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About BAPAC

Started in 1978 by 20 key leaders, BAPAC has since grown to encompass 40,000 active members in 60 chapters Statewide. The organization was started by 20 leaders in San Francisco who saw a deep need to become a champion for California's communities and encourage cooperation among those communities. Please note: although the word "Political" is in our name, we ARE NOT a Political organization. We do not endorse political candidates, nor do we contribute money to candidates or PACs.

BAPAC is committed to strengthening, building, and educating the State of California. We serve every member of California's communities with ongoing programs and workshops on varied topics such as health care, financial responsibility, home retention, education and after school programs, special needs of Veterans and Seniors, job placement, and more. Every workshop and program BAPAC provides is free of charge. BAPAC is fortunate to have built a highly regarded legacy of advancement, and to count among our members people from all walks of life and all different areas of business and public service.

A Welcome Message from Bishop Ted Frazier BAPAC State President



It has been an honor for me to serve as the President of the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) for these seven months. When Percy Pinkney appointed me to service as BAPAC State President Pro-Tem in his absence in 2015, I had no idea of what that would entail or what I was soon to be in for, and again in April 2016, the appointment of a successor for BAPAC State President made by State President Percy Pinkney in 2015 was verified, accepted and approved by BAPAC State Executive Board Committee Members.

It has been a pleasure to work Percy's legacy but not to fill his shoes. That cannot be done, because he was known as a man of character, integrity and wisdom who knew his plan for BAPAC. He laid out that plan for BAPAC to follow and for the last several months I have done my best to satisfy his wishes.

We have added to the State's staff a new Executive Director to help with the day to day Challenges of BAPAC. We have added two new chapters; one in northern California and another in Southern California, a new scholarship fund foundation in Percy's name. We recently began the strategic planning for the Percy Pinkney Learning Academy in the Fillmore Jazz Heritage Center in San Francisco, California.

Now, here we are at the 38th Annual BAPAC Convention. I would like to thank and congratulate Dr. Willie Blair and the San Diego Chapter for hosting this year's BAPAC Annual Convention.

The Black American Political Association of California has been committed to strengthening, building and educating communities throughout California with special programs and workshops. With its long history of success, BAPAC's influence and empowering work have enriched the communities in which we live.

Best Regards,

Ted Frazier,
BAPAC State President



A Welcome Message from Dr. Willie Blair President, BAPAC San Diego & VP of the Southern Region

Hello and again we welcome you to a wonderful and marvelous statewide convention of the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC). Our 38th! Much has happened and transpired in our almost 40 years of existence as a significant engine of positive change for California's almost 3 million black people. Black men and women at all local and state levels are running for and winning elective political offices. Community based organizations are reinvigorated and inspired to reach out to innumerable neighborhoods and communities. Voter registration numbers among the black population are rising the entire length and breath of the great golden state. And we are also witnessing a growing surge of civic and political activity within all of the major political parties and among the most burgeoning of all bell weather movements of our time, the undecideds, who will loom very large in this upcoming presidential fall election!

With the upcoming 2016 November fall election at our doorstep, we urge all residents of California to gear up and help signal in a new day for our great state. First, we urge you to become a registered voter! Then make very sure that your family, friends and all of your neighbors become registered voters. And then we all go and vote! Either by mail ballot or at the polls. Just be sure and vote! Only by voting in big numbers can we hope to reduce the misery index in our black neighborhoods and communities. Only by voting with an absolute vengeance, can we ever hope to bring about a sense of true increase and advancement for the "Beloved Community!"

Make no mistake about this impending matter. Much is at state here! A first class education for our children. Better housing. Upgraded health care. A decent job that pays dignified wages. The placement of a balanced, visionary and progressive new member on the bench on the Supreme Court of the United States, et.al.

Let us together signal a rebirth of BAPAC as a powerful new instrument of real power never before seen coming from the black community in California! With all numbers being about the same, the black community can use its growing new voting strength to leverage its negotiating prowess to bring about a new day of dignity and advancement for our families and neighborhoods. We now look forward. The rebuilding of BAPAC in California is a good fight. Join it! And as we rebuild BAPAC, it will grow and prosper, because "if we build it, they will come!"

A Message from Convention Co-Chairs

On behalf of Ms. Kathleen Harmon and I, we would like to welcome you to the 38th Annual State BAPAC Hall of Fame Convention. Our theme for this years' convention is Reclaiming the American Dream for all Americans; Rebuilding the Middle Class for all Residents of California! Our 2015 BAPAC convention centered around building blocks, using the resolution process, and advocating for upward mobility of the American middle class. Through our robust discussions and workshops valuable resolutions resulted. This years' 2016 BAPAC convention will recap the resolutions and report back on actions that have been initiated. We will continue to build on this process as we identify our next steps.

The Building of the Middle Class in California and throughout the entire United States for that matter, has received a great boost from forces such as the Montgomery G.I. Bill of Rights awarded to Veterans returning from World War II, the Korean and Vietnam War, and recent Middle Eastern conflicts. The Organized Labor Movement, College or Vocational Education and Training, and other movements helped people progress into better paying Blue Collar and White Collar jobs.

How Do You Know That You Are In The Middle Class?

- You are a Business Owner whose gross profits outweigh your gross expenses by two or three to one
- You draw a salary or get wages/compensation that allow you to have the following amenities after household expenses (food, transportation, utilities, etc.)
 - * A good solid healthcare plan for you and your family
 - * Savings or investment of a reasonable portion of your disposable income
 - * A home, a car or two, nice clothes, annual/occasional vacations, college tuition, affordable recreation and entertainment, retirement funding for long after you have completed a working career

Although for millions of Americans, this goal of gaining entry into this "Gilded Middle Class" has been unquestionably achieved, unfortunately for millions of other Americans, especially Black people, the dream or entering the middle class, has remained an ever elusive and frustrating tease! This is where forces such as the American Civil rights Movement of the late 1950's, 60's, 70's and the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) enter into the fray at center stage.

At this year's October 7-9, 2016 BAPAC State Convention, through a series of major workshops, a job fair, parent and youth summits, and other subject specific discussions, a minimum 500 guest gala with BAPAC Member/Delegates, the question will be asked and hopefully answered, *Is Upward Mobility Into the American Middle Class, particularly for blacks, and for all Californians, underway?* If not, why? What are some of the immediate and concrete steps that can be taken to expeditiously lift Black Americans - and ultimately all races and groups, solidly into the "Middle Class Mainstream of America!"

That my Friends is our "Vision and Focus" for the 2016 BAPAC Statewide Hall of Fame Convention. You, as organization leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, the wherewithal, and the experience to help us pave BAPAC's way into the future. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and leadership. Throughout this conference, we ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of BAPAC. Our personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

Martin Luther King, Jr said "We are caught up in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly!"

Sincerely,
BAPAC State Convention Directors



Ellen Nash

Kathleen Harmon

Friday, October 7

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Jobs for the Middle Class Job Fair

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Color of Wealth Data Presentation & Best Practices Application

By Federal Reserve Bank – San Francisco and UCLA Professor Melany De La Cruz; Moderator - Chris Holden, President Black Caucus

8:00 PM – 12:00 AM **Spanish Harlem Welcome Reception**

Saturday, October 8

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Breakfast Plenary**Welcome by Assemblymember,

Shirley Weber

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Information Breeds Transformation Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Emerging Leaders / Civic Engagement –

"Creating a Bench" with Dr. Shirley Weber, Speaker appointed Boards and Commissions, Speaker Assemblymember Rendon's Staff

Legislative Policy – Learn how to create, impact, and influence legislation from subject matter experts who will discuss recently passed, signed legislation and their impact on the black community. Invited Moderator California Black Caucus Member.

Home Ownership & Economic

Empowerment – This workshop will provide community advocates the tools to create wealth, and sustain community programs.

BAPAC SD Workshop Chair – Mr. Derrick Luckett, Director of Business Development & BAPAC SD Workshop Chair

Women's Workshop – This unique workshop is influenced by Oprah Winfrey and First Lady Michelle Obama's 'The United State of Woman Summit' held earlier this year. BAPAC SD Workshop Chair – Ms. Rhonda Hunt Phillips, Deputy Director 6.0 of the Naval Air Technical Data & Engineering Service Center, Naval Air Station North Island. Invited Moderator Senator Holly Mitchell, Black Caucus Member.

Education "The Great Equalizer" – The Black Superintendents of California will use Education Trust data and information to speak to educators, community members, and parents about solutions and advocates for black and brown children. Black Superintendents and African American Association of Educators Panel Invited Moderator Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Black Caucus Member.

Our Beloved African American Veterans -

This workshop will cover the plight of black veterans in California, best practices available to address their issues, and what various organizations are offering to support California Veterans. BAPAC SD Workshop Chair –Dr. Hank Hendrixx, NABVETS. Panelists include Nate Mundy, Minority Veteran Coalition & NABVETS; Bobby McDonald, Buffalo Soldier; Tara Jones; Darnisha Hunter; Invited Moderator Assemblymember Cheryl Brown, Black Caucus Member.

Law and Order vs. Community Policing -

Invited panel of experts include County Probation Chief Adolpho Gonzalez; Student Minister Hugh Muhammad; Pastor Ricky Laster; Police Chief Shelly Zimmerman; and others.

Saturday, October 8 (continued)

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Youth Empowerment Summit (grades K-12)

Young people from all over California are prepared for the upcoming technological and sociological challenges they will face during the next 20 years. Hosted by the Youth Empowerment Leadership Team. Invited Moderator Assemblymember Sabastian Ridley-Thomas, Black Caucus Member.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Parent Empowerment Summit

Parents are provided a vision and road map to guide their children from birth to college, into career. Parents and experts will share best practices. Facilitated by University of California Office of the President and others. Invited Moderator Assemblymember Sabastian Ridley -Thomas, Black Caucus Member.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch Keynote

Kimberly Ellis, Executive Director in Emerge America's Network

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Information Breeds Transformation Concurrent Workshop Sessions

- Emerging Leaders / Civic Engagement
- Legislative Policy
- Home Ownership & Economic Empowerment
- Women's Workshop
- Education "The Great Equalizer"
- Our Beloved African American Veterans
- Law and Order vs. Community Policing

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Concurrent Workshop Sessions
Health Presentation or Media Policy

Post Traumatic Slavery Disorder

Dr. Rodney Hood, President of the Multicultural Independent Physician Association

Black Newspaper Forum on Ballot Propositions

Ms. Regina Wilson, President California Black Media, and other media professionals will discuss current propositions on the November 2016 ballot as well as the pros, cons, community economic benefits.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

VIP Reception - Celebrating Kings and Queens of Africa (Invite Only) African Attire preferred but not required

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Percy Pinkney Hall of Fame Gala

BAPAC will host a Hall of Fame Gala in memory of the late state President Percy Pinkney and honor the founders of BAPAC. The Honorable Willie Brown, Keynote Speaker

Sunday, October 9

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The future of BAPAC Prayer Breakfast and Conference Debrief



Thank you to our Speakers & Facilitators





WORKSHOP ITINERARY

Sequence: S.T.E.A.M. Graphic Design + Social Responsibility + Law Enforcement: Protect & Serve Dialogue Lunch + S.T.E.A.M. Coding

Power Breakfast (7:30am – 8:30am)	Strand I: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead - Graphic Design (8:30am - 10:30am)	Strand II: Social Responsibility (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)	LUNCH Law Enforcement: Protect & Serve Policy Dialogue Panel (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm)	Strand III: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead - Coding (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)
Welcome & Introductions	 The S.T.E.A.M. – Graphic Design Workshop is not tiered = offered to all K-12 students. In the Cartoon, Animation, & Graphic Design workshop, students will learn how to sketch basic 2D and 3D cartoons with guidelines. Then design unique cartoons with current personal style. Learn about the basic tools needed to create computer generated cartoons, such as Vector Graphics software and apps for desktops or mobile smart pads. 	 The Social Responsibility Workshop is not tiered = offered to all K-12 students. The workshop will focus on character education, personal leadership, social responsibility, and financial education and responsibility. DREAMbuilders' Driven 2 Win: Personal Development curriculum exposes youth leaders to four life management tools: Tool 1: Character-building, Tool 2: Goal-setting, Tool 3: Decision-making, and Tool 4: Problem- 	Dialogue Panel between the youth, law enforcement experts, and elected officials to address current issues related to law enforcement, police brutality, and community policing. Contact: Tracy, Blue Heart Foundation Students will collaborate & build projects in Financial Literacy Social Responsibility & Wellness Students will collaborate & build projects in Students will collaborate & build projects in	 The S.T.E.A.M. – Coding Workshop is not tiered = offered to all K-12 students. In the workshop, youth will receive a two- fold approach to apps coding. The approach encompasses both an instructional facilitation and hands-on application with the latest and most competitive software teachings on how to design, develop, and code computer, tablet, and phone software applications. The Community Business Incubator (CBI) organization, is

BAPAC 2016 "Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead" Youth Empowerment Summit

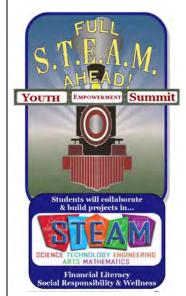
- Understand the Business basics of Character Branding and licensing to market a specific industry of their interest.
- Students will gain valuable information for National Copyright Protection.
- Discuss ways to market their Character Brand using various media platforms, as well as using simple ways to network with local businesses to create community interest.

Contact: Dr. Marie Zhivago, Professional Cartoonist and Chula Vista Elementary School District Creative Expert in Digital Media Arts, Vector Graphics

- solving and Evaluation tools.
- Today's youth leaders need to be educated, equipped, and empowered to "accelerate and advance" toward personal, academic, social, and professional success. It all starts with a DREAM!!!
- For more information on the Driven 2
 Win: Personal Development and Youth Leadership Program, go to the DREAMbuilders Youth Mentoring Network website at www.Dreambuil ders4life.org.

Contact:

Ramona/DREAMbuil ders Youth Mentoring Network

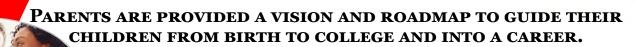


made up of incubator managers, individuals and groups that have a passion for advancing at risk youth in underserved and at-risk communities in San Diego County. This collective team of people is charged with helping this segment of the population stimulate economic growth as new business owners in the communities they serve.

Contact:

Stephen,
Community Business
Incubator

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Honorable

Dr. Shirley Weber

Assemblymember, District 79



Honorable Willie Brown, Jr.

Former Speaker of the CA Assembly & Former Mayor of San Francisco



Dr. Carrol Waymon

Lifelong Civil Rights Leader & Community Activist



Alice Huffman

NAACP State President

Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Two-term Mayor of San Francisco, legendary Speaker of the California State Assembly, and widely regarded as the most influential African-American politician of the late twentieth century, Willie L. Brown, Jr., has been at the center of California politics, government, and civic life for an astonishing four decades. His career spans the American Presidency from Lyndon Johnson to George W. Bush, and he's worked with every California Governor from Pat Brown to Arnold Schwarzenegger. From civil rights to education reform, tax policy, economic development, health care, international trade, domestic partnerships, and affirmative action, he's left his



imprimatur on every aspect of politics and public policy in the Golden State. As Mayor of California's most cosmopolitan city, he refurbished and rebuilt the nation's busiest transit system; pioneered the use of bond measures to build affordable housing; created a model juvenile justice system; and paved the way for a second campus of the University of California, San Francisco, to serve as the anchor of a new development. He positioned the City as a center for the burgeoning field of biotechnology. Today, he heads the Willie L. Brown, Jr., Institute on Politics and Public Service, where this acknowledged master of the art of politics shares his knowledge and skills with a new generation of California leaders.

POLITICAL HISTORY

- Served two terms as the 41st Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco January 8, 1996 to January 8, 2004
- Speaker of the California State Assembly (longest-serving Speaker in California history 1980 – 1995) and one of two African Americans.
- Member of the California State Assembly 1964 1995
- Re-Elected 16 straight times to the 13th Assembly District (D-San Francisco)
- Chair, Committee on Ways and Means (youngest in history of California and only African American)
- Board of Trustees, California State University system (23 campuses and 350,000 students)
- Regent, University of California (10 campuses and 200,000 students)
- Chair, Revenue and Taxation Committee
- Board of Administration, CalPERS

DEGREES

- Bachelor of Arts, San Francisco State University, 1955
- Juris Doctor, Hastings College of Law, University of California, 1958
- Admitted to practice law, State of California, all Federal Courts and Supreme Court

HONORARY DEGREES (partial)

- Doctor of Law, Morehouse College, Atlanta
- Doctor of Law, Atlanta University, Atlanta
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- Doctor of Law, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas
- Doctor of Law, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio
- Doctor of Laws, Dominican University of California
- Doctor of Science, California College of Podiatric Medicine
- Fellow, Crown College, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Juris Doctor, San Joaquin College of Law, Clovis, CA
- Juris Doctor, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland
- Juris Doctor, Southern University, Baton Rouge
- Juris Doctor, The City College of New York
- Juris Doctor, Paine College, Augusta, Georgia
- Juris Doctor, Lorenzo Patino School of Law, University of Northern California

PERSONAL

- Born on March 20, 1934 in Mineola, Texas
- Married September 1957 to the former Blanche Vitero of Berkeley, California

Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr.





Assembly Member Shirley Nash Weber was elected in November of 2012 to represent California's 79th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Chula Vista, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City and San Diego.

Assemblymember Weber was recently appointed by Assembly Speaker Rendon to chair the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting. She also chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Higher Education in San Diego County and the Assembly Select Committee on Campus Climate, and serves on the Assembly Standing Committees on Education, Higher Education, Appropriations, and Banking and Finance. She is also past Chair of the Assembly Committee on the Budget

Born to sharecroppers from Hope, Arkansas, Shirley Weber has lived in California since the age of 3. Her parents, in particular her father, valued education and supported their daughter's academic aspirations. She attended UCLA, where she received her BA, MA and PhD by the age of 26. Prior to receiving her doctorate, she became a professor at San Diego State University at the age of 23. Dr. Weber also taught at California State University at Los Angeles and Los Angeles City College before coming to San Diego State University.

Weber has lived in the 79th Assembly District for over 30 years. Deeply committed to community service, she served on the boards of the NAACP, the YWCA, the YMCA Scholarship Committee, Battered Women Services, United Way and the San Diego Consortium. She eventually made a successful run for a seat on the board of the San Diego Unified School District. As a trustee and subsequent school board president, she became known for her advocacy for closing the achievement gap and setting a higher standard of excellence for all children.

As an Assemblymember, Weber has translated her commitment to education and social justice into her ambitious legislative agenda. She has authored bills on K-12 education reform, increasing access and affordability for higher education for California's students, and a law to address the issue of racial profiling in policing. Other bills signed include legislation addressing civil rights, education, forced arbitration, protections for person with disabilities and voting rights.

She is also outspoken on the importance of investing in early childhood education as a means of preventing drop-out rates, dependence on social services, incarceration and unemployment.

Assembly Member Weber is the mother of a daughter and son, and has two grandchildren. She is the widow of the late Honorable Daniel Weber, a California state judge.

Dr. Carrol Waymon

Dr. Carrol Waymon is a retired Professor, Psychologist, Civil Rights Leader, Veteran, Historian and Restaurant Owner. The son of a Methodist minister, born and raised in South Carolina, Dr. Waymon is one of seven siblings, which included his famous younger sister Nina Simone, a renowned Jazz performer & composer. As a youth, Waymon sang while Nina accompanied him playing piano at local performances. Waymon's singing stint ended when a baseball hit him in the head and suffered tonal hearing loss.



Waymon came to San Diego in September of 1964 after the San Diego City Council made a request to the Los Angeles

Human Relations Agency to help San Diego with their race relations within the city. Waymon founded and served as the Executive Director of the Citizens' Interracial Committee (CIC), which was the city's first human relations agency, charged with convening community dialogues, identifying racial injustice, and educating the public about racial tension in San Diego.

Waymon was experienced with race relations having dealt with discrimination while he served in the U.S. Army, living in the South, and helping with Los Angeles Race Relations during the Watts Riots. Waymon also represented San Diego at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's funeral. Waymon and a group of diverse leaders accomplished a great deal to reduce discrimination from 1964-1969, but found education to be the most challenging for them. Among their accomplishments:

- Nullified or removed restricted covenants so that African Americans and other people of color could live anywhere they wanted to in San Diego;
- Wrote the first Equal Employment Opportunity ordinances for city and county, which opened up opportunities for employment;
- Made it possible for African Americans to stay in any of the major hotels in the county; and
- Made it possible for African Americans to be able to try on clothes in department stores and dine in major restaurants.
- Worked with the ACLU to change the school system, not only did the schools change, but soon San Diego had its first black superintendent, who was also a woman.

Dr. Waymon taught many years and retired with the San Diego Community College District. Considered a Humanitarian, he was the founder of the Black History (Africana Studies) Department at San Diego State University. Additionally, Dr. Waymon was the President of the San Diego Association of Black Psychologists. Over the past 50 years, he has given of himself to volunteer and help San Diego break barriers, and become a more tolerant, equal opportunity city. He's also gathered his letters, essays, recordings and photographs—a treasure-trove of San Diego history—and donating them to the SDSU Library, which represents the largest collection ever to be donated to the library by an individual. Currently, Dr. Waymon helps the Somali Youth United and serves on the board of the Jackie Robinson YMCA. This is by no means a full representation of Waymon's accomplishments, as they would easily fit into a book.

Alice A. Huffman

Alice A. Huffman is a grassroots leader at the local and national level, a manager, a consultant, a community bridge between government policy makers and the community. She was elected president of the California Hawaii NAACP in 1999 and has won 8 consecutive elections. She is also a member of the National Board of the NAACP. She runs her own consulting firm founded in 1988, AC Public Affairs, Inc.

She is a past appointee of three democratic and republican governors. She currently assists the Governor in a volunteer capacity in his appointment of African Americans in state government and judiciary positions. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the American University of Antigua and a



founding member and President of the Board of Directors of the Center for Democratic Participation.

She is a member of the California Democratic Party Executive Committee, and Co-chair of the Rules Committee; and a member of the Democratic National Committee since 1988 and a Super Delegate to the national conventions. She also served as Chair of the 2008 National Convention in Boston.

Huffman formerly served as a member of the current elected Attorney General's transition team; The State Parks and Recreation Commission; Member of the University of California President's Council on Campus Climate, Culture, & Inclusion; The Secretary of State's California Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census; and Grand Marshall of the San Francisco's Gay Pride Parade.

Huffman, a high school dropout, was admitted to UC Berkeley as an EOP student from which she graduated in $2\frac{1}{2}$ years with honors in Social and Cultural Anthropology. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Sorority. She did extensive graduate work in University of Pennsylvania, U.C. Davis in Anthropology and USC in Public Administration.

She has many national and state distinguished awards. The most recent received was the CA Legislative Black Caucus Heritage and Legends Award; numerous awards awarded to her community work, work on behalf of the gay community and efforts to regulate cannabis.

Annually she was included in the 100 most influential California by the Sacramento Observer, and the Capitol Weekly and twice the recipient of The National NAACP Thalheimer Award for the best state conference in the nation.

Huffman a widower, devotes a significant amount of her time to the NAACP specializing in organizational development and leadership training.

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October 7, 2016

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Dear Delegates:

I am honored to have the opportunity to welcome you to America's Finest City and to the 38th Annual Statewide Hall of Fame Convention hosted by our local San Diego Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC SD).

BAPAC California and its San Diego Chapter have been committed to ensuring and promoting social, educational, economic and political equality for African Americans across the county. BAPAC has effectively provided a forum for its members to identify and find real solutions to issues related to jobs, education and healthcare. As a member of Congress, I applaud your continued dedication and vision to ensure that communities of color are empowered and that their voice is clearly heard on a local, state and national level.

I extend my best wishes to you. I hope you have an enjoyable event and many continued successes in the year ahead.

With warm regards,

SUSAN A. DAVIS Member of Congress



Welcome to San Diego!

I am honored to welcome members of BAPAC on behalf of the San Diego County Democratic Party to San Diego for your 38th Annual BAPAC State-Wide Hall of Fame Convention. We share your values and goals of ensuring the economic, social, and political force of the Black community in California remains relevant.

BAPAC and your convention are more relevant than ever. With recent events in the news, the renewed call for justice, equality and systemic reform is front and center in the American consciousness. It is gratifying to see a new generation of emerging leaders taking on these challenges.

The trail-blazing Black Community in San Diego has established itself as a prominent force in civic engagement. Community forums attract civic leaders, policy-makers and elected officials. Publications, social media and organizations from churches and BAPAC to the Martin Luther King Democratic Club keep people informed and engaged. The San Diego County Democratic Party actively organizes voters and elects representatives to assure that all voices are heard.

Elected officials from Leon Williams, the first black member of the County Board of Supervisors to Dr. Shirley Weber, the first black Assembly member elected south of Los Angeles county are among the many elected Democrats who have served in office. From school boards and city councils to community college boards and state offices, the Democratic Party is supporting candidates at all levels who are running to serve.

Our Party values inclusiveness and diversity. Within our party, members represent multigenerations of black leaders who continue to build bridges of understanding, debate critical issues and take action.

We wish you a successful and inspirational convention here in San Diego. We believe that your members will be inspired with a renewed sense of commitment and enthusiasm and return home to mentor leaders, empower voters, elect candidates, organize activists and support elected officials who are working to increase the economic, social and political force within Black communities.

Enjoy your convention in San Diego,

Francine P. Busley

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San Diego County Democratic Party



CALIFORNIA <u>Legislative black caucus</u>

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Dear Friends and Family,

As Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC), it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to this year's 38th Annual Black American Political Association of California's State-wide Hall of Fame Convention.

For decades BAPAC has been providing a forum for members to identify and find a solution to issues related to jobs, education and healthcare. The CLBC looks forward to BAPAC continuing to define ways and means for additional political and community empowerment.

The Gala Keynote Speaker and honorary CLBC member, the Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr, held a number of high ranking leadership positions and was elected as Speaker of California State Assembly from 1980 to 1995. Brown was the longest serving Speaker and the first African American Speaker in California history and we are proud to have him as a friend and mentor to today's CLBC.

Your presence here today not only shows your support for the great work that BAPAC has done and continues to do, but your dedication to supporting such a noble effort of educating others about your theme, "Rebuilding the Middle Class."

The CLBC encourages you to continue your support and congratulates BAPAC on 38 years of outstanding service.

Respectfully,

ISADORE HALL, III 35th Senate District,

Chair, California Legislative Black Caucus

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Office of Councilmember Myrtle Cole

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Black American Political Association of California 38th Annual State-Wide Hall of Fame Convention October 7-9, 2016

It is an honor to congratulate the Black American Political Association of California as you celebrate the 38th Annual State-Wide Hall of Fame Convention.

I commend the organization's outstanding work and dedication to increase the effective representation of African Americans in the political, economic, and educational systems in California.

On behalf of the Fourth Council District, I would like to congratulate the Black American Political Association of California for providing a forum that allows members to identify and find solutions to issues related to jobs, education, health care, civic engagement, voting rights, and economic development. Thank you for your commitment to empowering and enriching the lives of the people in our communities. Best wishes on a successful event.

Warm Regards,

Myrtle Cole

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October 7, 2016

Dear Conference Participants:

Welcome to the 38th annual Black American Political Association of California Statewide Hall of Fame Convention! I'm thrilled to see the convention is back in San Diego.

This event brings together generations of leaders who hold a range of experience, making it possible to collaborate to achieve important statewide and local policy goals.

The American dream – opportunity, advancement, civic engagement – is as inspiring and relevant today as it ever was, and we cannot let anyone claim sole ownership of it. Your theme, "Reclaiming the American dream for all Americans," acknowledges that fact, while highlighting the need to always embrace and re-affirm our commitment to seek equity and justice for California's underserved communities.

The convention offers plenaries on a variety of policy issues, including economic development and health care, or on topics of a more personal interest, including home ownership and parenting. Taking part not only gives leaders a deeper sense of how to effectively advocate for change, but also about how to empower their families and strengthen bonds within the community.

The connections made at the BAPAC convention long have helped the African-American community in San Diego County remain an economic, social and political force in our region. I'm confident this convention will continue that tradition.

My best wishes for another successful conference.

Warmly,

TONI G. ATKINS

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October 7-9, 2016

Dear Members of the Black American Political Association of California:

On behalf of the California State Assembly, I would like to welcome you to the 38th Annual Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) State Hall of Fame Convention in the beautiful city of San Diego, California. This lively city of San Diego is the perfect backdrop for three days of high-energy networking, relationship building, learning, and recognizing individuals who have contributed to our success and history. The theme, "Reclaiming the American Dream for All Americans" reflects action that is truly needed in our governing systems to preserve the legacy of leadership and shaping the future of our country and our children.

Throughout the three days, there will be rich programming and an abundance of networking opportunities. The numerous workshop sessions will focus on economic empowerment, education, civic engagement, veterans, employment, as well as other issues important to lifting the Black community, such as honing leadership skills. The 2016 BAPAC Convention is a catalyst for growth and opportunity for all Black peoples, enabling us to gather and share different perspectives.

Today's celebration of 38 years is truly a reflection of longevity and record of success. Since BAPAC was chartered in 1978, it has grown to over 40,000 members in 60 Chapters statewide, with the San Diego chapter being the largest. Furthermore, the Association has remained committed to educating the community, free of charge, through ongoing programs and workshops covered in areas such as health care, financial responsibility and home retention. I commend the organization for its efforts, tenure and outstanding growth.

Once again, welcome to sunny San Diego, and I hope you enjoy this awesome Convention!

Warm Regards,

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

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California State Assemblymember, 79th District



The Port of San Diego welcomes the Black American Political Association of California to San Diego for its State-Wide Hall of Fame Convention.

This important gathering of leaders will help advance BAPAC's mission of assisting underserved citizens in California and that effective healthcare, affordable home ownership, quality employment and a good education and cultural goals are accessible to all.

The Port of San Diego applauds BAPAC's achievements and dedication to serve the community. Events like the State-Wide Hall of Fame Convention are a great way to broaden communication lines and to encourage agencies and private citizens to work together to promote change and cultivate diversity.

At the Port of San Diego, we value diversity and inclusion. We support the State of California's intent to ensure that small and minority businesses participate in our contracting opportunities with our Equal Opportunity Program. Port staff conducts public outreach and provides educational workshops to ensure that underserved communities are aware of construction bids and other contracting possibilities as well as employment opportunities.

As a port, we play a role in the success of businesses in a diverse range of industries, from cargo handling and shipbuilding, to hotel and restaurant operations. We generate jobs through economic development. There are approximately 33,400 jobs on Port tidelands from businesses that are responsible for approximately \$7.6 billion in overall regional economic impact every year.

We invite you to come see the many visitor-serving and recreational amenities the Port of San Diego provides along the shoreline of San Diego Bay. Enjoy a delicious seafood dinner, take a harbor cruise, visit the world-renowned Midway Museum and Maritime Museum of San Diego, or take a stroll in one of the Port's 22 public parks.

The Port of San Diego congratulates BAPAC on its 38th State-Wide Hall of Fame Convention and wishes its attendees an enjoyable stay in San Diego.



Sincerely,

Rafael Castellanos, Commissioner and Secretary Unified Port of San Diego Board of Port Commissioners



Senator Dianne Feinstein Washington, D. C.

October 7, 2016

Black American Political Association of California PO Box 741336 San Diego, California 92174-1336

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the Black American Political Association of California's 38th Annual Statewide Hall of Fame Convention.

Since its inception, BAPAC's various programs and workshops have provided resources to those in need on topics ranging from healthcare and education to home retention and job placement. Through its commitment to the goals of strengthening and educating the citizens of California, BAPAC has made a profound and positive impact on the lives of many and will continue to do so for many years to come. That commitment is evident in this year's theme of "Rebuilding the Middle Class and Reclaiming the American Dream for all Americans."

I would be remiss not to mention my great friend and staffer Percy Pinkney. While his loss continues to be one with which I struggle, as I am sure all of you do, let us all remember that Percy would want nothing more than for us to continue to work tirelessly to support the economic, social, and cultural growth of California's African American Community. Moreover, I am happy to support BAPAC's project ideas of establishing the Percy Pinkney Learning Center in the Fillmore Jazz Heritage Center. Just keep me informed with the progress, and please know that if there is anything I can do, I will.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I commend the Black American Political Association of California for its tremendous achievements and contributions. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable event.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein United States Senator



KEVIN L. FAULCONER

MAYOR



WELCOME TO THE

38TH ANNUAL BLACK AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE CONVENTION

October 8, 2016

On behalf of the citizens of San Diego, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 38th Annual Black American Political Association of California Statewide Convention.

Since 1978, the Black American Political Association of California has been one of the leading advocacy organizations that encourages collaboration on multiple issues including; education, health and social progress for youth, veterans and marginalized communities of color.

This convention will honor current and past leaders at the "Percy Pinkney Hall of Fame Gala" who have selflessly given their time, expertise and resources to help build the BAPAC organization into a successful organization. This will also be an excellent opportunity for leaders from around the state to share best practices and develop strategies that will provide the tools necessary to effectively address community concerns.

Please accept my warmest wishes for an enjoyable and successful event in San Diego.

Best personal regards,

Kevin L. Faulconer

Mayor



October 7, 2016

Dr. Willie Blair Chairman Black American Political Association of California San Diego Chapter PO Box 741336 San Diego, CA 92174

Dear Dr. Blair:

Please accept my heartfelt wishes for every success on your 38th Annual State-wide Hall of Fame Convention.

As Supervisor for the First District of San Diego County, I am honored to have attended last year's convention and am pleased to once again support the Black American Political Association of California as it returns to San Diego.

For decades, BAPAC has worked to represent and empower African Americans throughout the State of California. BAPAC is a critical part of our community that has worked to build bridges and facilitate solution-oriented dialogue on issues that impact our region. We need BAPAC more than ever in these tense, difficult times and I look forward to BAPAC's next decade of success and activism.

Congratulations on your convention. I offer my best wishes for a very successful event!

Sincerely.

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October 7, 2016

Black American Political Association of California PO Box 741336 San Diego, CA 92174

Dear Friends,

It is my great honor to recognize the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) for hosting its 38th Annual Statewide Hall of Fame Convention from October 7-9, 2016. This convention brings political leaders, advocates and policy makers together to address political and policy issues that affect underserved communities across California.

BAPAC has worked tirelessly to support and strengthen the African American community and all citizens in the San Diego region and throughout the country. Countless lives have been improved by the resources, programs, and care provided by this organization. I would like to commend BAPAC on their invaluable role and ongoing devotion to serving all citizens in the political, economic and educational systems throughout our nation.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and California's 51st Congressional District, I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome all of those in attendance and to applaud the inspirational work that BAPAC leads. I congratulate the organization on another successful year and I wish them many years of continued success.

Sincerely,

WAN VARGAS

Member of Congress



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38th Annual Statewide Hall of Fame Convention

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to BAPAC's 38th Annual Statewide Hall of Fame Convention. BAPAC was founded with the primary purpose of providing a forum for members to identify issues, and find solutions to issues related to jobs, education and healthcare. They continue to define ways and means for additional political and community empowerment. The annual convention aims to address political and policy issues that affect underserved communities in California.

I salute BAPAC for their many years of dedicated support for education, leadership, and community involvement in our San Diego neighborhoods. In addition to providing a political voice for those in the African-American community, BAPAC continues to address the political and social issues affecting the Black Community in San Diego which includes providing scholarships for children to support their educational pursuits and advocating for the educational equity of our underserved communities. Goals such as these are so important when implemented because they help breathe new life into our students and communities and help us all thrive!

Congratulations on your important contributions and to another successful convention!

Sincerely,

Sharon S. Whitehust Payre Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne Trustee, Board of Education





HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C.

SCOTT PETERS
52ND DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

October 8, 2016

Dear BAPAC Members—

Welcome to San Diego! On behalf of California's 52nd Congressional District, it is our honor to host the Black Political Association of California's 38th Annual Statewide Hall of Fame Convention.

BAPAC's annual convention has served for nearly forty years as home to an important exchange of ideas. With the pressing new challenges we face and the need for collaboration and civic engagement, it is my hope that San Diego's can-do attitude will set the tone for your gathering and foster a time of friendship and new connections with one another. Welcome, again, and enjoy your time together in our city!

Sincerely,

Scott H. Peters

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U.S. Congressman California's 52nd District

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A special thank you to everyone who makes our work possible!

BAPAC San Diego Mission

The San Diego Chapter of the Black Political Association of California (BAPAC) is a visionary movement that works to ensure the Black community in San Diego County remains an economic, social, and political force in Southern California.

- Our Mission It's our mission to work for the maximum effective representations of African Americans and all citizens in the political, economic, and educational systems of San Diego County.
- Our Goals BAPAC will strive to provide a forum for members to identify issues, and find solutions
 to issues related to jobs, education and healthcare. We will continue to define ways and means for
 additional political and community empowerment.
- Why Join? Your time, talents and treasures will help the BAPAC San Diego Chapter successfully carry out its mission to be a strong voice for the Black community that will be loudly heard on a local, state and national level.
- How to Get Involved? BAPAC has numerous community events in San Diego. Get involved with BAPAC by attending our general body meetings held each month. Become a member and volunteer with us.

BAPAC works to identify, document, and develop the resources necessary to achieve the educational, economic, and cultural goals of underserved citizens in California. BAPAC develops and maintains an assertive posture in securing the rights of these citizens and in carrying out its stated objectives. BAPAC is further authorized to pursue any objectives which will improve the quality of life for Californians.

2016 Agenda & Programs

Health Care Initiative & Diabetes Initiative — BAPAC hosts and supports variety of seminars throughout California to educate the community about Diabetes, Cancer, HIV, Sickle Cell Anemia, and more. The Diabetes Initiative provides free testing and information about care to those in high-risk, low income communities.

Veterans' Assistance — BAPAC provides assistance to Veterans, helping them to understand and get the most out of their benefits, including Housing and Health Care.

Public Safety — BAPAC provides volunteer and monetary assistance to nonprofit organizations that are dealing with homeless youth who have run afoul of the law and with low income families.

Education Initiatives & Scholarships — BAPAC helps fund and support a wide variety of educational programs for youth ages 5-18. Also sponsored under this category is the BAPAC Scholarship Foundation, which helps young people attend College.

Home Retention & Advocacy — BAPAC provides assistance, information, and resources to help people stay in their homes. We sponsor workshops with home-retention advocates and specialists, and provide educational materials for first-time home buyers to help them make

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