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Groundbreaking event for Emancipation Center, a Third Ward Affordable Housing Operations Center to take place this week

**CCPPI and MRA to host the groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of
construction of the CCPPI Affordable Housing Operations Center**

Who: Center for Civic and Public Policy Improvement (CCPPI) and Midtown Redevelopment Authority (MRA). CCPPI is dedicated to advancing policies that promote human, civic, social and economic justice and to taking action to improve all areas of civic life.

MRA was created to engage in redevelopment activities; to aid, assist, and act on behalf of the City of Houston in governmental functions; and to provide an operating and financing vehicle for implementing its service, improvement and assessment plans.

What: Groundbreaking event for Emancipation Center One, a citywide Affordable Housing Operations Center

When: Thursday, January 17, 2019 | 10:15 am

Where: 3131 Emancipation Avenue @ Elgin St

Participants: Omar Reid, CCPPI Chairperson
State Representative Garnet Coleman
Mayor Sylvester Turner
Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Todd Edwards, Midtown Redevelopment Authority

Why: Emancipation Center One, an Affordable Housing Operations Center, will house organizations that are engaged in affordable housing production, affordable housing advocacy, affordable housing administration and affordable housing support services, such as housing counseling. It is



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anticipated that a number of city-wide housing organizations will operate in this facility.

At present, there is no centrally located public facility that can house such organizations in one building. There is also no centrally located public facility that serves as a clearinghouse for affordable housing information and provides a venue for training nonprofit affordable housing providers. Emancipation Center One's central location makes it easily accessible to all of the Mayor's Complete Communities neighborhoods, existing and prospective, as well as other neighborhoods affected by Hurricane Harvey and preceding disasters.

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