"Faux bourgs" or neighborhood revival?

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The historic Faubourg Marigny neighborhood of New Orleans, which originated in 1805 as a Creole French-speaking suburb, is seeing a Renaissance. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Interested in the changing landscape of New Orleans neighborhoods? Tulane Hillel will host the next panel discussion in its Big Issue series on Wednesday (May 27), on gentrification and neighborhood change in New Orleans.

A panel, Neighborhood Revival or Faux Bourgs? Gentrification in NOLA, will delve into change that’s happening in New Orleans neighborhoods.

Nearly 10 years after Hurricane Katrina, as the city’s population approaches pre-storm levels yet with notably changed demographics, the question arises of who exactly is living in New Orleans. In April 2014, a Forbes magazine study had New Orleans tied for first place on the list of cities with growing populations of college-educated citizens.

Driven in part by these new arrivals, home values and rents are rising citywide. The ultimate question posed by demographic change and new population influx in New Orleans is: What will be
the effect on long-term residents of the city, particularly those who may be priced out of their own neighborhoods?

Moderated by *The New Orleans Advocate* columnist Stephanie Grace, the Big Issue panel, “Neighborhood Revival or Faux Bourgs? Gentrification in NOLA” will delve into change that’s happening at the neighborhood, cultural, socio-economic and other levels in New Orleans.

Panelists will include:

- LaToya Cantrell, New Orleans City Council, District B
- Flozell Daniels, CEO and president, Foundation for Louisiana
- Renia Ehrenfeucht, associate professor and chair of planning and urban studies, University of New Orleans
- Vance Vaucresson, co-developer of the residential housing project Sacred Heart Church at St. Bernard Avenue and owner of Vaucresson's Sausage Company

The panel will be held in the Goldie and Morris Mintz Center for Jewish Life, 912 Broadway St. It is free open and open to the public, and will feature a cash bar with complimentary tapas. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and speakers will begin at 7:30 p.m.