

Candidates Forum to Address Equity

Urban League sponsors Thursday event at Emmanuel Temple Church

On Thursday, Sept. 23, candidates for Governor John Kitzhaber, State Treasurer candidate Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Commission candidates Karol Collymore and Loretta Smith, and Metro President hopefuls Tom Hughes and Bob Stacey will have a chance to engage community members on issues of equity, health care, jobs, education, and housing. Gubernatorial candidate Chris Dudley was invited but declined to attend.

The forum Your Voice, Your Vote, Your Opportunity is sponsored by the Urban League of Portland, African American Alliance and KOIN News 6. It will be held at Emmanuel Temple Church, 1033 N. Sumner, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., moderated by KOIN News anchor Ken Boddie; Lorenzo Poe, who chairs both the Ur-



John Kitzhaber



Loretta Smith



Karol

ban League Board and the African American Alliance; and long-time communities advocate Sharon Gary Smith. The event also will be streamed live by KOIN News.

The forum will focus on key issues facing African Americans, communities of color and all Oregonians. Each panelist will be asked to outline specific policies, priorities and plans for their respective offices that address racial disparities and increase equity for all. The Urban League of Portland recently released a one year update of their State of Black Oregon report, revealing that significant disparities for African Americans highlighted in last year's report, persist or have worsened.

The focus for the Urban League of Portland and the African American Alliance is to help inform the community about candidates' priorities and strategies given current fiscal challenges.

"We hope that this

forum will open doors to our ongoing, constructive relationships between our community and incoming

political leadership," said Marcus Mundy, Urban League of Portland president and CEO. "We have iden-

tified critical disparities facing our community and now it is time to begin work on a plan to address them."

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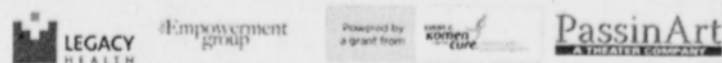
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