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### **National Conflict Resolution Center to Host National Conversation on Race with New York Times Bestselling Authors of *How to Be an Anti-Racist* and *White Fragility*, Moderated by Pulitzer Prize-Winning CBS News Journalist and Author**

*"A Path Forward" online event to feature discussion with authors Ibram X. Kendi and Robin DiAngelo, focused on the question, "How do we talk about race in a way that unites and strengthens us as a community?"*

*Pulitzer Prize-winning CBS News journalist and author Wesley Lowery to moderate*

*Event will take place on August 20, 2020 from 7 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. PDT*

**SAN DIEGO** — The [National Conflict Resolution Center \(NCRC\)](#) will bring leading authors, scholars and journalists together for a national online conversation about race in America and bridging our country's political divide. The "A Path Forward" virtual event on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 7 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. PDT will feature an engaging discussion with two *New York Times* #1 bestselling authors and leading national scholars whose works have been made all the more relevant by recent protests against police brutality: **Ibram X. Kendi**, author of *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, and **Robin DiAngelo**, author of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. **Wesley Lowery**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist at *CBS News* and author of *They Can't Kill Us All: The Story of the Struggle for Black Lives*, will moderate.

This online conversation will be free to attend and will serve as the public launch of the organization's comprehensive response to the turmoil created by the coronavirus pandemic and the social unrest caused by racial injustice. The event will also include a virtual "raise-the-paddle" fundraising activity, where attendees have the option of donating to support the organization's "A Path Forward Initiative," a series of dialogues and communication trainings to address racism and intolerance by bridging divides and creating a more equitable society.

"Now is the time for all of us as Americans to commit ourselves to dismantling systemic racism and understanding the roots of the injustices people of color face," says National Conflict

Resolution Center's President Steven Dinkin, who has lately dedicated his weekly "[A Path Forward](#)" column in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* to discussing issues of racial equality. "Through this virtual event, which will focus on the most urgent issues our nation faces, we're hoping to pave the way for even more work, tough conversations and reform that will make ours a truly equal, just society."

**Ibram X. Kendi** is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, professor of history and international studies, and the Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. He is an Ideas Columnist at *The Atlantic*, and a correspondent with CBS News. He is the author of four books including *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, which won National Book Award for Nonfiction, and the *New York Times* bestsellers *How to Be an Antiracist* and *STAMPED: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, co-authored with Jason Reynolds. His next book, *Antiracist Baby* recently published on June 16, 2020.

**Robin DiAngelo** is an Affiliate Associate Professor of Education at the University of Washington. In addition, she holds two Honorary Doctorates. She is a two-time winner of the Student's Choice Award for Educator of the Year at the University of Washington's School of Social Work. She has numerous publications and books. In 2011, she coined the term White Fragility in an academic article which has influenced the international dialogue on race. Her book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism* was released in June of 2018 and debuted on the *New York Times* Bestseller List, where it has remained for over a year and is being translated into 5 languages. In addition to her academic work, DiAngelo has been a consultant and trainer for over 20 years on issues of racial and social justice.

**Wesley Lowery** is a journalist at [CBS News](#), formerly at [The Washington Post](#). He was a lead on the *Post's* "Fatal Force" project that won the [Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting](#) in 2016 as well as the author of *They Can't Kill Us All: The Story of the Struggle for Black Lives* ([Little, Brown](#), 2016). In 2017, he became a [CNN](#) political contributor and in 2020 was announced as a correspondent for *60 in 6*, a short-form spinoff of [60 Minutes](#) for Quibi.

Attendance at the online "A Path Forward" fundraiser is free and open to the public with advance registration. [Register online here.](#)

San Diego Businessman and Civic Leader Malin Burnham, will serve as honorary chair for the event. The host committee includes Carol and Jeff Chang, Epstein Family Foundation, Nancy Giberson, Ann and Ben Haddad, Ann Hill, The Jaffe Family, Linda and Mel Katz, Susan McClellan, Judy McDonald, Ann Navarra, Chuck Nichols, Kevin Quinn, Claire Reiss, Dorian and Bill Sailer, and Karen and Jeff Silberman.

As of Aug. 5, event sponsors include: *San Diego Gas & Electric, Bank of America, UC San Diego Extension, Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego, The San Diego Union-Tribune, KPBS, Warwick's, and San Diego County Indigent Criminal Defense Fund.*

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