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Tenant move is just a few months away.

The historic Liberty Bank Building project located on 24th & Union has reached another historic milestone as the lease up of the building starts today and the process of calling back those who called the appointment hotline a few weeks ago has began .

Capitol Hill Housing, will begin calling back the first 300 phone numbers on the list today. Please make sure and stay close to your phone and remember that you very well might not recognize the number that is calling you. Make sure that your voicemail box can accept messages and if you have a landline phone that does not have voicemail and you will not be home, make sure and forward your phone to someone who can answer on your behalf.

The Liberty Bank Building is an affordable housing development partnership between Africatown, Black Community Impact Alliance, Byrd Barr Place, and Capitol Hill Housing. The Liberty Bank Building was developed on the same land where the iconic Liberty Bank once stood decades ago. Liberty Bank was the very first African American owned bank in the Pacific Northwest.

The community response and call-to action to set an appointment with a leasing agent was unparalleled and highlights the urgent demand for affordable housing in Seattle as literally thousands of people called the phone lines and at one point the rate of phone calls was so high that the phone lines were temporarily shut down as they could not handle the overwhelming call volume.

According to K. Wyking Garrett, CEO of Africatown Community Land Trust, the very sizeable African American community that has been uprooted from the Central District, a historically African American neighborhood, are pining for an opportunity to return. Garrett points to the call volume as a direct indicator that displaced African Americans are eagerly seeking to return to the Central District.

Anytime that you are getting thousands of people calling for 115 apartments that will tell you that not only is the demand for housing through the roof but additionally that thousands of Black people want to return to their roots in the Central District. said Garrett.

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