The Murder of Afro-Indigenous of Mayor of San Jose Estancia Grande On August 16, 2019, Carmela Parros Santos, the mayor of Oaxacan 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. #SayTheirNames: Carmela Parros 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, Haitians have started opening churches despite adversity. They are carving out their homes and hoping for the best.

The Murder of the 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 the intercity buses to head to important rallies together in caravans to protest. That particular night they were heading to Mexico City for a commemoration of the 1968 mass killing of students from the National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico City. Security forces opened fire at four of the buses and took 43 students into custody. Students on a fifth bus were unharmed and all of its families continue searching for the intercity buses to head to important rallies together in caravans to protest. That particular night they were heading to Mexico City for a commemoration of the 1968 mass killing of students from the National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico City. Security forces opened fire at four of the buses and took 43 students into custody. Students on a fifth bus were unharmed and all of its students set free. The next morning, the students’ classmates were told they were being held at the police station but they were nowhere to be found. They went to every police station and got the same answer. They still don’t know where they were taken. Enrique Pena Nieto, then-President of Mexico, closed the case after procuring confessions from local drug gang members who said they burned all 43 bodies in a dumpster after being instructed by the police to murder the students. It’s been 6 years and only two students’ bodies have been found and identified. The 41 other families continue searching for the 43 lives that included Black Lives Matter. When she hears folx chanting "So let Abuelita know—" So let Abuelita know—

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