

# Workshop Discussion Peoples' Way Priorities:

## **Center the needs of the people and the community of GFS:**

- Honor the community's deep connection with this space, where people have come together to serve one another and build a sanctuary of healing and justice.
- Consider the people who live here, work here, and visit from all over the world.

## **Honor the life and death of George Floyd:**

- As a sacred space, George Floyd Square must continue to embody the spirit of the community that created it. It must reflect the movement that brought about change while remaining a place where people can be vulnerable, find love, and seek solace.

## **Respect George Floyd Square (GFS) as an active memorial space:**

- The Peoples' Way has met countless community needs over the past four and a half years, and we must consider any modifications with profound respect for the hard work and dedication already invested.
- This is a site of ongoing protest. Continue to allow this movement. Allow opportunities for continued expression.

## **Repair the harms that white-supremacy and anti-Blackness have inflicted upon our society:**

- Respect the Peoples' Way historical significance and ensure it remains a place for hope, welcoming everyone who seeks justice and healing.
- Create a space for reflection, mourning, pain, and spiritual and emotional healing that aims to achieve safety and self-sufficiency for Black people, while transforming the collective society through community and individual wholeness.

## DRAFT Peoples' Way Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Information:

- Issue Date: Planned for Sept 23
- RFQ will be open for two months
- Eligible applicants must be a not-for-profit organization.
- Applicants must have the capacity to develop improvements to the site that could range from renovating the existing building to constructing a new multi-story building.
- The primary uses at the site should be those that contribute a positive and hopeful presence to the Square and reflect the area's culture. Ideas that were prioritized through community engagement include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Memorial
  - Racial justice and healing center
  - Museum
  - Art gallery
  - Job training center
  - Educational service center
  - Space for youth services
  - Social, health, and legal services
- Applicants should be prepared to continue to provide these elements **accessible to the public** on site:
  - Covered outdoor gathering space
  - Gardens
  - Public restrooms
  - Room for some mutual aid services (such as the lending library and clothes closet)
  - Full ADA accessibility