Connecting the corridor

a century of racism and resilience along the

PURPLE LINE

Presented by Kaiser Permanente, the Coalition for Smarter Growth, and the Purple Line Corridor Coalition

The Purple Line will provide a new transit option for commuters traveling between Bethesda in Montgomery County and New Carrollton in Prince George's County. The 16.2-mile light rail will also connect Maryland neighborhoods that have been historically separated.

With the east-west transit project underway, join us for Connecting the Corridor, a virtual event that will explore how communities along the Purple Line corridor have been affected by discrimination and urban renewal. It will also detail how patterns of residential and economic segregation can be perpetuated by contemporary policies.

Facilitated by urban planner, writer, and advocate Dan Reed, the event will feature community storytellers who will share personal and enduring stories that show the effects of inequitable development, along with ways that we can all ensure that the Purple Line fosters racial equity.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6 – 8 p.m.

REGISTER

For more information about equitable development efforts along the Purple Line, visit the Purple Line Corridor Coalition at **purplelinecorridor.org** and the Coalition for Smarter Growth at **www.smartergrowth.net**.

SPEAKERS

Welcome
Michael O. Willis, PhD
Vice President and Information Officer, Kaiser Permanente

Keynote remarks
The Hon. Parris Glendening
Former Governor of Maryland

Conversation moderator
Dan Reed
Urban planner and writer

STORYTELLERS

Lakeland
Maxine Gross
Chairperson, Lakeland Community Heritage Project

Lakeland
Courtnie Thurston
Community Designer, Lakeland Community Heritage Project

Lyttonsville
Pat Tyson
Community advocate

Lyttonsville
Merrie Blocker
Vice President, North Woodside Citizens Association

Langley Park
Yolanda Quintanilla
Community advocate

Bethesda
Ben Ross
Author, *Dead End: Suburban Sprawl and the Rebirth of American Urbanism*

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