



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

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A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Source:

1. Geneace Williams,
Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion Manager - CMO

Subject:

Embracing Community – Coming
Together to Lead Well: A
Community Conversation

Action:

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**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 7, 2024

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager

THROUGH: Marcie Schatz, Assistant to the City Manager

FROM: Geneace Williams, DEI Manager

SUBJECT: *Embracing Community – Coming Together to Lead Well: A Community Conversation*

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the City Council of the first 2024 community-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)-related event, taking place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Madden Theater in Wentz Concert Hall.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The second-year event series, Embracing Community: Empowering Our Dialogue, Deepening Our Understanding, is kicking off this month. As shared during the DEI update at the City Council meeting on December 19, 2023, the City plans a series of inclusive community conversations throughout 2024. The City is committed to partnering with organizations to engage the community and increase awareness and understanding to create an inclusive community that values diversity.

In recognition of Women’s History Month and for the first 2024 inclusive conversation, the City and North Central College will co-host a panel discussion with several City of Naperville women, including the President of North Central College and other leaders within the Naperville community. Panelists will share insight through the lens of their unique experiences, followed by an interactive dialogue with attendees.

A press release on Friday, March 1, promoted the event. The event flyer is attached. Council members are encouraged to attend and share event information with their contacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please distribute this memorandum to the City Council through the Manager’s Memorandum.



*Embracing Community:
Expanding Our Dialogue, Deepening Our Understanding*

Women's History Month Panel Discussion Coming Together to Lead Well: A Community Conversation

2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23
Madden Theatre at Wentz Concert Hall
171 E. Chicago Ave.

Panelists include:

- **Dr. Anita Thomas**, president of North Central College
- **Becca Bruner**, co-pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church
- **Anita Knotts**, founder and chief executive officer of the Lotus Women's Institute
- **Nicole Lawton**, librarian at Naperville Public Library
- **Joohi Tahir**, co-founder and executive director of Muhsen
- **Diana Torres Hawken**, co-founder of Alliance of Latinos Motivating Action in the Suburbs (ALMAS)

Community leader **Nicki Anderson** will be the moderator.

A "Get to Know Someone" reception will be held immediately following the panel discussion.

Free event

Register at:

[naperville.il.us/
embrace-community](http://naperville.il.us/embrace-community)

Or, use the QR code below



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