color.



“We cannot sit idle while our Black community continues to lose their lives due to preventable health care measures,” said **Domonique Wilson**, parent partnership administrator, First 5 Alameda County. “We’re committed to bridging services and policies to support children and families from 0-5 years to combat racism-based birth disparities, as demonstrated through our programs at First 5 Alameda County.”

"I am thrilled to be part of such an impactful event that not only brings attention to issues of Black maternal health, but also highlights the fathers, who are critical partners," said **Kevin Bremond**, founder and program administrator of the Father’s Corps multi-sector initiative at First 5 Alameda County. “Father’s experiences, feelings and overall visibility are often not prioritized, but this film does an amazing job to acknowledge their role and importance.”

To purchase tickets for this event visit: <https://givebutter.com/BLC-Aftershock>. Doors open at 2pm with smooth jams by DJ Orlando Williams.

About PRC

PRC is a San Francisco-based nonprofit social impact organization serving the needs of the City’s most vulnerable people and communities. PRC’s multifaceted programs offer supportive services to those struggling with substance use, HIV/AIDS and behavioral health challenges that most often stem from the broader systemic challenges of historic economic, social and racial inequities. PRC, in service since 1987, assists over 5,000 individuals annually. For more information, please visit www.prcsf.org.

About the Black Leadership Council

The Black Leadership Council is an initiative of PRC’s and is a coalition comprised of statewide leaders who are committed to advance meaningful policy change across systems that have historically harmed Black Prosperity. We do this through legislative and advocacy strategies, organizational partnerships, and educational community events, to move the needle on four key areas: health, wealth, housing, and education, to unlock the full potential of Black and low-income communities of color. For more information please visit: <https://blacklc.org>.

About First 5 Alameda County

First 5 Alameda County helps young children grow up healthy and ready to learn during the most important time in their development. We have nearly two decades of experience funding innovative programs and advocating for policies that produce better futures for our children. First 5 Alameda County is an innovative public entity created by passage of Proposition 10 in 1998 which added fifty cents per pack of cigarettes to help fund early care and education for children 0-5. For more information please visit: www.first5alameda.org

About California Black Health Network (CBHN)

CBHN is the only Black-led, statewide organization dedicated to advancing health equity for all African Americans and Black Immigrants. CBHN conducts outreach, education, and advocacy to achieve health equity for Black Californians to address critical issues that lie at the intersection of racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice. We work to ensure that all Black Californians, regardless of their education, socio-economic class, zip code, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, or immigration status have access to high quality and equitable primary and behavioral healthcare, and avoid unnecessarily succumbing to disease. For more information visit: www.cablackhealthnetwork.org.

About BElovedBIRTH Black Centering

BElovedBIRTH Black Centering is a revolutionary new “by us, for us” group perinatal care program; honoring and centering Black families and community while addressing the crisis of racism-based disparities in birth experiences and outcomes. Beloved’s *Gold-Package of Black Love* is a holistic and comprehensive group perinatal care program, working to provide everything that’s needed for a healthy pregnancy, birth, and postpartum recovery. This unique model of group care is a program of Alameda Health System, Alameda County Public Health Department, and the BElovedBirth Collective. Learn more [here](#).

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