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TAVIS SMILEY TO LEAD NATIONAL PANEL ON RACE AND POVERTY IN ELECTION '08

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Tavis Smiley to Lead National Panel on Race and Poverty in Election '08

In a presidential election dominated by superficial discourse on race, how can we ensure the issues of race, poverty and equity get the policy attention they deserve? This thoughtful and forceful panel discussion - moderated by noted broadcaster and political commentator Tavis Smiley - will help social justice leaders make sure race and poverty are front and center through November and beyond.

WHAT:

Panel Discussion: "Election 2008: Keeping Race, Poverty and Equity on the Political Agenda"

WHO:

Tavis Smiley, The Tavis Smiley Show (Moderator)
Gerry Hudson, Executive Vice President, SEIU **Jim Wallis**, Editor-in-Chief, Sojourners **Robert K. Ross**, President, The California Endowment **Antonio Gonzalez**, President, Southwest Voter Education Project

WHEN:

10:45 a.m. to Noon, **Friday, March 7, 2008**

WHERE:

Sheraton New Orleans, **500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA**

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This panel discussion is part of the "Regional Equity '08" National Summit, an event sponsored by PolicyLink to bring together more than 1,500 of the country's leading progressive advocates, activists, academics and policymakers to help craft a policy agenda to end poverty as we know it. The three-day Summit (March 5-7) will feature more than 50 panels, workshops and on-site visits focused on innovative policies and strategies for advancing the causes of social justice, smart growth and affordable housing.

For more information on the Summit, please visit www.RegionalEquity08.org

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