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"ADVOCATING FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY"

PRESS RELEASE

What: Everyone is Welcome (to use our bathroom)!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/258111341188501/>

A community event to protest HB2 and foster solidarity and inclusion

When: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

4:30 - 6:30 PM

5:00 PM Press Conference

Where: Bull City Cool Food Hub

902 N Mangum St, Durham, NC 27701

Who: Co-sponsored by Reinvestment Partners & the LGBTQ Center of Durham

Peter Skillern, Executive Director, Reinvestment Partners, [919-667-1000 x 22](tel:919-667-1000)

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Visual: During renovations of The Hub in 2015, Reinvestment Partners discovered a hidden second bathroom with its door still labeled "Colored." The two bathrooms were remodeled into a universally accessible bathroom. It highlights the changing history of social policy and bathroom norms. HB2 continues the Southern tradition of denying broader civil and economic rights by stigmatizing a minority group. There will be seven porta-potties labeled *White, Colored, Men, Ladies, Trans, Democrats* and *Republicans* to humorously highlight the changing history of social policy and bathroom norms. We anticipate attendance by more than 100 Durham citizens.

Media interviews are available with speakers as listed in presentation order:

Peter Skillern, Executive Director, Reinvestment Partners, Welcome

Floyd McKissick, NC State Senator, HB2 and History of Segregation

Helena Cragg, Chair LGBTQ Center of Durham, Impact on LGBTQ community

Durham High School Student, Life after HB2 in high school

Heidi Carter, Durham Public Schools, Proposed Resolution

Charlie Reece, Durham City Council-member, Proposed Resolution

Michael Page, Durham County Commissioner, Proposed Resolution (Invited)

Milan Pham, Attorney, Legal Impact on Civil Rights

Luke Hirst, Durham Uninstalled, How Business Can Truly Help Those Impacted by HB2

Carl Rist, Living Wage Campaign, HB2 on Living Wage Requirements

Mykal Slack, Reverend, Closing