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New York: May 31, 2025: Social Democrats Demand #EqualTime at Queers for Action

### **Queer for Uncle Tom?**

**When Representation Is Performed, Not Practiced**

An event promoted under the banner "Queers for Action"—organized by GMHC, The Center, New Pride Agenda, PFLAG NYC, Caribbean Equality Project, SAGE, and The Ali Forney Center—claimed to bring together all mayoral candidates to address LGBTQ+ issues. **Yet it conveniently excluded the only Black Queer candidate for Mayor.**

This exclusion is more than an oversight—it is a betrayal. A betrayal of democracy, of queer liberation, and of the most basic principle of inclusion.

Rather than promoting genuine queer empowerment, events like these maintain a sanitized and palatable version of queerness that keeps our communities docile and controllable. They allow well-funded organizations to consolidate power and resources while ignoring the very voices they claim to uplift—especially Black, Brown, and Trans members of our LGBTQ+ family.

The LGBTQ+ community deserves better than curated representation. We must demand answers:

- Why was a Black Queer candidate silenced at a forum meant to elevate queer political power?
- Whose interests are really being served when our most vulnerable voices are ignored?

“This kind of gatekeeping enables the authoritarian drift we’re witnessing across the country—where queer and trans people, particularly those of color, are under relentless attack.”, said Prince.

The Social Democrats of America, a 501(c)(4) organization, is working to build a grassroots democratic socialist response to Project 2025. We believe in inclusion through action, not performance. We are developing a manifesto rooted in working-class solidarity, queer liberation, and democratic accountability.

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