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**Juneteenth Summit to Focus on Racial Disparities in Housing, Gentrification, Affordable Housing Shortages, Evictions, and the Effect of COVID Pandemic
J. Wesley Daniels, Jr., CEO of East Baton Rouge Housing Authority, to Participate**

East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer, J. Wesley Daniels, Jr., is a part of a panel of affordable housing experts participating in an upcoming racial injustice in housing live-stream discussion on June 17th. Mr. Daniels is a recognized leader in the fight to eliminate housing inequities and create greater housing opportunities. His strategy leverages these housing opportunities to provide access to education, economic opportunities, and health & wellness for the region's families.

The event called "Unequal Burden: Exploring Racial Injustice in the Housing Market" is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by The Advocate, Times Picayune, Acadiana Advocate, and Gambit (all of which are owned by Georges Media Group). The moderator is Jessica Williams of The Advocate.

The event will be streamed live on YouTube, Facebook and Periscope on Thursday, June 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CST. Questions will be answered by the panelists from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. A rebroadcast will be shown at 6 p.m.

Also participating on the panel of invitees are Christopher J. Tyson, Chief Executive Officer, Build Baton Rouge; Andreanecia Morris, Executive Director, Housing NOLA, and President of Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance; Cashaura Hill, Executive Director of Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center; and Elsa Dimitriadis, Chief Operating Officer, Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing, Inc.

"My passion for housing and community transformation are driven by personal experiences at Morehouse College and in Atlanta, the cradle of civil rights and understanding the work and inspiration of icons such as Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Daniels in acknowledging his participating in the Juneteenth event. "Dr. King's successful efforts during the 60s ushered an era of new housing and economic opportunity policies that we continue to practice (and improve) to this very day. We must remain vigilant and steadfast to ensure that families have access to communities of choice and opportunity. I am deeply grateful that Georges Media Group is positively leveraging its platform to convene and educate the community on the critical impacts of housing."

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