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WYPR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BOLTON STREET SYNAGOGUE HOSTS A FORUM FOR LEADERS AND THINKERS TO ARTICULATE THEIR VISIONS OF THE FUTURE CITY

Event will be recorded live to air on "Midday with Dan Rodricks" program

(Baltimore) – On Sunday, December 5th, Dan Rodricks from WYPR will moderate a roundtable discussion on "the Future of Baltimore." The discussion will be held at the Bolton Street Synagogue as part of their "Uncommon Voices Series" and will include an eclectic group of distinguished leaders from the Baltimore area. From the economy and education to social services and sports, Baltimore leaders will discuss and forecast their predictions for Baltimore's future. *This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, contact Debbie Barnes at 410-235-5354.*

Rodricks will moderate the 90-minute program then air it in its entirety at a later date during a two-hour "Midday with Dan Rodricks" program, including time for listener reaction.

Scheduled guests include:

- **Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake**
- **Lester Spence**, assistant professor of political science and Africana studies at the Johns Hopkins University and one of NPR's Barbershop guys.
- **Madison Smartt Bell**, author of 13 novels as well as "Charm City: A Walk Through Baltimore." He is an English professor at Goucher College.
- **Freeman Hrabowski III**, president of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and author of "Beating The Odds."
- **Joe Ehrmann**, former Baltimore Colts player, president of Coach For America, co-founder of Building Men and Women For Others, co-founder of The Door ministry in Baltimore.
- **Janet Marie Smith**, architect and urban planner, vice president of planning & development for The Baltimore Orioles

"This will be a great discussion on the current and future state of Baltimore, from politics to education to urban development and we are proud to be a part of it," said Anthony Brandon, President and General Manager of WYPR. "We not only look forward to this conversation, but also to the reactions from our listeners."

WYPR is an NPR station. The station produces and broadcasts local programs including *Midday with Dan Rodricks*, *Maryland Morning with Sheilah Kast*, and *The Signal*, as well as news coverage and special editorial programming. As a listener-supported radio station, all contributions to the station are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For more information, visit www.wypr.org or call 410-235-1660.

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