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MAP Reads Book Group

The Kerner Report: 50 Years Later and What has Changed? Part 1 of a three-part series

Thursday, May 17, 2018

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Eastside Community Network, 4401 Connor, Detroit

8:00 to 9:30 pm - Refreshments and Beverages (we'll head out after)

Panelists | Discussion Leaders

Peter Hammer, *Professor of Law & Director Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University Law School*

Joel Batterman, *Candidate for the Wayne County Commission and racial justice advocate*

Orlando Bailey, *Eastside Community Network (ECN) Director of Community Partnerships*

In the wake of the 50-year anniversary of the release of the 1968 Kerner Report, MAP Reads participants and guest panelists will discuss the state of racial equity in the decades following the 1967 Detroit Rebellion.

The report, officially titled Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, but commonly known as the Kerner Report after the chair of the committee Otto Kerner, details the findings of a President Lyndon B Johnson appointed committee appointed to study the 1967 unrest and rebellion. Detroit, along with cities like Cleveland, Nashville, Boston, and Newark, still experience impacts and consequences from those dark days. And what cures were advanced after scathing indictments on urban education systems, inadequate housing, police brutality? The report laid out policy solutions for jobs and housing, eliminating segregation and police training, recommendations that were never heeded.

Read the full report, or find a summary [HERE](#).

Suggested Supplemental Readings:

[The Kerner Report](#)

[NPR Report from February 27, 2018](#)

[CityLab: Lessons from the Kerner Report](#)