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## **Talented Tenth to Host “Search for Justice” Panel on Race, the Justice System, and Violence Amongst Our Youth**

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[Columbia, SC] - Following the verdict of the George Zimmerman trial, we have realized that it is time for a productive discussion on race in our country. Talented Tenth will bring this conversation to the Midlands during the Search for Justice panel discussion. The panel will consist of subject matter experts who represent a variety of industries and disciplines. Panelists will include State Representative **Bakari Sellers** (D-Bamberg), USC Law Professor **Derek Black**, and The State’s Associate Editor **Warren Bolton**. They will use their insight to analyze concerns about race matters in the United States as well as offer possible next steps for solutions that can galvanize this community into action.

This conversation on race involves factors that impact negative stereotypes and block the path to equality and achievement among all people. The structure of the criminal justice system, the high unemployment rate and the disparity in assets and wealth building among the African American community are all topics that will be included in this discussion. The panel will also delve into the underachievement of young African-American males locally, as well as the unfortunate issue of their committing heinous, violent crimes.

The Search for Justice panel discussion will be held on **August 22nd** in the **lobby of the Capitol City Building (1201 Main Street)** at **6:00pm**. The conversation will not be productive without input from all community members. Talented Tenth invites everyone to this panel discussion, which is a first step in making our community and the entire world a place where everyone can thrive and grow, regardless of their race or ethnicity.

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About Talented Tenth:

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Talented Tenth, born out of the vision of Mayor Steve Benjamin, started with a conference in November 2010. Talented Tenth seeks to create the environment for prosperity. Quite simply we advocate for the following:

- As young professionals, we seek to impact the political process for the creation of laws that will help our community.
- We desire to encourage young professionals to be engaged in the community and active through community service.
- Realizing that young professionals need an environment where they can live,

- work, and play, we wish to create an environment where young professionals can mix and mingle.
- Each generation must pave the way for those coming behind them, so we advocate for better education and workforce preparation.
- We need more and better leaders...so we build and recognize leaders!
- Economic empowerment is crucial, so we encourage and nurture both entrepreneurs and corporate leadership.
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