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**SAFE to hold 2nd annual SAFEMen Forum
Leaders in Austin will gather to discuss how to break the cycle of violence**

Austin, TX— On April 23, 2019, SAFE will hold the 2nd annual **SAFEMen Forum** to gather local leaders and create concrete plans on how they and their institutions will work to break the cycle of violence and create a culture of respect.

SAFE's vision is a community free from violence and abuse. This means that we — men included — are all part of the conversation to create safe and healthy workplaces, homes, and communities.

"Sexual harassment and abuse are not just women's issues," said SAFE Co-CEO Kelly White. "These are issues that affect everyone, in ways big and small. The SAFEMen Forum brings an audience of men together to hear from male community leaders about their collective role in creating a culture free from violence and abuse."

The morning will begin with a panel of community leaders talking about how they are identifying problem areas within their institutions and how they are working to enact change. This year's panel will include Tim League, Geronimo Rodriguez, and Quan Cosby. Following this panel, participants will have the opportunity to discuss some of the issues they face as they take real action against sexual harassment and assault, as well as how to talk with others about this important work.

"We need to recognize that the burden is on us to change the culture. Women should not feel that it is their burden to avoid harassment or assault," said Michael Simons, former SAFE board chair. "The culture will only change when all of us decide it has to change."

SAFE's goal is for attendees to leave with three actions or initiatives that will improve their work against sexual harassment and assault.

Event Details

SAFEMen Forum

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

JW Marriott Austin, 110 E 2nd St, Austin, TX, 78701

RSVP: safeaustin.org/safemenforum

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About SAFE

SAFE is a Central Texas nonprofit committed to providing safety, stability, and healing to anyone who has experienced violence and abuse. Locally, we provide housing, support services, and prevention programs to stop the cycle of violence. Globally, we engage in conversations that shape a culture free from violence and abuse. Learn more at safeaustin.org.

