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California tries to figure out reparations



A billboard urging drivers to consider reparations for the Black American descendants of enslaved Africans, installed by New York artist Xaviera Simmons during the Desert X biennial in Palm Springs in 2019. (Tyrone Beason / Los Angeles Times)

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Two brothers near Sacramento are fighting for compensation for the land they say was taken from their formerly enslaved ancestors during the Gold Rush. Their story got pulled into an even bigger debate happening right now in California. A first-of-its-kind task force is trying to decide: Will the state pay reparations to Black people? And if so, who should get it?

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