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HOUSING JUSTICE IS RACIAL JUSTICE: LAWMAKERS JOIN ADVOCATES AT MONDAY PRESS CONFERENCE AHEAD OF NEW REPORT RELEASE

ALBANY, N.Y. — On **Monday, February 28 at 12PM**, elected officials, Black and Brown community leaders, tenants and homeless New Yorkers harmed by the housing crisis will gather for a press conference to highlight how Good Cause Eviction and the Housing Access Voucher Program can solve this problem. They will call on New York legislative leadership to take swift action to address this racial justice issue ahead of a new report detailing the problem.

WHAT:

Housing justice is a racial justice issue in New York State. Currently, Black renters are three times as likely as white renters to face eviction in their lifetime, and twice as likely as white renters to have zero in savings, making eviction a disruptive event that is impossible to recover from.

This legislative session, state lawmakers must pass [Good Cause Eviction](#) and funding the [Housing Access Voucher Program \(HAVP\)](#), which together will stabilize Black and Brown families and allow New York to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO:

- **Senator Jabari Brisport**
- **Senator Julia Salazar**
- **Assemblymember Phara Souffrant Forrest**
- **Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes**
- **Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou**
- **India Walton**, Working Families Party
- **Emerita Torres**, Vice President of Community Service Society
- **Kim Smith**, VOCAL-NY
- **Saleesha Westney**, Community Voices Heard
- **Adriene Holder**, Legal Aid Society
- **Juanita Lewis**, Community Voices Heard
- **Lauren Manning**, Center for Law & Justice
- **Stanley Fritz**, Citizen Action of NY

WHEN:

Monday, February 28th, 2022
12:00 PM

WHERE:

“I Heart NY” Sign

Empire State Plaza Concourse

Albany, NY 12203

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