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NATIONALLY BROADCAST TOWN HALL FORUM IN MIAMI JUNE 12

“Live From Main Street” event will explore how Miami community leaders are addressing housing crisis and environmental challenges; focus on what’s working for Miami that could work for the nation

MIAMI (July 7, 2008)— America will turn its eyes to Miami on July 12th when local citizens and community leaders join national political figures for a town hall forum to discuss how Miami communities and grassroots groups are facing the economic crunch and working to build a stronger, more sustainable city for future generations.

The town hall forum is free and open to the public and will take place on Saturday, July 12th, at 3pm (doors open at 2pm) at the The Lyric Theater, 819 NW 2nd Ave, Miami.

The event will be co-hosted by **Laura Flanders**, host of FSTV’s “GRITtv” and Air America’s “RadioNation,” and Miami’s own **Cheryl Mizell** of WEDR/ 99 JAMZ’s. With special guests including:

Barbara Jordan, Miami-Dade County Commissioner
Gihan Perera, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Miami Workers Center
Max Rameau, Founder/ Author *Take Back The Land*
Carolina Delgado, Membership Director, Jobs with Justice Campaign
Sonia Succar, Chairperson, Emerging Green Builders of South Florida
Edith McClintock, Executive Director, Dream in Green

Putting aside the partisan, horserace politics of most election-year news, Live From Main Street is traveling the country to ask ordinary Americans what they are doing in their communities to address the issues that matter most to them, and what’s working locally that might work nationally.

This event will be the second of five touring the nation through the summer after a standing-room only crowd in Minneapolis in June. Additional events will take place in Denver, Columbus and Seattle. The events are being produced and distributed by The Media Consortium, a network of independent media organizations working together to build smart, powerful, and passionate journalism that changes the terms of the American political and cultural debate.

For more information see www.livefrommainstreet.org

About Laura Flanders

Laura Flanders is the host of "GRITtv" the new news and discussion program aired daily on Free Speech TV (Dish Network ch. 9415) and online at the popular blog site Firedoglake.com. For years, she has hosted RadioNation, the nationally-syndicated weekly radio program of the Nation Magazine. She is also the author of *Blue Grit: Making Impossible, Improbable and Inspirational Change in America* (Penguin Books, 2008), an investigation into what people at the grassroots know that Democratic party leaders need to learn, and *Bushwomen: Tales of a Cynical Species* (Verso, 2004), an expose of women in George W. Bush's Cabinet. Flanders was founding director of the Women's Desk at the media watch group, Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting and for more than ten years she produced and hosted CounterSpin.

About Cheryl

About The Media Consortium

The Media Consortium is a network of leading progressive independent journalism organizations. We're building smart, powerful, and passionate journalism that changes the terms of the American political and cultural debate. We're redefining "independent progressive media" so that it reaches and serves the audience of the 21st century. That means creating a cooperative infrastructure that supports a sustainable future for all of us—and that gets the message out to millions of Americans looking for honest, fair, and accurate journalism.

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