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ABC13/KTRK-TV HOUSTON TO HOST VIRTUAL TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POLICE AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Virtual Town Hall Airs Thursday, June 4 (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

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



ABC13, Houston's most-watched television station, presents a one-hour virtual town hall on **THURSDAY**, **JUNE 4** (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. CDT), to discuss the relationship between law enforcement and communities of color.

Hosted by ABC13's Eyewitness News anchors Melanie Lawson and Chauncey Glover, the town hall will address the historic tension between the police and minority groups. The special will take a closer look at police issues that have extended from the Civil Rights Movement to current times where images of George Floyd's arrest have been shared around the world.

Panelists for the town hall include the following:

- Trae Tha Truth, musical rapper and local community activist
- Bun B, musical rapper and local community activist
- **Dr. Gerald Horne**, Moores Professorship of History, his research has addressed issues of racism in a variety of relations involving labor, politics, civil rights, international relations and war.

• **Rev. William Lawson**, president and founder of Outreach Strategists, also founding pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church.

Viewers are urged to join the town hall and submit their questions <u>online at ABC13.com</u> 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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