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VISION Tomorrow: Vanita Gupta of the Leadership Conference

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Dear Sarah,

Across our country, people are expressing anger, frustration, and pain about the state of our democracy. Millions are asking: How can we end systematic injustice? Tomorrow, on a special edition of VISION, we'll be talking about these urgent questions with Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

[Click here](#) to learn how you can watch the special broadcast on Tuesday at 3 p.m. ET. If you have questions for Vanita, you can send them in using [#knightlive](#) on Twitter. You may also submit questions [via email](#).



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Vanita Gupta is an experienced leader and litigator who has devoted her entire career to civil rights work. Most recently, from October 15, 2014, to January 20, 2017, she served as Acting Assistant Attorney General and Head of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Appointed by President Barack Obama as the

chief civil rights prosecutor for the United States, Gupta oversaw a wide range of criminal and civil enforcement efforts to ensure equal justice and protect equal opportunity for all during one of the most consequential periods for the division.

On Thursday, we're continuing our conversation around the pandemic's disruption on our national elections. I'll be joined by Trevor Potter and Ann Ravel, former FEC commissioners, for a new episode of the show rescheduled from last week. We'll examine how the pandemic is shaping preparations for the fall elections, and what the changes we make now could mean for the future of our country. The live show starts at 1 p.m. ET. [Click here](#) to register.

For generations, our election system has systematically excluded marginalized communities from the voting process. On the last episode of VISION, I had an in-depth discussion on this with Spencer Overton, president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, and Arturo Vargas, CEO of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. If you didn't catch the episode, [click here](#) to watch it — it's one you won't want to miss.

You can find more information about VISION, including recordings of past episodes, at kf.org/vision. As always, VISION is live Thursdays at 1 p.m. ET.

Thanks,

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