

News from Washington

White House proposal makes homeownership central to closing racial wealth gap

On Tuesday, the White House <u>announced</u> several proposals aimed at reducing racial disparities and building Black wealth. Identifying homeownership as one of two key pillars of wealth building, the administration's proposal includes measures such an interagency taskforce lead by HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge to tackle appraisal discrimination, \$15 billion for a new Community Revitalization Fund and a \$5 billion competitive grant program to incentivize inclusionary zoning.

President Biden <u>announced</u> the proposals during a visit to Oklahoma to memorialize the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre, the same day the White House issued a <u>proclamation</u> on National Homeownership Month that highlighted the racial homeownership gap. The White House's fact sheet on its racial equity proposals noted that "because disparities in wealth compound like an interest rate, the disinvestment in Black families in Tulsa and across the country throughout our history is still felt sharply today. The median Black American family has thirteen cents for every one dollar in wealth held by White families."

Housing groups were largely supportive of the plan, and many expressed excitement about the administration's plan to tackle discrimination in home appraisals, which <u>research indicates</u> has worsened in recent decades. "We support a thorough review of the current appraisal system alongside both public and private stakeholders." <u>said</u> National Association of REALTORS® President Charlie Oppler.

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