Facing Change is a project that uses narratives to expand public debate on specific cities and regions, of new models for documentary photography in Detroit community audiences. Ultimately, we seek to shape communities to better define how we are seen and heard. We present free public arts installations: projections onto the exterior walls of the Detroit Institute of Art and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and an exhibition inside a repurposed shipping container at the Photoville Photography Festival in Brooklyn, New York.

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