

## LATTER DAY DELIVERANCE REVIVAL CHURCH

Pastor Roy Lee and late Co-Pastor Barbara Lessie Kossie and early members of Latter Day Deliverance Revival Church, a Pentecostal congregation, began worshiping in the Lyons Theater in 1966, one year after they acquired the building and the 5000-foot lot upon which it stood. The young couple responded to a divine call to establish a deliverance center in Houston's historic Fifth Ward. Thanks to their dedication and that of faithful members, Latter Day is celebrating 60 years of service to the Fifth Ward Community.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Founding Pastor & Bishop Roy Lee Kossie, Jr.

Assistant Pastor Larry Kossie

Assistant Pastor Viki Duncan

Associate Pastor Thomas Land

Director, Church Administration Simmie Driver

Director, Music & Educational Outreach Karen Kossie-Chernyshev

Adult Choir & Praise, President Rhonda Hall Kossie

Musicians Keyboardists: Lucinda Kossie, Karen Kossie  
-Chernyshev, & Trelon Land

Drummers Daniel Chernyshev & Trelon Land

Ladies Dedicated to Christ (LDC) Glenda Smith

Latter Day Men Committed to Christ (LMCC) Larry Kossie

Keepers of the Flame Marriage Ministry Thomas & Tina Land

Pastor's Aides Judy Jackson

Usher Board Rhonda Pickett

Living Well Youth Ministry Michael & Sherry Dunn

Superintendent, Sunday School Thomas Land

Building & Grounds Earl Davis



NOT MEGA BUT **MIGHTY!**



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## EMINENT DOMAIN, GENTRIFICATION, AND YOU!



### PUBLIC FORUM

Saturday, March 28, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Latter Day Deliverance Revival Church  
4036 Lyons Ave. -Houston, TX 77020



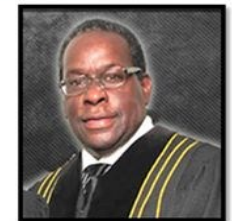
Texas Southern University Department of History & Geography, in partnership with Latter Day Deliverance Revival Church, invites you to a public forum with scholars and legal experts on the concepts of "gentrification" and "eminent domain," and what they mean to you – inner city businesses, residents, and congregations.



Trushna Parekh, PhD  
Assistant Professor of Geography  
Texas Southern University



Kimberli D. Loessin  
Managing Partner  
Barron & Adler, LLP



Frank A. Rush  
Attorney at Law

**PROGRAM**

**Eminent Domain, Gentrification, and You!**

**A Public Forum: 10AM-12PM**

<b>10:00</b>	<b>Opening</b>	Karen Kossie-Chernyshev, PhD
<b>10:03</b>	<b>Invocation</b>	Larry Kossie, Assistant Pastor, Latter Day Deliverance Revival
<b>10:04</b>	<b>Statement of Purpose &amp; Introduction of Speakers</b>	Karen Kossie-Chernyshev, PhD
<b>10:05</b>	<b>Understanding Gentrification</b>	Trushna Parekh, PhD
<b>10:20</b>	<b>The Impact of Gentrification of Eminent Domain</b>	Kimberli Loessin, Managing Partner, Barron/Adler
<b>10:35</b>	<b>The Importance of Examining these Issues</b>	Frank Rush, Attorney at Law
<b>10:55</b>	<b>Opportunity for Sharing</b>	Fifth Ward Legal Defense Fund
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Eminent Domain: A National Perspective &amp; Special Presentation</b>	Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee
<b>11:15</b>	<b>The NAACP and Eminent Domain</b>	Dr. James Douglas, President, NAACP, Local Chapter; Professor of Law & Former President, Texas Southern University
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	Audience
<b>11:55</b>	<b>Acknowledgements &amp; Closing Remarks</b>	Karen Kossie-Chernyshev, PhD
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Battle Cry: "March On!"</b>	LDDRC Choir



**FIFTH WARD LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

**Fifth Ward Legal Defense Fund:** FWLDF was organized March 25, 2015, by residents and friends of Fifth Ward to offer legal aid and support to Fifth Ward residents, businesses, and churches whose properties are targeted for acquisition through eminent domain. The target zip codes for the fund are 77020, 77026, and 77028.

**Purpose:** The condemnation or properties initiated by public and private entities in the name of “necessity” or “the public good” is a serious matter. Landowners whose properties are targeted for acquisition are faced with social and financial disruption, as they are forced to sell their properties and relocate often at a loss from which they never recover.

**Aims:** Sensitive to these matters, the Fifth Ward Legal Defense Fund has two basic aims: (1) to help landowners in the region fight eminent domain when possible, or (2) minimize the negative impact of the condemnation process by (a) providing clients with free information about the laws governing eminent domain at local, state, and national levels; (b) connecting clients with qualified professionals whose areas of specialization intersect with eminent domain, including but not limited to lawyers (eminent domain and real estate), certified appraisers, surveyors, urban planners, realtors, contractors, etc.; (c) connecting clients with qualified professionals who can help them make an informed decision about whether to fight the condemnation of their properties or sell for the maximum value; (d) connecting clients who opt to fight the condemnation of their properties with qualified legal professionals; (e) connecting clients who opt to sell with qualified legal professionals who can help them navigate the condemnation process, i.e., respond to letters from entities that plan to seize the properties through eminent domain, acquire certified appraisals of their residential or commercial properties, etc.

**Chip In!** Please “chip in” today by giving a generous donation. Make checks payable to FWLDF. FWLDF has filed for tax exemption status. Donations given during the tax exemption filing period are deductible through June 25, 2017.

**WE CANNOT COME DOWN!**

*Latter Day Deliverance Revival Church understands firsthand the experience of Fifth Ward churches, residents, and businesses impacted by eminent domain proceedings. On the front line of battle, the congregation remains committed to God’s purpose for our church—one we know is “necessary” and “for the public good.” With more than 60 years of resolute faith in God under our belts, we embrace our current challenge knowing that nothing is impossible to those who can believe! We must and will “March On!”*

**“Don’t Let Any One Melt or Pour You out of Fifth Ward!”**

Bishop Kossie has often repeated to his congregation that the Lord told him not to let anyone melt or pour him out of the Fifth Ward because the area was going to be revitalized. A young pastor of 33 years, he began his assignment in 1965, when the Fifth Ward was experiencing dramatic decline. As residents embraced new opportunities to live in other areas thanks to *Brown v. Board* (1954), the population dwindled. So, too, did many businesses and congregations. But Latter Day and other

churches remained. Although many members moved to various suburban areas, they continued to commute to Fifth Ward for worship.

**“You Can’t Tell Your Story...I’m Telling Mine”**

When Kossie entreated the Lord about the slow pace at which the church seemed to develop, God told him, “Son, the problem is that you want to tell your story. You can’t tell your story. I’m telling mine!”

Today, the Latter Day leadership team and members are sitting in awesome wonder as God’s promise to our church unfolds!

