

Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association Kicks-Off National Homeownership Month

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NEW ORLEANS, LA – Celebrating Homeownership Month kicks off with a presentation by real estate agent Lydia Cutrer with Delisha Boyd Realty. She will discuss the benefits of becoming a homeowner, from building your financial future to creating your own personal space to prioritizing your family's needs. The presentation will also cover the importance of protecting your home and preserving the wealth it brings for the long-term. The presentation will be facilitated by Gaynell Brady, Executive Director, Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association (L9WHA).

The virtual celebration and presentation will begin on Tuesday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. The presentation is free of charge and is open to the public. There is no registration. Participants can find the viewing information or learn more at www.l9wha.org. Information is also available by calling 504-943-6000.

This program is a part of the Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association monthly educational series for homeowners and all residents. “The L9WHA’s #1 objective is to remove systemic barriers to homeownership for all community members,” Brady said. “The L9WHA wants to ensure homeowners are informed about upcoming policies and initiatives affecting homeownership.”

Lydia Cutrer is a real estate agent with Delisha Boyd Realty and a consultant through her firm, The O.W.N. Life, where she works with individual and business clients to “build wealth through real estate.” She gained experience in financing affordable housing and community facilities, overseeing a homebuyer mortgage program, and managing commercial real estate investments across the country at firms such as JPMorgan Chase, PNC and Calvert Impact Capital. At PNC, she managed a 1.5MM sf real estate portfolio on behalf of the \$2.0B AFL-CIO Building Investment Trust. At Calvert, she managed \$35.0MM in loans to 40 affordable housing developers and CDFIs.

Lydia earned her MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and her BBA from Temple University. She is active on boards or committees for Go.Be. (formerly Good Work Network) and the Sisters of the Holy Family. Lydia is an avid tennis player and traveler.

The mission of the L9WHA is the preservation and creation of homeownership and the resident-driven revitalization of our historic community. Established in 2006 to address the needs expressed by residents trying to return home after the levees failed, the L9WHA is a resident-run nonprofit organization. Our objective is to build the future of the Lower 9th Ward through affordable homeownership and resident-driven redevelopment. We fulfill our mission through personalized case management services, public policy recommendations and community action.