

# A conversation about RACISM and HOMELESSNESS 11.29.16

**22%** of the Franklin County population is African American

**73%** of families served in homeless shelters in Franklin County are African American



Columbus is joining the Center for Social Innovation's ten-city project on racism and homelessness. Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities, or SPARC, will include data analysis, training and focused conversations in 10 communities across the United States. The result will be a plan for anti-racist initiatives and strategies for our community to implement over the next year.

Join Stephanie Hightower from Columbus Urban League, Michelle Heritage from Community Shelter Board, and researchers from the Center for Social Innovation to launch this critical community initiative.

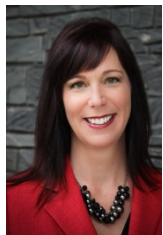
**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

**4:30 pm**

King Arts Complex  
867 Mt Vernon Avenue, Pythian Theater  
Columbus, OH 43203



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Community Shelter Board is leading the effort for Columbus with support from a planning committee that includes:

- **Community Shelter Board**  
Michelle Heritage, Executive Director
- **Columbus Urban League**  
Stephanie Hightower, President & CEO
- **Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services**  
Joy Bivens, Director
- **Mayor Andrew Ginther's Office  
City of Columbus**  
Stephen Francis, Chief Diversity Officer
- **United Way of Central Ohio**  
Shayne Downton, Sr. Assistant Vice President

This effort is closely aligned with and informed the work of the Task Force to Prevent Family Homelessness, chaired by Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown.

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