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**The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey
Announce the Speakers for the Fourth Annual, Juneteenth Innovation Expo,
Elvin Ross, Emmy Award-winning composer and multiple (ASCAP) Screen Music Award recipient
and Majora Carter, real estate developer, urban revitalization strategy consultant, MacArthur
Fellow, and Peabody Award winning broadcaster.**

(TRENTON, NJ – April 20, 2026) The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ) announces *Elvin Ross and Majora Carter* as Speakers for the Fourth Annual Juneteenth Expo which will be held on June 10th, from 8:30 a.m. 6 p.m. at the Doubletree Hilton in Cherry Hill, NJ

Elvin Ross is the CEO of e. ross studios JAZZLAND and NOX Point AI Solutions in New Orleans. He is transforming the former Jazzland/Six Flags site into the largest mixed-use campus in the Southern United States — complete with a film production backlot that doubles as a high-performance convention center — to establish NOX Point AI Solutions. This next-generation GPU-as-a-Service (GPUaaS) platform will power high-performance AI computing across industries such as film & entertainment, healthcare, finance, energy, gaming, manufacturing, and scientific research, creating the nation's first dedicated production and AI simulation studio.

An Emmy Award-winning composer and multiple American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) Screen Music Award recipient, Elvin fuses artistic vision with technological innovation to drive economic revitalization in New Orleans East and establish the city as a national leader in creative tech and AI infrastructure.

<https://incitement.com/elvin-ross/>.

Majora Carter is a real estate developer, urban revitalization strategy consultant, MacArthur Fellow, Peabody Award winning broadcaster, and teaches at Princeton University. Majora is responsible for the creation of numerous economic developments, technology inclusion projects, green-infrastructure developments & policies, and job training & placement systems.

Majora is quoted on the walls of the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture in DC: *"Nobody should have to move out of their neighborhood to live in a better one"* - which is also the subtitle of her 2022 book, [Reclaiming Your Community](#).

Carter applies corporate talent-retention consulting practice to reduce Brain Drain in American low-status communities. She has firsthand experience pioneering sustainable economic development in one of America's most storied low-status communities: the South Bronx, as well as cities across North America and abroad.

Her ability to shepherd projects through seemingly conflicted socio-economic currents has garnered her 8 honorary PhD's and awards such as: 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs by Goldman Sachs, Silicon Alley 100 by Business Insider, Liberty Medal for Lifetime Achievement by News Corp, and other honors from the National Building Museum, International Interior Design Association, Center for American Progress, as well as her TEDtalk (one of six to launch that site in 2006).

<https://majoracartergroup.com/about>

Expanded Audience!

In 2026, the event has evolved into the **Juneteenth Innovation Expo—“Leading the Way Forward”**, and will provide an annual platform to celebrate ingenuity, industry leadership, and forward-thinking creation across multiple fields. The Juneteenth Innovation Expo now highlights the latest advancements, products, and ideas developed by trailblazers within our community, providing a dynamic space for industry leaders to share, connect, and inspire.

New Experience!

Exhibitors and attendees will experience a new dynamic, open-floor experience designed for exploration and discovery, **for over 75 exhibitors. Exhibitor small business opportunities range from \$250 - \$1000. The addition of a media wall offers exhibitor visibility for non-attendees.** Guests can move freely through intuitive layouts, engaging activations, and exhibitor showcases at their own pace—creating a relaxed, immersive environment to connect with innovators, experience innovative ideas, and engage with the future on their own terms. There will also be a **Café Corner for attendees and a VIP Lounge for Select Sponsors.**

New Focus on Innovation!

This Expo celebrates bold ideas shaping the future across health, the arts, technology, and business. We're highlighting creators and leaders driving real change and pushing boundaries in every field. If you've built something new, reimaged what's possible, or created an invention that deserves to be seen, this is your moment. From technology and health to arts, sustainability, business, and beyond—**show the world what the future looks like through your work, product or services.**

Expo Highlights!

The expo will offer four hours of 15-minute matchmaking appointments with corporate procurement leaders, a morning interactive panel discussion and an afternoon fireside chat with **Majora Carter** from the Main Stage in the Exhibit Hall. Other highlights include a Fireside Chat Luncheon with Special Guest Speaker **Elvin Ross**, a **Pitch Contest**, and a **Post-Event Cocktail Reception with live musical entertainment.**

Attendees will again step into the immersive world of **Black Heart's interactive AI exhibition**, created exclusively for the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, featuring the rich history of Black Wall Street, the profound legacy of African American entrepreneurship, and the dynamic community of the Chamber's members.

Juneteenth Innovation Expo 2026 Sponsors include:

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Community and Unity Sponsors

Ocean First Bank, SJI, Elizabethtown Gas, PSEG & United

There are numerous sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities designed to appeal to corporations and small businesses which will provide a platform to display their services to a large audience.

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.aaccnj.com/juneteenth-innovation-expo>

Juneteenth – History

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with some 2,000 Union troops and the message that slavery would no longer be tolerated in the states. Since 1866 that day's anniversary—known as [Juneteenth](#), a combination of *June* and *nineteenth*—has been celebrated as the symbolic end of American slavery.¹

About the African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ

About African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, The AACCNJ performs an essential role in the economic viability of New Jersey. While providing a platform for New Jersey's African American business leaders, to speak with a collective voice, the AACCNJ advocates and promotes economic diversity fostering a climate of business growth through major initiatives centering on education and public policy. The Chamber serves as a proactive advocacy group with a 501(c) 3 tax exemption, which is shared by the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

¹ <https://www.britannica.com/story/what-is-the-history-of-juneteenth>