

A Pathway to Return



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A ground breaking ceremony on North Williams Avenue celebrates the future site of four new townhouses reserved for low and moderate income families displaced from north and northeast Portland. Pictured (from left) are Travis Phillips and Maxine Fitzpatrick of Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI), Albina Construction Co-owner Dennis Harris, and Architect Brett Schultz.

Housing reserved for displaced residents

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Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI) has broken ground on the future site of four new townhomes at North

Williams Avenue and Emerson Street that will be first homes for purchase by first-time homebuyers as part of the non-profit's Pathway 1000 initiative, a 10-year plan to construct 1,000 new affordable homes and rentals.

The housing will be prioritized to low and moderate income families who were involuntarily displaced by urban renewal, redlining and gentrification from north and northeast Portland, the historic heart of Portland's Afri-

can American community. PCRI, an African-American led organization, has provided affordable housing and home-owner services to low-income families since 1992.

It's estimated that over 10,000 African Americans were priced out and displaced from their historic neighborhoods from 2000 to today, the most recent chapter in a decades-long history of displacement in the area, PCRI President Maxine Fitzpatrick recounted in

her opening address at the ceremony.

"Today we start the process of addressing those wrongs and implementing a process of justice. Today we celebrate," she said.

In 2015, PCRI worked with Portland's Housing Bureau to try and atone for the city's gentrification sins by adopting a "right to return" policy to give preference for affordable housing and home loans in the historically black areas to those who've been displaced from there—the first policy of its kind in the nation. The initiative provides city loans of up to \$100,000 for a down payment.

Five households have been able to purchase homes under the experimental policy, called N/NE Neighborhood Housing Strategy.

Fitzpatrick said she and PCRI

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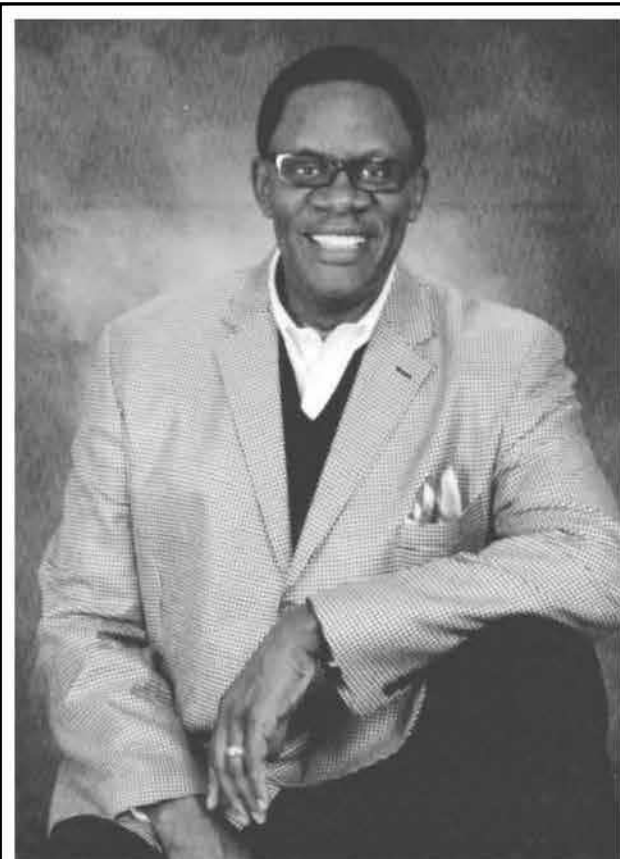
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