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Subject: Asheville Information Sharing and Truth Telling Speaker Series
Attachments: [Reparations Planning Process One-Pager.pdf](#), [Speaker Series One Pager.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

We are delighted you have agreed to participate in a panel highlighting the past during the City of Asheville's Information Sharing and Truth Telling speaker series to be held at the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium in Asheville, North Carolina on June 3, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This panel will be the first of several panels held during the month of June.

Your panel will feature you, Dr. William Turner and Sasha Mitchell. The session and run of show is as follows:

- Open and welcome by the Mayor or Vice Mayor
- Dr. Turner provides a 20-25 minute talk or presentation bringing the regional and/or national perspective
- Attorney Ferguson and Sasha Mitchell will present for 10-12 minutes bringing the local perspective.
- Following the formal presentations, Dr. Darin Waters will moderate a question and answer and audience reflection session (expect to take no more than 5 questions or comments).
- Dr. Daren Waters, the panel moderator, will then lead the panel in a conversation to address the questions listed below.
- Following the panel discussion, Dr. Waters will take additional questions from the audience.
- Wrap up and closing remarks by the Mayor or Vice Mayor.

Please use the following information to help guide your remarks:

1. Framing Theme:

- a. **The Roots of Disparities: History of Policies and Practices that have led to inequities both nationally and locally.**

2. Panel Questions to each panel member:

- a. Why is it important for our local community to take up the issue of repairing harm?
- b. Based on your experiences or expertise, what are reasonable expectations for us to have as we work through these issues as a local community?
- c. What is the one thing the city should do within the next six months to make a difference and repair harm?

Please provide the following information by Wednesday, May 19:

- 1. Please indicate if you will be joining us virtually or in person.**
- 2. Bio and Headshot**
- 3. Will you have a powerpoint presentation? If so, please send a copy to Jenna Miller, jmiller2@ashevillenc.gov, by close of business on Tuesday, June 1.**
- 4. Are you available on Monday, May 24 at 3:30 pm for a pre-call with all panelists and the facilitator?**

We will reimburse reasonable travel and hotel expenses. We also are pleased to offer a stipend of \$1,500 - \$2,500 for your participation depending on if you are appearing in person or virtually. I have attached additional information about the City of Asheville's reparations process and the entire speaker series.

Once again, many thanks for your involvement in the speaker series. We are looking forward to your participation and will keep you updated as planning progresses.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Jaime Matthews at (828) 713-3090, or jmatthews@ashevillenc.gov.

Thank you,

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