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ABC13/KTRK-TV HOUSTON TO HOST VIRTUAL TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS VIOLENCE AGAINST TRANSGENDER WOMEN OF COLOR

Virtual Town Hall Airs Thursday, June 25 (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. CDT)

Stream Live at ABC13.com, ABC13's <u>Facebook Live</u> and <u>YouTube</u> and ABC13's <u>connected TV apps</u> on Amazon FireTV, Android TV, Apple TV, Roku

ABC13, Houston's most-watched television station, presents a one-hour virtual town hall on **THURSDAY**, **JUNE 25** (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. CDT), highlighting the increase of fatal violence against Black transgender women and transgender women of color. ABC13's Eyewitness News anchor Chauncy Glover will explore the sobering statistics behind these deaths, and how community activists and law enforcement are working to dismantle this culture of violence.

In 2019, Texas led the nation in murders of transgender women of color. The <u>Human Rights Campaign</u> says at least 15 transgender or gender non-conforming people have been fatally shot or killed by other violent means this year. HRC has been tracking reports of fatal anti-transgender violence for the past several years. Previous reports can be found here: <u>2019</u>, <u>2018</u>, <u>2017</u>, <u>2016</u>, <u>2015</u>.

Panelists for the town hall will include the following:

- **Dominique Jackson**, Elektra on FX Network's "Pose"
- Angelica Ross, Candy on FX Network's "Pose"
- Hailie Sahar, Lulu on FX Network's "Pose"
- Elia Chino, founder/executive director, FLAS (Fundacion LatinoAmericana de Accion Social)
- Rev. Troy Treash, Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

ABC13 urges viewers to join the town hall and submit their questions online at ABC13.com or through the <u>ABC13 news app</u> for possible inclusion in Thursday's town hall.

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About KTRK-TV

For over 50 years, ABC13 has been the undisputed news leader in Houston, from sign-on to sign-off. Broadcasting 47 hours of locally produced newscasts each week, ABC13 is top-rated and most-watched among the Houston-area viewers. ABC13 also leads the market in its digital media efforts, with top rankings for its website, abc13.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. ABC13 is deeply invested in the Houston community, and we spotlight Houston's diversity through Eyewitness News reporting, covering issues that affect different segments of our population. ABC13 is also known for telecasting the city's major events including the annual July 4th Freedom Over Texas celebration, The Chevron Marathon, The Bayou Bowl and The Houston Rodeo Parade. The station also broadcasts several community affairs projects throughout the year

including: Share Your Holidays, an annual food drive benefiting the Houston Food Bank; and our E-cycle Drive, a collection/recycling effort for outdated electronic equipment in conjunction with Earth Day.

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