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## GARY INVITES FORMER GARYITES HOME FOR EXPATRIATES ROUNDTABLE

**Gary, Indiana**-Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and the City of Gary will host former Garyites next week when the city presents a roundtable meeting aimed at engaging expatriates in discussion about their hometown.

"The Homecoming:" A Gary Expats Roundtable on Friday, September 21, 2018 will focus on economic development and job growth, public safety, technology and data, communications and public image, health, education and youth, neighborhoods and placemaking, and infrastructure. Attendees will hear from city officials, brainstorm, and share their ideas for the future of Gary.

The Gary Expats event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Art House: A Social Kitchen, 411 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A Networking Open House from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. will follow the discussion. An invitation is extended to all creative, passionate, and driven expats to bring their big ideas back home.

The Homecoming is expected to lead to concrete steps for expatriates to offer their assistance to the city through advice, ideas, technical assistance, one-off events or sustained projects.

FOR AGENDA AND TO RSVP: (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-homecoming-city-of-gary-expats-roundtable-tickets-49927945830).

Questions about the Gary Expatriates Roundtable may be directed to the Gary Department of Commerce at 219-881-1367 or via email: khenderson@ci.gary.in.us