

FW: New Castle County Town Hall Meeting on Criminal Justice and Race...

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Vanessa:

I am contacting you once again on behalf of Delaware's Complexities of Color Coalition.

The third in a series of town hall meetings on criminal justice and race will be taking place in Wilmington on Tuesday, November 17th at 7pm.

Some of the speakers will include nationally known activist [Tamika Mallory](#), Delaware Chief Justice Leo Strine and University of Delaware black studies professor [Yasser Payne](#).

A news release is pasted below.

I thank you.

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Life or Death: Criminal Justice and Race in Delaware
New Castle County Town Hall Meeting
November 17th at 7:00PM

The Complexities of Color Coalition, the NAACP Delaware State Conference, the Delaware Repeal Project, and the Innocence Project will be hosting the third in a series of four town hall meetings to address the racial inequities in Delaware's criminal justice system. It will take place on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00PM at Tabernacle Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral in Wilmington (details below).

The call to action for Delaware's political leaders will be amplified – the black community will no longer tolerate the status quo.

“Racial injustice in Delaware must be addressed by the powers that be,” said Dr. Donald Morton, Executive

Director, Complexities of Color Coalition. "Inaction on issues such as racial profiling and the death penalty sends the message that black lives don't matter and that Delaware's political leaders do not care."

The Keynote speaker for the event will be nationally known activist Tamika Mallory, Board Member, The Gathering For Justice, who is also a murder victim family member.

"My message will be unmistakable and it will echo what Delaware's black community has been saying for far too long," Mallory said. "Whether it is police use of unnecessary force or racial disparities in pursuit of the death penalty, we are demanding justice. Just like in the rest of America, in Delaware, we can't breathe."

The New Castle County town hall meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00PM at Tabernacle Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral, 501-505 Washington Street in Wilmington.

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