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**CITY OF WHITE PLAINS & WHITE PLAINS BUSINESS  
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HARRIET TUBMAN SCULPTURE TO CITY**

*Sculpture to Reside in Renaissance Plaza April 1 – June 30, 2022*

**White Plains, NY – February 15, 2022.** The City of White Plains and the White Plains Business Improvement District (WP BID) are thrilled to welcome “Harriet Tubman – The Journey to Freedom” sculpture to White Plains. The WP BID generously secured the sculpture for the city. The sculpture will be placed in Renaissance Plaza (aka Fountain Park) for public display from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. This location is not only in the heart of downtown White Plains, but ensures the sculpture will have high visibility and that it will be easily accessible to the public.

“The City of White Plains will be the only location in southern New York State to host this important and acclaimed work this year,” said White Plains Mayor Tom Roach. “We are honored to host the sculpture and intend to use its time here as an opportunity to engage in community-wide discussions about the tremendous courage and resilience of this strong woman and American hero.”

Council Member Nadine Hunt-Robinson said, “It is an honor and privilege to host the Harriet Tubman sculpture in our City. She symbolizes the indomitable human spirit in its quest for liberty and justice. A journey that continues today. I hope the sculpture serves as inspiration to all that gaze upon it.”

Brittany Brandwein, Executive Director of the WP BID said, “The goal of bringing Harriet Tubman – The Journey to Freedom to White Plains is to draw people together to the downtown,

filled with hope and trajectory into the future with the same determination seen in Wesley Wofford's sculpture." The WP BID has additionally launched a webpage, [www.wpbid.com/tubman](http://www.wpbid.com/tubman), to keep the public updated on programs and events around the sculpture.

The city and the WP BID will create and promote a calendar of programs and events to highlight the sculpture's presence. This calendar will include city and BID-sponsored events, as well as a number of programs and events sponsored by community organizations, such as:

- An outdoor showing of the Movie, *Harriet*, on Court Street on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>
- A tribute concert to Harriet Tubman in Renaissance Plaza on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> featuring the Sounds of A&R aka SOAR, an evening of Soul, R& B, Gospel and Jazz
- The annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival sponsored by the White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Committee on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

The city and the WPBID have shared this opportunity with the community so that they can participate in the planning around the sculpture and are excited about the level of response and the energy around it. Among the organizations that will be contributing are: The White Plains Recreation & Parks Department, Public Library, White Plains Youth Bureau, ArtsWestchester, White Plains School District, White Plains Historical Society, White Plains League of Women Voters, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Iota Omega Chapter, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Greater Hudson Valley (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, Slater Center, Greenburgh-White Plains NAACP, Westchester 1619 Project, White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Committee, Sisters with a Purpose, African American Men of Westchester, Blue Nile, White Plains & Vicinity Ministers Fellowship Council, and the Harriet Tubman Home & National Historic Park

The calendar of programs and events will be available to the public by mid-March and we urge the public to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to enjoy and learn about Harriet Tubman and her important mission.

### ***About the sculpture***

The 9 foot high, 2,400 lb. bronze sculpture was created by artist Wesley Wofford of North Carolina. Originally commissioned for a private client, the sculpture has more recently been made available to the public and has traveled to a number of locations around the United States. We are proud that the City of White Plains will now be added to that list.

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