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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **The National Academy of Public Administration and the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee to Host Event Examining the Impact of Pandemic Response Programs and Spending on Underserved Communities**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration will join the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) in hosting an August 12<sup>th</sup> online panel discussion of the impact of pandemic response programs and spending on underserved communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the outset of the pandemic, it became clear that health and economic burdens were not shouldered equally among the American population. For example, minority and women-owned businesses reported difficulties accessing emergency business loans, and those living in rural areas experienced challenges accessing testing and vaccination clinics.

The event, “**The Impact of Pandemic Response Programs and Spending on Underserved Communities,**” will feature expert panelists as they discuss the impact of pandemic spending on underserved communities and the extent to which the pandemic response was equitable. It will be an open conversation about lessons learned and recommendations to improve administration of the American Rescue Plan and future disaster relief efforts.

**WHAT:** Panel: “The Impact of Pandemic Response Programs and Spending on Underserved Communities”

**WHEN:** August 12, 2021, 1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

**WHO:** **Shena Ashley**, Vice President of Nonprofits and Philanthropy, Urban Institute  
**John Friedman**, Co-Director of Opportunity Insights, Harvard University; Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Brown University  
**Andre Perry**, Senior Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution

**Clarence Wardell, III**, Chief Data and Equitable Delivery Officer,  
American Rescue Plan Implementation Team, The White House  
**The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz**, Chair of the PRAC; Inspector  
General, U.S. Department of Justice  
**Terry Gerton**, President and CEO, National Academy of Public  
Administration  
**Joseph P. Mitchell**, Director, Strategic Initiatives & International  
Programs, National Academy of Public Administration (moderator)

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### **About the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee**

The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) was established as a committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency ([CIGIE](#)) by the [CARES Act](#). The mission of the PRAC is to promote transparency and support independent oversight of the funds provided by the CARES Act and other related [pandemic relief legislation](#), now totaling more than \$5 trillion, and provide oversight of those funds and the coronavirus response. Learn more at [www.PandemicOversight.gov](http://www.PandemicOversight.gov)

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