



The Greenwood Reform

The Physical And Financially Cultivated
Restitution Of The Heart Of Black Wall Street

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Conversation:

How do we deal with the unexpected, anonymous, and indeed fragile artifacts, both historical and contemporary, and How does the destruction of a community affect the growth and well-being of the legacy to come in a financial standpoint? History can increase our awareness of how the built environment not only mirrors but actively influences the behavior of society in public spaces.

Stakes:

Lack of financial institutions and business education can hinder Black Wall Street entrepreneurs from building a thriving community, limiting their access to capital and business skills. The destruction of Black Wall Street underscores the importance of these resources for marginalized communities to achieve economic prosperity and social mobility.

Betterment:

A minority-owned financial institution and business education center on Black Wall Street could promote economic self-sufficiency and create community pride. It could also attract outside investment and support, leading to economic development and revitalization for both Black Wall Street and Tulsa. Ultimately, this proposal could bring long-lasting benefits, promoting empowerment and self-determination among residents and entrepreneurs.

Profile:

I've lived in San Antonio for 15 years, developing a strong passion for helping minorities and the betterment of their lives. Since pursuing my studies at UTSA, I have further cultivated my passion and focused on finding ways to use Architecture to advocate for marginalized communities. During the pandemic, I became interested in Tulsa, Oklahoma's history, specifically the destruction of Black Wall Street, which deepened my commitment to communal integrity. With my understanding of the complex issues facing marginalized communities, I am eager to use my education to make a positive impact and create a more equitable and balanced society.

