

### A Note from Our Executive Director

On January 6th, President Trump and his supporters continued perpetuating flagrant falsehoods about the validity of our presidential election and encouraged an armed attack on the U.S. Capitol. Although shocking, these events were not surprising. They were consistent with the actions a presidential administration that has repeatedly incited violence and thwarted democratic participation to maintain power and uphold white supremacy.

Tomorrow, our country will inaugurate Joseph R. Biden as the 46th President of the United States and Kamala Harris as his Vice President. At the Institute, we acknowledge that a new administration will not undo centuries of harm caused by a culture of white supremacy. We see January 20th not as the end, but rather as the beginning of the vast amount of work to be done, particularly in addressing and undoing the harm caused by our criminal legal system and its collateral consequences for Black and Brown people.

We encourage our community to exercise caution in light of possible violent retaliations to the inauguration and **to take care of their mental and emotional well-being.**

Be Well,  
Ann Jacobs