

## MEXICO AND BLACKNESS



**The Murder of Afro-Indigenous of Mayor of San Jose Estancia Grande** On August 16, 2019, Carmela Parrós Santos, the mayor of Daxacan municipality San José Estancia Grande, was murdered for her pro-Black and pro-Indigenous stance on environmental issues. She was the first woman to have been re-elected in her municipality. One of the many victims of femicide in Mexico. Very much like the case of Marielle Franco, prominent human rights activist and politician who was murdered in Brazil. And Sandra Bland, civil rights activist who was found murdered in her cell after being detained during a traffic stop in Texas. Around the world, Black women get murdered for standing up for what they believe in. We honor their lives at our vigil today. *Say their names: Carmela Parral Santos. Marielle Franco. Sandra Bland.*

**Little Haiti, Tijuana** Tucked into a canyon near the U.S. border is Little Haiti. It's the first among several stops for Haitians who began heading to Mexico on their

way to the United States. After the 2010 Haitian earthquake, 324 Haitians relocated to Mexico via a Mexican naval ship from January 12 to late April 2010. Every Haitian migrant was granted a "humanitarian visa," allowing them to work and study in Mexico, use public services, and travel to and from the country. Construction of homes for the Haitian immigrants living in Little Haiti began with donations from the community, but in July 2017, an order from the Department of Civil Protection of Tijuana put a halt to the building, warning that it was an area in danger of flooding. Many community members have denounced this as a blatant act of racism. Like Little Haiti in Miami, exiled Haitians have started opening up businesses and churches despite adversity. They are carving out their homes and hoping for the best.

**The Murder of an unnamed Haitian Immigrant in Tijuana** On January 9th 2020, a Haitian man living in Tijuana was arrested by the Municipal Police while

having an asthma attack. He repeatedly yelled "Asthma!" and instead of helping the man, the police proceeded to beat him until they killed him. The Municipal Police are responsible for this murder of a Black immigrant in Tijuana but there has been NO media attention on the case whatsoever. The only information about this case came from a press release put out by The Observatory of Legislation and Migration Policy (Colectivo de Monitoreo y Observación Migratoria) based in Tijuana. The case has not yet been investigated despite various local organizations speaking out about the case, nor has his name ever been released. We honor his memory, as well as all Black victims of police brutality, at today's vigil.

**The Ayotzinapa 43** On the night of September 26, 2014, 43 students were kidnapped & disappeared from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers' College in Guerrero, Mexico. It was a yearly tradition for students and teachers from the college to organize a take-over of



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So let Abuelita know-  
When she hears folk chanting

students. Nobody has been convicted for kidnapping, forcible disappearance, or homicide related to the Ayotzinapa 43. **For this reason, we must abolish the police on a global scale. They are meant to protect the status-quo of the elite, NOT protect our communities.**

**#DefundDisarmDISMANTLE**

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