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NAREB ANNOUNCES ITS 2020 SPRING POLICY WEB CONFERENCE

***** The Focus on Policies Surrounding Black Homeownership In America Will Not Be Distracted by COVID-19**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – With the 2020 election cycle in its sites and while in the midst of a global pandemic, **NAREB** fully realizes and understands the importance of maintaining collaboration and conversation with every level of Government at this critical point in time by hosting the **NAREB 2020 Spring Policy Web Conference on May 20 – May 22, 2020**. Days 1 and 3 will feature “members only” events, but on Day 2 – Thursday, May 21st, this virtual experience will provide a platform for global reach of this 73 year old organization’s mission of **“Democracy In Housing”** at a time when **homeownership in the Black community currently sits at 44% nationwide, which is 30 percentage points lower than our Non-Hispanic White counterparts**. This percentage, **having steadily crept up almost 4 percentage points from 3rd quarter 2019 from (40.6%, the lowest number in more than 50 years)**, is the result of a positive upward trend, but still pales in comparison to other groups.

On Thursday, **NAREB President and Conference Host, Donnell Williams** and his foray of the nation’s key policy makers, panelists and discussion moderators will shed light on the policies surrounding the hot topic of Black Homeownership. Expert Panelists and Moderators are:

- Jesse Van Tol, National Community Reinvestment Coalition
- Kenneth Kelly, National Bankers Association
- Hilary Shelton, NAACP-Washington Bureau
- Derrick Jackson, NAREB PAC Chair
- Julianne Joseph, Mortgage Bankers Association
- Ashley Thomas III, NAREB 3rd VP
- Ashley Harrington, Center for Responsible Lending
- LaTisha Grant, NAREB House Then The Car Chair
- Kimani Little, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York
- Alanna McCargo, Urban Institute
- Chrissi Johnson, Quicken Loans
- Stockton Williams, National Council State Housing Agencies
- Dwight Alexander, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco
- Christopher Vincent, Habitat for Humanity International
- Antoine Thompson, NAREB Executive Director.

Panel topics include:

- Community Reinvestment Act
- Student Loan Debt
- Key Homeownership Legislation and Housing Finance Reform

Remarks will be given by:

- **Congressman Gregory W. Meeks (US House of Representatives – NY)**
- **Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (US House of Representatives – NY)**
- **Melinda Nypen, Chase.**

Still in his first year of office, **President Williams**, and his leadership and media teams, **have fully embraced the importance and necessity of utilizing virtual platforms to remain relevant and to promote NAREB's mission and initiatives globally**. This unrivaled conference is **FREE OF CHARGE** to both NAREB members and the general public, and is historic in that it will be the first national virtual conference ever hosted by this long standing and historic organization. “NAREB is the premier champion of advocacy for Black homeownership, and as guardians of our communities we fully intend to remain engaged with our political, financial, and industry partners in an effort to **Educate, Empower and Mobilize** our members, partners, clients, and supporters.”, says President Williams.

The NAREB 2020 Spring Policy Web Conference will be hosted on the **ZOOM platform, as well as streamed on Facebook Live**. Learn more and/or register for this exciting conference at <http://www.nareb.com/events/2020-spring-policy-conference/>.

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