

Houston Public Media to Lead Broadcast of the State of BLACK TEXAS Event

Subtitle: Houston Public Media will broadcast the Houston Defender Network's State of BLACK TEXAS event on News 88.7 (NPR for Greater Houston) Feb. 11 and Feb. 28.

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State of BLACK TEXAS ★
A ★ Defender Network VIRTUAL EVENT

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THURS FEB 11 AT 7PM
ON NEWS 88.7

HOSTED BY



Sonny Messiah Jiles
Defender CEO

SPECIAL GUESTS



Dan Patrick
Texas Lt. Governor



Royce West
Texas Senator (Dallas)



Borris Miles
Texas Senator (Houston)

HOUSTON – January 20, 2021 Houston Public Media (PBS and NPR for Greater Houston) is excited to announce a partnership with the Houston Defender Network to broadcast the *State of BLACK TEXAS* event Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. on News 88.7. The program gives insight into the state leaders' plans for addressing legislative issues of interest to Black Texans such as COVID-19's impact on health, jobs, businesses and education in addition to criminal justice and redistricting.

State of Black TEXAS is moderated by Defender Network CEO Sonny Messiah Jiles and features special guests Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, State Senator Royce West of Dallas, and State Senator Borris Miles of Houston.

"The State of BLACK TEXAS program reflects the collaboration of community, media, corporations, and lawmakers joining forces to better inform Black Texans while reinforcing accountability," said Jiles. "This event offers a unique opportunity to zero in on issues that matter to the Black community. We thank our corporate and media sponsors and applaud the community partners for their involvement."

The program is the third in a series of Defender Network live streams addressing issues important to the Black Texans.

"Houston Public Media is proud to partner with The Defender Network to expand the program's reach from virtual platform to broadcast audience following the January 28 live event," said Lisa Shumate, Houston Public Media Associate Vice President and General Manager. "-Together we can raise awareness about the most critical issues facing the state of Texas."

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SPECIAL ENCORE PRESENTATION

SUN FEB 28 AT 8PM
ON NEWS 88.7

For more info
[houstonpublicmedia.org/blackhistory](https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/blackhistory)

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About the Houston Defender Network

Defender Network is a part of the Houston Defender Media Group family. For over 85 years, The Defender has served as the leading source for Houston Black news and information providing local and national news, sports, entertainment, business, opinion, lifestyle and community events related to African-Americans.

About Houston Public Media

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