



## Media Advisory/For Immediate Release

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## Center for Economic Inclusion Hosts “Reckoning to Rise Together” Series in February

*Weekly virtual forums will feature Black business owners, bankers, investors, and executives working on the front lines to accelerate growth and eliminate racial wealth gaps*

### What & Why:

- In celebration of Black History Month, the Center for Economic Inclusion will host a series of weekly, 1-hour virtual forums throughout February.
- The series will feature moderated discussions and Q and A with regional business leaders to elevate the voices of Black Business owners, investors, bankers, and executives working on the front lines to accelerate business growth and close racial wealth gaps.
- Each forum will reckon with the \$1 trillion economic opportunity created by closing racial wealth gaps, according to data by McKinsey & Company.
- The events are free and open to the public.
- Registration is required. Links to registration: [centerforeconomicinclusion.org](https://centerforeconomicinclusion.org)

### Where & When:

- Virtual. Every Thursday in February from noon to 1 p.m.
- First forum is **Thursday, February 4, Reckoning with Transit Equity.**
  - Recognizing Transit Equity Day and honoring Rosa Parks. Moderated discussion, Q and A.
  - **Guest Panelists:** **Nelima Sitati Munene**, Executive Director, African Career, Education & Resource, Inc.; **Aasim Shabazz**, President, AskcSupply, and Co-Founder & President, Twin Cities Innovation Alliance; and **Tashitaa Tufaa**, President and CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Network, Inc.
  - **Moderator:** Tawanna A. Black, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Center for Economic Inclusion.
  - Link to registration: [centerforeconomicinclusion.org](https://centerforeconomicinclusion.org)

**Full Schedule:** Links to registration: [centerforeconomicinclusion.org](https://centerforeconomicinclusion.org)

- February 4: Reckoning with Transit Equity
- February 11: Reckoning with Racism, Banking & Freedom on the Journey to Wealth Equity
- February 18: Reckoning with Economics of Place & Building Back Better
- February 25: Reckoning with the Heart of Philanthropy

**Support BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color)-owned restaurants:** The Center urges participants to purchase food (either delivery or pickup) from BIPOC-owned restaurants while they watch the virtual forums.

<http://bit.ly/bipoc-eateries>

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### About the Center for Economic Inclusion

The Center for Economic Inclusion is a cross-sector organization committed to strengthening the Minneapolis-St. Paul region’s civic infrastructure and collective capacity to disrupt systems and influence market forces to catalyze shared prosperity and advance an inclusive economy. More at [CenterforEconomicInclusion.org](https://CenterforEconomicInclusion.org)