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WFAE Hosts Live Broadcast with Charlotte’s Mayor, Police Chief, City Manager and District Attorney

WHAT: Charlotte finds itself in a unique moment: Many of its top political and civic leaders are African-American. The city’s first African-American female mayor was elected last fall, a year after the first African-American city manager was hired. The first African-American district attorney was sworn in this winter, and African-Americans also lead the police department, school board, transit system and planning department. At a time when many of the city’s biggest problems center on inequities along racial lines, it seems like an historic opportunity. WFAE’s *Charlotte Talks* gathers some of these leaders to talk about their visions on building an inclusive city.

Over 400 people have registered to attend this free event. Registration information at www.wfae.org.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 7-8:30 p.m. (Attendees should be seated by 6:45 p.m. for the live broadcast.)

WHERE: McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square – 345 N. College Street

WHO: Hosts – *Charlotte Talks*’ Mike Collins and Qcitymetro’s Glenn Burkins

Confirmed Panelists (subject to change):

- + Vi Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte
- + Marcus Jones, Charlotte City Manager
- + Kerr Putney, Chief of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
- + Spencer Merriweather, Mecklenburg County District Attorney

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