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NAACP PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE FACILITATES VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN PENNSYLVANIA

On Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm, a Virtual Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Economic Development Committee of the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference will take place to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on communities of color in Pennsylvania.

First Vice President and Economic Development Chair Blanding Watson has invited the following panel participants for discussion on the topic: W. Gerard "Jerry" Oleksiak Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry; Susan Dickinson, Director of UC Benefits and Policy; Lt. William Slaton, Commander, Heritage Affairs Pennsylvania State Police; Norman Bristol Colon, Executive Director, Census 2020 Count Commission; Robert Torres Secretary, Department of Aging; and Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Health.

President Kenneth L. Huston is very much interested in sparking conversations which not only speak to the disparities for people of color in Pennsylvania during this pandemic but having candid discussions on systemic structures which have for a long time perpetuated many inequalities that currently exist. This virtual session affords one opportunity for individuals in certain positions to address specific issues of concern that have an even far reaching impact on communities of color in Pennsylvania during this pandemic.

To join in on the discussion, please register at <https://npscvirtualtownhall.eventbrite.com>.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The Pennsylvania State Conference was established in 1934 and pursues the same mission throughout the Commonwealth.