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Gentrification Expert, Developer Reveals How to Protect Communities from Corporate Expansion

NATIONWIDE — T.J. Loftin is today's most prolific expert on gentrification and economics. Threatened by gentrification and corporate expansion across the United States, small business owners, and long-time residents are at risk for displacement. T.J. offers updated strategies and solutions with the release of the new edition of his top-selling, Monetizing Gentrification: Building Black Ownership.

A native of Compton, CA, T.J. has always advocated for business and homeownership. He has a long history of identifying and fighting wrongful politics, especially when affecting Black communities.

During the last 15 years, his voice and collaborative efforts range from advocating for residents affected by the Section 8 scandal

of Antelope Valley, California, to the mass displacement of the primarily Black communities within urban Los Angeles. Silicon Valley tech companies, Metro, Elon Musk and SpaceX, NFL, Black Rock, and other major corporations swooped into the region monopolizing properties and businesses. A seasoned investor, T.J. identified the agenda to remove business and homeownership, nationally.

T.J. is a well-renowned international business leader, celebrity car builder, and manufacturer, real estate, land development, gentrification expert, speaker, author, and wealth coach. He has been hands-on in building businesses, industries, and communities. Becoming the business advisor to the late ancestor Dr. Sebi (world-renowned herbalist and celebrity holistic healer inspir-

ing the forthcoming documentary by the late Nipsey Hussle and Nick Cannon) would forever impact T.J.'s life. Dr. Sebi redirected T.J. to teach others, globally, how to fight gentrification and to obtain residential and commercial ownership.

T.J. has been an advisor to Compton and Inglewood school districts and to the Homeschooler communi-

ty. To date, he has toured 24 states, analyzing various states of gentrification within Black communities and its effects on businesses and homeownership. The tour has enabled him to write the ultimate



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handbook, Monetizing Gentrification: Building Black Ownership. Get your copy today at TJLoftin.

Kwame Kilpatrick, Ex-Detroit Mayor, Opens New Business Venture Despite Owing Millions to the City

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NATIONWIDE — Kwame Kilpatrick, the former Detroit mayor who was convicted and sentenced to years in prison for federal corruption, has started a new business. Despite having been released from prison, Kilpatrick reportedly still owes the city of Detroit and the IRS more than \$4.7 million.

Kilpatrick says his new venture is called Movemental Ministries, and will include Saturday services, Bible studies, and workshops.

"It's a virtual ministry, so we'll be everywhere," Kilpatrick said about his recent venture, which started from prison when he got an idea from a book he was reading at that time, according to Deadline Detroit.

Kilpatrick was sentenced to 28 years in prison after being convicted of 24 federal felony counts. He only served over 7 years of his sentence because then-President Donald Trump granted his early release from prison.

With his rough past, Kilpatrick said he hopes he could use it to reach more people to spread his



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"The craziest thing is that's exactly what Movemental is about," Kilpatrick told Fox2 Detroit. "That is my heartbeat. Be authentic. I've been what you've been through,

I've smoked before, I drank, we know some of the issues I've had in the public press, but I don't do any of that now and it's not because I got perfect. It's because I'm at truth."

Grandson of Jersey City's First Black Firefighter Makes History, Promoted to Battalion Chief





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JERSEY CITY, NJ — Dwayne Taylor, a third-generation firefighter in Jersey City, is continuing the legacy of his grandfather who became the first Black man to join the Jersey City Fire Department 70 years ago in 1952. What's more, Dwayne is making a name for himself as he was recently promoted to battalion chief!

Dwayne was one of the 8 firefighters who were promoted in the recent ceremony as announced by Mayor Steve Fulop. 4 African American and 3 Hispanic firefighters were given the roles of captain or battalion chief in line with the administration's diversity recruitment efforts.

Dwayne's grandfather, Thomas Gerald Taylor, also made history when he joined JCFD in 1950. He then

co-founded the Vulcan Pioneers of New Jersey, a civic organization made up of minority firefighters in northern New Jersey. He also served as president of the Jersey City NAACP.

Dwayne's father, Wayne, also became a firefighter with the JCFD.

"It started with my grandfather breaking through boundaries as the first Black firefighter in one of New Jersey's largest cities, and it continues today with me being promoted to Battalion Chief," Dwayne said, according to NJ.com. "It's something my grandfather likely never imagined would happen 60 years later. I'm grateful for the opportunity to carry on my grandfather's and father's legacies by serving this great community."





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