

# BLACK HOMEOWNERSHIP STRIKE FORCE TOWNHALL

Thursday, August 9, 2022  
4:00 PM

# WELCOME

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# TIMOTHY WHITE

Executive Director of Equitable Development,  
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

# TOWNHALL SCHEDULE

- 3:45 pm – Virtual Townhall Opens
- 4:00 pm – Welcome
- 4:02 pm – Black Homeownership Strike Force Update
- 4:12 pm – Community Survey Update
- 4:20 pm – VIDEO: A Reckoning on Housing Wealth Disparities  
(Section 1: Homeownership and Structural Racism)
- 4:25 pm – Panel #1: Overcoming the Wealth Disparities
- 5:00 pm – VIDEO: A Reckoning on Housing Wealth Disparities  
(Section 2: Household-Level Factors)
- 5:05 pm – Panel # 2: Getting to the Closing Table
- 5:45 pm – Closing

# BLACK HOMEOWNERSHIP STRIKE FORCE UPDATE

## ANITA COZART

Co-Chair, Black Homeownership Strike Force  
Interim Director, DC Office of Planning

# WHAT IS THE STRIKE FORCE'S CHARGE?

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- **CREATE A GOAL FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF BLACK HOMEOWNERS IN DC BY 2030.**
- **DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS IN FINANCING HOMEOWNERSHIP, INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOMES AND PRESERVING HOMEOWNERSHIP.**
- **PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USES OF A \$10 MILLION BLACK HOMEOWNERSHIP FUND PROPOSED IN MAYOR BOWSER'S FAIR SHOT BUDGET.**

# COMMUNITY SURVEY UPDATE

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# KATIE FALLON

Senior Policy Program Manager  
Urban Institute



# SECTION 1: HOMEOWNERSHIP AND STRUCTURAL RACISM



## A Reckoning on Housing Wealth Disparities



# PANEL # 1: OVERCOMING THE WEALTH DISPARITIES

**Moderator: Karima Woods**, Commissioner  
*Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking*

**Janneke Ratcliffe**, Vice President, Housing Finance Policy Center  
*Urban Institute*

**Sasha-Gaye Angus**, President and CEO  
*Manna, Inc.*

**Babatunde Oloyede**, President and CEO  
*Marshall Heights Community Development Organization*



## **PANEL # 1: OVERCOMING THE WEALTH DISPARITIES**

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### **Question #1:**

Why is the racial wealth gap (disparity) a problem that the District should look to address, and why is this issue important to you?

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### **Question #2:**

How are you addressing or how will you address this issue within your organization/community to help meet the goals set forth by the strike force?

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### **Question #3:**

What does success look like for this initiative, not just numerically? What does a more equitable District of Columbia look like, and what are the potential benefits?



## SECTION 2: SECTION 2: HOUSEHOLD-LEVEL FACTORS



### A Reckoning on Housing Wealth Disparities



## PANEL # 2: GETTING TO THE CLOSING TABLE

**Moderator: Drew Hubbard**, Interim Director  
*Department of Housing and Community Development*

**Danika Scott**, HPAP Homeowner

**Ronald Frazier**, Chief of Staff  
*Greater Washington Urban League*

**Christopher E. Donald**, Executive Director and CEO  
*DC Housing Finance Agency*

## **PANEL # 2: GETTING TO THE CLOSING TABLE**

### **Question #1:**

What are residents' most challenging obstacles while using HPAP or similar down payment programs?

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### **Question #2:**

How can the District increase awareness and access to those programs? Are there any resources that are underutilized by homebuyers?

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### **Question #3:**

Are there ways for the District to collaborate with the lending community to make down payment assistance programs more effective?



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### **Question #4:**

What initiatives can increase opportunities for the “missing middle”?

## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

- Please respond to the survey by 5 pm on August 12<sup>th</sup> - <https://bit.ly/BHSFSurvey>
- **Attend our final two SF meetings:**
  - Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
  - Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Please go to [blackhome.dc.gov](https://blackhome.dc.gov) to stay up to date with the strike force work.

