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Former County and State Legislators and Leaders to Issue a Call for Black Leadership at a Panel Discussion on Blacks in Politics

John Ford, O.C. Pleasant and Shep Wilbun are scheduled to participate Feb. 23rd panel on African American leadership in Memphis.

(MEMPHIS, TN – Feb. 15, 2017) The LeMoyne-Owen College Urban Leadership and Social Justice Center of Excellence presents a special panel discussion featuring former elected officials who will discuss the current state and future of black leadership in Shelby County and beyond **Thursday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.** in the Little Theatre of the Alma C. Hanson Student Center at LeMoyne-Owen College.

Former State of Tennessee Senator **John Ford**, former Shelby County Election Commissioner **O.C. Pleasant Jr.** and former Shelby County Juvenile Court Clerk **Shepperson “Shep” Wilbun** will delve into the role of African Americans in local politics from a historical perspective. They also will discuss how politics impact juvenile court, public education, criminal justice reform and Memphis’ growth and development.

WHO: LeMoyne-Owen College

WHAT: Blacks in Politics: A Call for Black Leadership panel

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.

WHERE: Little Theatre in the Alma C. Hanson Student Center on the campus of LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Ave. 38126

BACKGROUND: Free and open to the public.

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