



MISSION STATEMENT

The North Carolina Black Alliance addresses policy and economic issues to enhance black communities by developing and promoting systemic policy change as well as youth and leadership development. We also seek to collaborate with strategic partners to advance the work of those organizations and to enhance intentional collaboration with black constituencies.

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

- NC Association of Elected Officials
- NC Black Elected Municipal Officials
- NC Caucus of Black School Board Members
- NC Legislative Black Caucus Foundation

BOARD MEMBERS

- Congresswoman Valerie Foushee, Chair
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- Valerie Jones
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- Representative Renee Price NC House District 50
- Fred Yates
 Mayor, Town of Winfall

COMMITMENTS



Access to
Healthcare &
Environmental
Justice



Crime & Justice









9:30 A.M.

Welcome and Opening Session

Coffee Chat with Floyd McKissick and Marcus Bass

10:15 A.M.

Listen + Learn Live Session

Environmental Justice and Healthcare - How do they intersect?

BREAK (10 MIN)

11:30 A.M.

Community + Faith Panel Discussion

Grounded in Grassroots Organizing: The Role of Community and Faith Leaders in Addressing Environmental and Healthcare Disparities

Historically, faith leaders and grassroots organizations have played a significant role in mobilizing Black communities. When our communities are faced with challenges, grassroots organizers and leaders in Black Faith spaces are integral to connecting those who are disproportionately affected by disparities to resources that empower them. Today, initiatives led by grassroots organizations and Black Faith spaces continue to be integral in educating and connecting Black communities to resources that support their overall well-being and advance social justice. This panel will focus on the role of community-based organizations and faith communities in addressing environmental injustices and healthcare disparities in Black communities.

PANELISTS:

- Courtni France MAAME
- · Pastor James Galliard
- Rev. Dawn Daly-Mack
- Sherri White-Williamson
- Rev. Harold Dorrell Briscoe

ENTERTAINMENT

The Drum Prophet







1:00 P.M.

Keynote Luncheon

Surabhi Shah, Senior Advisor for Cumulative Impacts U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:30 P.M. HBCU Award

2:00 PM

Policy Panel: Rooted in Revolution: The Pathway Towards Equitable Environmental and Healthcare Policy

This discussion looks to ground the audience's understanding of the intersectionality of Environmental Justice and Health, examine the current state of Environmental Justice and Health related policy in North Carolina, and call our attendees to action by imploring them to advocate for even more robust policy and protections for the communities they represent.

PANELISTS:

- Belinda Joyner
- Janiya Mitnaul
- Senator Natalie Murdock
- · President Deborah Dicks-Maxwell

3:00 PM Networking Break

3:30 P.M. Sponsor Remarks + Closing



FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

Eugene Taylor, known as the Drum Prophet, is an independent recording artist who has entertained audiences with his musical talents. hose his music touches.

His first album is titled The Rhythm of Life, followed by his sophomore album, Rainfall. Fans can listen to samples of both albums at www.drumprophet.com.







Inaugural HBCU Award North Carolina Central University



North Carolina Central University (NCCU or NC Central) is a public historically black university in Durham, North Carolina. Founded by James E. Shepard in affiliation with the Chautauqua movement in 1909, it was supported by private funds from both Northern and Southern philanthropists. It was made part of the state system in 1923, when it first received state funding and was renamed as Durham State Normal School. It added graduate classes in arts and sciences and professional schools in law and library science in the late 1930s and 1940s.

In 1969 the legislature designated this a regional university and renamed it as North Carolina Central University. It has been part of the University of North Carolina system since 1972 and offers programs at the baccalaureate, master's, professional, and doctoral levels. The university is a member of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

This award will go towards the direct support of both the Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences program and the Public Health Education Program.

To learn more about North Carolina Central University, visit www.NCCU.edu.



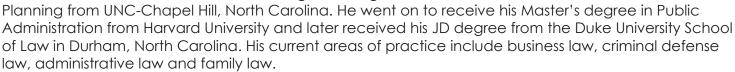
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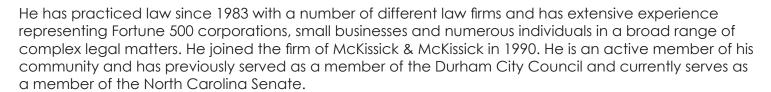
FEATURED SPEAKERS

The Honorable Floyd McKissick, Jr. Attorney and Former NC State Senator McKissick & McKissick Attorneys and

Legal Counsel at Law







A longtime public servant, he has served in leadership roles for eight years as a member of the Durham City Council. During that time, he was also involved in the city council's Public Works Committee, the Taxi Cab Sub-Committee, the Joint City-County Planning Committee, and the Legislative Committee.

He has co-authored a guidebook for the International Trade Administration in the U.S. Department of Commerce for attracting foreign direct investment to the United States and authored an article for the construction law advisor. He has been honored with numerous award.

His association memberships include the American Bar Association and the George H. Bar Association. He is licensed to practice in both federal and state courts.

He brings extensive experience, dedication and drive to deliver results and compassion for clients to the firm. Having worked with numerous clients on a broad range of legal issues, he firmly believes in keeping clients informed about their cases. He has earned a reputation as a committed and client-focused attorney in the community and across North Carolina.



BIOGRAPHIES

Keynote Speaker

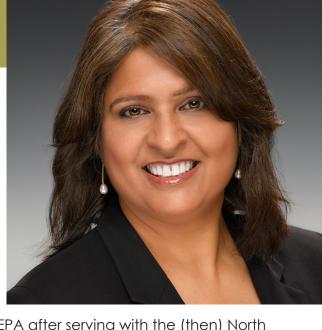
Surabhi Shah

Senior Advisor for Cumulative Impacts U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Surabhi Shah serves as a Senior Advisor for Cumulative Impacts at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of the Administrator, Ms. Shah works to advance the EPA's efforts for environmental justice in communities that continue to suffer from disproportionately high pollution levels, including

low-income communities and communities of color. She joined EPA after serving with the (then) North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to engage communities in protecting and restoring their land and water.

Ms. Shah is nationally recognized for her leadership in founding and directing the fifteen-agency Urban Waters Federal Partnership to support communities' efforts to enact their own vision. In recognition of this work, Ms. Shah was awarded the Service to America medal from the Partnership for Public Service for "most admirable contribution to the American people."



Sponsors

Harrison Wallace

Program Officer, Climate and Clean Engery Equity Fund

Harrison Wallace (he/him) is a Program Officer with the Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund. A lifelong Virginian, Harrison earned his Bachelor of English Degree from James Madison University (Go Dukes). Harrison is also a graduate and advisory board member of the Virginia Progressive Leadership Project. He currently serves on the boards of the Virginia Civic Engagement Table, the Virginia Public Access Project, and the Community Climate Collaborative.



In his spare time, Harrison enjoys watching/playing basketball, reading on his porch, and hiking.

Kerry Wiggins

Power Boards for Democracy Boards and Commissions Director

Kerry joined NC League of Conservation Voters (NCLV) in September 2021. She brings more than a decade of experience working with community-based organizations, building equity and access to education, especially for children attending Title 1 Schools. As a prior educator with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools as Parental Involvement Coordinator, she understands the importance of creating equity in education for the advancement of all children, especially children of color. Prior to joining NCLCV, Kerry worked as a patient advocate for a behavioral health hospital.



She has an MS in Human Services from Cappella University, a BS in Sociology from Winston-Salem State University, and an Associates Degree in Human Services from Forsyth Technical Community College. Kerry is a veteran of the United States Army National Guard.

BIOGRAPHIES » PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Marcus Bass

Deputy Director, North Carolina Black Alliance

Marcus Bass is the deputy director for the NC Black Alliance and executive director for Advance Carolina, a political strategy and advocacy group that supports local organizing and electoral strategy among underrepresented communities in North Carolina. Marcus previously worked as the statewide campaign director for Democracy North Carolina, where he led their longterm redistricting effort and coordinated millennial and faith-based voter engagement. Marcus has spent the past decade organizing issue-based campaigns and leading citizens to create change. In addition to his work at



Advance Carolina, he is the founder and co-director of Camp Lead Up, a summer leadership institute for minority middle school students.

Marcus is a proud graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He has been featured in various media outlets and publications for his work on southern and college voter engagement.

Crystal Biles

Access to Healthcare Program Associate, NC Black Alliance

Crystal Biles serves as the Access to Healthcare Program Associate for the North Carolina Black Alliance (NCBA). She also serves as the Grants Manager for the organization. Before transitioning to NCBA, Crystal spent most of her career working for the Corporation for National Service as State Program Specialist, then as the State Program Director for Maryland and Delaware.



Crystal has demonstrated a lifelong commitment of service to others. She served as a VISTA Volunteer shortly after graduating from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Later in life, she served as an AmeriCorps member in North Carolina where she moved to be closer to her family. Her commitment continues with NCBA where she is working with the Access to Healthcare Team to ensure that all North Carolinians have equitable access to quality healthcare, particularly in our Black and rural communities.

Karida Giddings

Access to Healthcare Program Coordinator, NC Black Alliance

Karida Giddings holds a Master of Science in Global Affairs from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina. She's passionate about social justice and has worked with AmeriCorps and Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate. As an intern with the Congressional Black Caucus and the North Carolina General Assembly, she conducted research to support policy development related to equitable housing, access to health care, and higher education. Karida also served as Social Media Coordinator and Fundraising Manager for the Committee to Re-Elect Gladys A. Robinson.



Jovita Lee, M.P.A, PgD

Program Director, NC Black Alliance

Jovita Lee, M.P.A., PgD, a North Carolina native, is the Policy Director for Advance Carolina 501 (c)4 and the Program Director for North Carolina Black Alliance 501(c)3. Dedicated to advocacy and social justice work, specifically for BIPOC communities of interest, Jovita leads nationally and statewide work in policy and advocacy, grassroots organizing, environmental justice, social justice, DEI, and intentionally highlighting the intersectionality of justice work in all realms. Jovita has also led and been involved with several home restorations, immediate supply drops, and fund coordination during two



historic natural disasters, Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. Jovita is also an adjunct Sociology professor at her Alma mater, Meredith College, and vice president of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Redeeming Love Missionary Baptist Church. She is a doctoral candidate completing her Ed.D. in organizational leadership.

Chad Martin

Environmental Justice, NC Black Alliance

Chad Martin is a community leader who was elected to Martinsville City Council in 2016 and began a four-year term as Vice Mayor on January 3, 2017. He is a graduate of Shaw University with a bachelor's degree in Religion & Philosophy, and he holds various certifications, including Duke University certification in nonprofit management. He has worked in nonprofit organizations for over 20 years, serving as a community organizer, volunteer coordinator, and mentor. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Food System Council and was recently appointed to The State

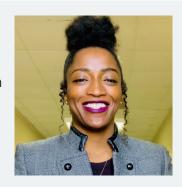


of Virginia Commission on Food Insecurity. Martin is also a member of the International Code Council's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.

Kristen Pearson

Environmental Justice Associate, NC Black Alliance

Kristen is a mother, entrepreneur, and community organizer from Western North Carolina. Her efforts include working with returning citizens, youth, and the Faith community. She is a seasoned organizer who has been actively involved in creating local events, church fairs, festivals, and managing artists' portfolios for many years. As a vegan and holistic chef, Kristen is also committed to environmental justice and a clean environment for communities across the state.



Brayndon Stafford

Environmental Justice Coordinator, NC Black Alliance

Brayndon Stafford, a New Jersey native, has called North Carolina home for over 15 years. During that time, he has grown to love and cherish North Carolina's culture and its people. The passion he has for helping and encouraging others to be successful fuels his work to advocate for those in North Carolina who have challenges advocating for themselves. The goal and vision for a better state for those of color who are disadvantaged and underserved is the main priority for Brayndon, and he plans to continue to work to provide that for the people he loves



BIOGRAPHIES » SPONSOR + PANELISTS

Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe

Founder and Lead Pastor, The Six: Eight Church

Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe is a writer, speaker, pastor, and public theologian who focuses on the intersectionality of race, religion, law, and power. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and history from the University of North Florida and a master's degree in public administration from Texas A&M University. Dr. Briscoe also taught public administration at the university level while earning his master's degree in theological studies from Liberty University and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Duke University.



He joined William Peace University in 2022 as the university chaplain and is the founder and Lead Pastor of The Six:Eight Church in Durham, North Carolina.

Rev. Dawn Daly-Mack

CEO, Double D Health & Safety

Rev. Dawn Daly-Mack is the CEO of Double D Health & Safety, which started as a CPR training business and has expanded to educate the African American community on various health topics. She is also an Associate Minister at Cool Spring Missionary Baptist Church, where she leads CoolSpring Fit, the health and wellness ministry. In addition, she is the President of the Northampton County NAACP and hosts a podcast called "Black Health Matters." She is a registered nurse and Care Manager I at Carolina Complete Health.



Rev. Daly-Mack has completed several leadership programs and serves on multiple boards and advisory committees. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Rutgers University and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Halifax Community College.

Courtni France

Program Manager, MAAME Inc.

Courtni France holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Anthropology from Ohio State and a Masters in Bioethics and Science Policy from Duke University. Her career has been marked by a commitment to working with vulnerable populations, demonstrated through her experiences in a global health setting in a low-income community, with veterans, and with BIPOC birthing people. In 2018, Courtni expanded her expertise by becoming a trained full spectrum birth doula. Currently serving as the program manager for MAAME Inc, she plays a pivotal role in organizing maternal mental health



services, food security programming, and a volunteer doula program. Courtni's passion lies in bridging gaps between traditional allopathic healthcare and the public health sector through community-engaged efforts.

Pastor James David Gailliard

Senior Pastor, Word Tabernacle Church

Pastor James David Gailliard is the Senior Pastor of Word Tabernacle Church in Rocky Mount, NC. He served two consecutive terms in the North Carolina General Assembly, introducing over 35 bills and becoming a Commissioner for MyFutureNC. He is also a humanitarian, philanthropist, and the Founder and Chairman of The REACH Center, Inc. Recently, he was awarded the 2023 President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award.



He holds degrees in theology, counseling, and business administration. Pastor Gailliard is the proud husband to Angela, with who he shares a blended family.

Logan Rockerfeller Harris

Research Manager, North Carlina Budget & Tax Center

Logan is the Research Manager at the North Carolina Budget & Tax Center (BTC), a statewide non-partisan nonprofit organization. In her role, she analyzes data about economic conditions across the state and conducts research about how public policy can advance racial and economy equity. She works with BTC's community partners to create research products that support their priorities and advocacy goals and conducts issue-specific research on topics including income supports, early childhood education, and digital inclusion.



Belinda Joyner

Northeastern Organizer, Clean Water for NC

Belinda Joyner is the Northeastern Organizer for Clean Water for NC. Belinda grew up in Northampton County and has worked as a teacher's assistant specializing in reading skills. She has been involved in numerous local environmental struggles and has been an effective organizer against threats including a liquid fertilizer plant, a hazardous waste incinerator and a private prison, with a strong history of grassroots fundraising for diverse causes. She defines herself as simply "a voice for her people."



Deborah Dicks Maxwell

President, North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP

A native of Wilmington, NC, Deborah Dicks Maxwell is the first female President of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP. She has dedicated her career to promoting equity and eliminating racial discrimination in Southeastern North Carolina. As the President of the New Hanover County NAACP, she initiated an annual health fair during Minority Health Month. Additionally, Deborah serves on the boards of Cape Fear River Watch and the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters, where she advocates for increased minority participation in environmental justice issues.



Deborah is a veteran and a public health social worker specializing in early childhood development and HIV/AIDS prevention. She advocates for increased voter education, serves on several boards, and participates in civil disobedience protests. Governor Cooper appointed her to serve on the Racial Equity in Criminal Justice Task Force. Deborah's tireless efforts have made a significant impact on her community, empowering individuals and ensuring that everyone's voice is heard through civic engagement.

The Honorable Natalie Murdock

State Senator, N.C. Senate District 20

State Senator Natalie Murdock is a native North Carolinian and UNC alumna with over 10 years of experience in transportation, economic development, and government affairs. She is the N.C. State Senator for District 20, which encompasses Durham County, and was appointed by Governor Cooper in April 2019. Senator Murchock is the first woman of color under 40 to be elected to the NCGA and was elected in 2020 with over 100,000 votes. She is dedicated to pursuing a progressive agenda that will transform the lives of hardworking North Carolinians.



Natalie has served in a multitude of positions within the North Carolina government, including as Deputy Director of Communication for the NC Department of Justice and on the NC Biden-Harris 2020 campaign. She also owns Murdock Anderson Consulting, where she helps companies and nonprofits shape their voice and brand. Natalie is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc..

Sherri White-Williamson

Director of Environmental Justice Strategy, North Carolina Conservation Network

Sherri White-Williamson is the Director of Environmental Justice Strategy at the North Carolina Conservation Network (NCCN) where she focuses on overall strategy to assure that consideration of environmental justice is incorporated in NCCN's policy and outreach efforts. Ms. White-Williamson retired from the U. S. EPA, Office of Environmental Justice, where she served in many roles. She is a graduate of Vermont Law School (VLS), South Royalton, VT, where she



earned dual degrees, her Juris Doctor and a Masters in Energy Regulation and Law. She currently resides in Sampson County, North Carolina where she co-founded the Environmental Justice Community Action Network (EJCAN) to address environmental injustices experienced by rural communities. She also teaches a graduate-level Environmental Justice course at Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment.

Janiya Mitnaul Williams, MA, IBCLC, CLC

Co-Coordinator for Doula Services, Women's and Children's Center at Cone Health

Janiya Mitnaul Williams, MA, IBCLC, CLC (she/her) is a renowned lactation consultant and perinatal health equity advocate with 15+ years of experience. With a diverse educational background including degrees in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, as well as Health & Wellness with a focus on Human Lactation, Janiya takes a holistic approach to lactation support.



In 2020, Janiya pioneered the Pathway 2 Human Lactation Program at NC A&T, and is its Director. She also founded the Mahogany Milk Support Group in 2015 and works on initiatives to address disparities in perinatal services. Janiya's visionary leadership and commitment are reshaping perinatal health equity and creating a more inclusive environment for nursing families.

Resources and **Supporting Organizations**

Inflation Reduction Act TCTAC Center - RTI https://www.rti.org/focus-area/environment Resource for Assistance and Community Training - REACT4EJ supports every state of EPA Region 4 and will connect to local community-based organizations with a hub-and-spoke design.

Inflation Reduction Act

https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) makes historic investments in climate action that are expected to reduce U.S. emissions ~40% by 2030 while supporting disadvantaged communities and the clean energy industrial base.

Justice40 Initiative

www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/ justice40/

For the first time in our nation's history, the Federal Government has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

Partnership for Southern Equity psequity.org

The Partnership for Southern Equity(PSE) seeks to make sure everyone in metropolitan Atlanta and the American South has a fair chance to thrive. With a range of programs, PSE address big challenges that hold people back and aim to build a community that includes everyone.

Hive Fund for Climate and Gender Justice www.hivefund.org

The Hive Fund for Climate and Gender Justice was launched in 2019 to support groups led by Black, Brown, Indigenous, Asian American, and Pacific Islander women and other frontline leaders in the US South that are playing impactful roles but have historically lacked access to funding.

IRA Energy Funds Toolkit

https://energyfundsforall.org/

A network of organizations and volunteers from across North and South Carolina have come together to release the website energyfundsforall.org, a resource guide to help NC and SC residents access support for home and community energy projects.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Public Health - Minority Student Caucus

https://sph.unc.edu/students/minority-studentcaucus/

The Minority Student Caucus (MSC) advocates for issues of concern to students of color in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and promotes research and programs aimed at addressing public health issues that affect people of color. Membership is open to all students of color in the School and anyone else who is interested in supporting the Caucus' mission.

NC League of Conservation Voters

https://nclcvf.org/

NCLCV Foundation connects and engages people to protect our natural environment and promote the well-being of our communities. We turn environmental values into NC priorities by engaging people in the democratic process, organizing in communities to connect environmental policies to people's daily lives, cultivating environmental leaders, and advocating for policies at the state and local level that protect the health and quality of life for all North Carolinians, with an intentional focus on systematically excluded communities of color.

The Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund

https://www.theequityfund.org/

The Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund is building a powerful movement to stop climate change and create an equitable clean energy future.

Environmental Justice Community Action Network

https://www.ejcan.org/about

EJCAN informs, educates, and empowers communities to confront environmental injustice by advocating for change.

MDC Rural Forward

www.mdcinc.org/projects/rural-forward/
MDC equips leaders, institutions, and
communities with the necessary tools and
strategies to advance equity—particularly racial
and gender equity—and economic mobility.
For over 50 years, institutions, communities,
foundations, and others across the South have
turned to MDC for deep knowledge and proven
tools to design, demonstrate, and sustain what
works to boost everyone, particularly those
who've been left behind, to higher rungs on the
economic ladder.

Fertile Ground

www.fertileground.coop/

A local food cooperative here in Raleigh that is trying to address the need for local healthy food options. It is a Black led organization.

Sol Nation

www.solnation.org

Dealing with the environmental justice challenges of today requires problem-solvers who bring different perspectives and are willing to take risks. Sol Nation emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the community, and a desire for actions to speak louder than words. Established in 2017, we're an organization driven by progressive ideas, bold actions, and a strong foundation of support. Sol Nation is the place where environmental justice and social justice intersect creating a new home for climate justice. What we do is organize around solutions to some of our greatest climate justice issues. Through education, workshops, panels, art, and culture we engage the communities that we work in on a level that creates change. We serve as translators of the issues that people of color and other marginalized com

NC Environmental Justice Network www.ncein.org

North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN) is a grassroots, people of color-led coalition of community organizations and their supporters who work with low income communities and people of color on issues of climate, environmental, racial, and social injustice.

Warren County Community Center

www.warrencountycommunitycenter.com/

The mission of The Warren County Community Center is to enhance the cultural, social, historical, educational and political needs and experience of the people of Warren County.

National Coalition of Black Women Rising www.ncbwr.org

Targets alliance with the church for community engagement. Please feel free to connect with us.

CleanAIRE NC

www.cleanairenc.org

We are an environmental justice focused on partnering with communities most impacted by pollution. We would be to collaborate with faith based and community-based organizations

North Carolina Black Alliance

NCBlackAlliance.org/environmental-justice/

The North Carolina Black Alliance is committed to advocating for environmental justice, ensuring that water and air quality in Black communities is not contaminated, and eliminating inequalities in the location of environmentally hazardous facilities and enterprises. We seek to aid Black communities as they prepare for and address the disproportionate effects of climate change and will work to prevent contributing to this phenomenon in the future. We are also committed to furthering energy justice and advocating for equitable access to energy-efficient housing, transportation, and clean energy infrastructure.

NCBA also offers yearly EJ grants to community organizations across the state. For more information, please contact kristen@ncblackalliance.org.

NC Budget and Tax Center

www.ncbudget.org/

The NC Budget & Tax Center is a non-partisan organization that works to document fiscal and economic conditions in communities to support the work of people, organizations, and government to advance solutions to poverty and pursue racial equity.

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