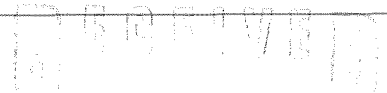


# **COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS**

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A G E N C Y

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# AGENCY OVERVIEW

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*The Council on Black Minnesotans is a public policy research and planning agency, advocating on specific issues. Specific functions of the Council include monitoring government and private sector programs to determine their impact on Minnesotans of African heritage.*

*The Council also operates as a liaison between state agencies, individuals and organizations seeking access to state government; publicizes the accomplishments of Black Minnesotans and their contributions to the quality of Minnesota life; recommends new laws or changes in existing laws to the governor and legislature which may benefit African and African Americans in the State of Minnesota.*

*Persons of African descent are the largest of non-Europeans [minorities] in this state. According to the 1990 statistics [a documented undercount], the population of Africans and African Americans in Minnesota increased 78 per cent over a 10 year period [from approximately 53,344 to 94,944].*

*The next census figures should state substantial growth. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 persons born in Africa migrated to Minnesota since 1990 and the rate of African Americans from other states has grown considerably.*

*The Council on Black Minnesotans has established programs to address the needs of our community and will continue involvement in the **seventy** ongoing committees addressing out-of-home placement of children, teen pregnancy, hunger, health, homelessness, economic development, education, drugs, violence, HIV/AIDS, crime, status of African American males, employment, poverty, police-community relations and the unique concerns of the native African community.*

*The Council on Black Minnesotans advises and supports initiatives of ongoing programs and supports legislation that addresses the unmet needs of the African and African American population.*

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**ISSUES AFFECTING**

**AGENCY OPERATION**

## ISSUES AFFECTING AGENCY OPERATIONS

*The Council on Black Minnesotans operates on a budget of less than \$1.70 per constituent annually, compared with approximately \$3.00 per person in 1980.*

*More persons of African descent are arrested for murder or robbery in Minnesota than in other parts of the country.*

*African American males receive stiffer sentences for similar crime than European Americans. Youth are more likely to receive incarceration than treatment, compared to European Americans.*

*Sixty-seven percent of African American students in Minneapolis [about one-half of the state population] live in female headed households.*

*Thirty-seven percent of African Americans in Minnesota live below the poverty line, **compared with the 29.5 national figure.***

*fifty-four percent of all African American students do not complete high school, compared with an overall state figure of 90 per cent.*

*Over 90 per cent of incarcerated African American males report residing in out-of-home placement as a child.*

*The incarceration rate for African Americans four years after parole is 132 per cent.*

*The rate of Sexually Transmitted diseases is **126 TIMES HIGHER** for African Americans than European Americans. Thirty-five percent of all HIV positive youth [12 to 19] are of African descent.*

*A disproportionate number of Africans enter the state with a parolee status [minus privileges granted refugees and immigrants].*

*African professionals: i.e. medical doctors, teachers, attorneys [many educated in the United States] are underemployed (taxi drivers, janitors, etc.).*

*Approximately 50 percent of the children in out-of-home placement in 1990 were African American.*

*African American children are **FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY** to experience expulsion than European American children.*

*African American children and families are disproportionately homeless.*

*Legislative initiatives and collaborative involvement, the Council develops program and advises the community, agencies and governing bodies regarding positive community outcomes.*

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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



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## **COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS AND COMMUNITY GOALS:**

1. *Develop and maintain a positive relationship between policy makers and the community.*
2. *Encourage and increase self-sufficiency in the African and African American population residing in Minnesota.*
3. *Build and maintain a positive relationship between the community and law enforcement entities.*
4. *Continue strategies to support the unmet needs of Minnesotans of African heritage:*
  - i.e.   CBM's Crime and Drug Reduction Program - Dare to Be Positive*
  - Sickle Cell Program*
  - HIV/AIDS video and materials*
5. *Stimulate recognition of African and African Americans as a valuable resource by Minnesotans.*
6. *Increased quality of life for Minnesotans*

**COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS OBJECTIVES:**

1. *Reduction of child abuse and neglect.*
2. *Reduction in stranger based substitute care for children.*
3. *Reduction in substitute care for children of African descent.*
4. *Reduce rate of poverty.*
5. *Build communication between police and community.*
6. *Reduce in health related and excess death.*
7. *Reduction of chemical usage.*
8. *Reduction in new cases of sexually transmitted diseases.*
9. *Reduction in community crime.*
10. *Reduction in rate of arrest.*
11. *Increased employment.*
12. *Utilization of African and African American professionals.*
13. *Increased education completion for high school and college students.*
14. *Increase economic status.*
15. *Increased affordable housing.*
16. *Increase number of Minnesotans tested for Sickle Cell.*

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P O P U L A T I O N



## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

### AFRICAN AMERICANS

### ARE THE LARGEST POPULATION OF NON-EUROPEANS

### IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

The high count was due to the efforts of the State Council on Black Minnesotans and several community organizations along with individual efforts encouraging persons of African descent to report personal information to the federal government.

In Minnesota, the number of persons of African heritage rose 78 per cent [from approximately 53,344 to 94,944] between 1980 and 1990. This represents a much sharper increase than expected by the U.S. Census Bureau, which projected African Americans would not reach the 100,000 mark until the year 2010. African Americans are the largest racial minority in the State. The growth of African Americans is most marked in Minneapolis and St. Paul, which continued to lose thousands of whites while persons of color increased.

Prior to 1980, 90 percent of St. Paul's residents were white. The census reports a loss of 19,279 white residents, dropping the white population total to 82.2 percent. In Minneapolis, more than one in five residents are minority, compared to one in eight in 1989. The city lost nearly 11 percent of its' white population, or 34,865 whites, while it gained 32,297 people of color.

According to agencies serving persons born in Africa who have come to Minnesota, the "refugee" status is frequently given to persons fleeing from war in countries such as Liberia. Many of these persons were not included in figures quoted by the U.S. Bureau of Census.

The increase in persons of African descent should translate into greater political clout, but persons of African descent are still dismally represented in government and politics. Any individual or group can influence the legislative process. The first step is to seek information by contacting Elvira Barnes-Wycough, Senior State Planner or Lester R. Collins, Executive Director of the Council on Black Minnesotans, [612] 642-0811.

## R A C I A L   B R E A K D O W N S

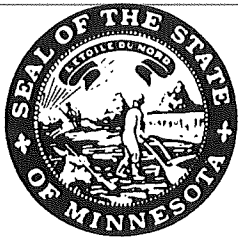
	TOTAL POPULATION	WHITE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	AMERICAN INDIAN ESKIMO ALEUT	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	OTHER RACE	HISPANICS*
Minneapolis	368,383	288,967	47,948	12,335	15,723	3,410	7,900
St. Paul	272,235	223,947	20,083	3,697	19,197	5,311	11,476
Surburb. Henn Cty	664,048	633,354	12,168	2,577	13,865	2,086	6,078
Surburb. Ramsey Cty	213,530	203,730	2,593	812	5,595	802	2,414
Dakota County	275,227	264,854	3,411	893	4,643	1,426	4,025
Anoka County	243,641	236,791	1,289	1,865	2,934	762	2,269
Washington County	145,896	141,266	1,601	687	1,648	694	1,895
Scott County	57,846	56,583	267	362	534	100	407

\* Hispanics can be of any race

Note: Carver County is not shown because breakdown was provided from U.S. Bureau of the Census only for the state's 10 largest counties.

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B U D G E T S



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

BIENNIAL BUDGET

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	1994
Statewide Spending	\$219,400.00

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	1995
Statewide Spending	\$212,898.00

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	1996
Statewide Spending	\$217,098.00

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	1997
Statewide Spending	\$221,424.00

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# 1996-97 BIENNIAL BUDGET

## AGENCY: COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS [CBM]

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION:

The Council on Black Minnesotans was created in 1980. The mission includes; 1) ensuring that the needs of all individuals of African descent in Minnesota are clear to those who make decisions that impact the well being of individuals of African descent in Minnesota [Governor, legislators, Federal Government, public/private sector]; 2) Guaranteeing equal access to the African and African American community.

Minnesotans of African descent increased sharply. An estimated 10,000 African born persons moved to Minnesota since 1990 and the rate of African Americans from other states has grown as well.

Persons of African decent are the largest of non-Europeans [minorities] in the State of Minnesota. According to the 1990 statistics (a documented undercount), the population of Africans and African Americans increased 78 percent between 1980 and 1990 [from approximately 53,344 to 94,944]. The next census figures should state substantial growth.

### AGENCY BUDGET PLAN:

Continued involvement in the approximately SEVENTY [70] different ongoing committees addressing; out-of home placement of children of African descent, teen pregnancy, hunger, health, homelessness, education, drugs, violence, HIV/AIDS, Black-on-Black crime, status of African American males, employment, poverty, police-community relations and unique concerns of the native African community. Support development of ongoing programs. Legislation to address the unmet needs of children and their families.

REVENUES: None

### ISSUES AFFECTING AGENCY OPERATIONS:

- More persons of African descent are arrested for murder or robbery in Minnesota than in other parts of the country.
- African American males receive stiffer sentences for similar crime than European Americans. Youth are more likely to receive incarceration than treatment, compared to European Americans.
- Sixty-seven percent of African American students in Minneapolis [about one-half of state population] live in female headed households.
- Thirty-seven percent African Americans in Minnesota live below the poverty line, compared with the 29.5 percent of African American nationally.
- Fifty-four per cent of all African American students do not complete high school [a 4% increase since 1990].
- Over 90 percent of incarcerated African American males report residing in out-of-home placement. (A 132 percent prison recidivism rate for African American males.)
- African American students had the highest repeated failures in school. [three to one compared to European Americans].

- The rate of Sexually Transmitted diseases is 126 TIMES HIGHER for African Americans than for European Americans. Thirty-five percent of all HIV positive teens [12 to 19] are of African descent.
- A disproportionate number of Africans enter the state with a parolee status [minus privileges granted refugees and immigrants].
- African professionals: i.e. medical doctors, teachers, attorneys (many educated in the United States) are underemployed (taxi drivers, janitors, etc.)
- Nearly 50 percent of the children in out-of-home placement in 1990 were African American.
- The Council on Black Minnesotans operates on a budget of less than \$1.70 per constituent annually compared with approximately \$3.00 per persons in 1980.
- African American children are FIVE TIMES more likely to experience expulsion than European American children.
- African American children and families are disproportionately homeless.

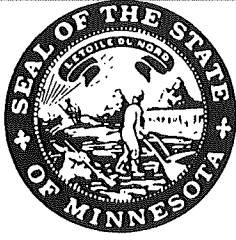
### OBJECTIVES:

1. Reduction of child abuse and neglect.
2. Reduction in substitute care for children of African descent.
3. Reduce rate of poverty.
4. Build communication between policy makers and community.
5. Build communication between police and community.
6. Reduction in health related and excess death.
7. Reduction of chemical usage.
8. Reduction in new cases of sexually transmitted diseases.
9. Reduce the rate of Black-on-Black Crime.
10. Reduce number of arrest.
11. Increased rate of employment.
12. Utilization of African professionals
13. Increased education completion for high school and college students.

### OUTCOMES: [GOALS]

1. Fewer children will be removed from their homes and returned with a realistic case management plan for the family.
2. Recruitment of adoption and foster families in the community.
3. Build and maintain a positive relationship between community and law enforcement.
4. Build positive relationship between policy makers and the community.
5. Fewer new cases of HIV/AIDS and STDs.
6. Continuation of CBM's Crime and Drug Reduction program.
7. Utilization of CBM's HIV/AIDS video and materials.
8. Positive relationships between community members.
9. Recognition of African and African Americans as a valuable resource by Minnesotans.
10. Stronger community.





STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

ANNUAL BUDGETS

COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

YEAR	1988	1989	1990**	1991	1992
BUDGET	168,700	148,700	176,000	176,000	195,000

\*\* Per the 1990 statistics, there were 94,944 persons of African descent in Minnesota. This figure represents a 78 per cent increase from 1980. The Council on Black Minnesotans received approximately \$2.05 per constituent. It is estimated that the present receipt per constituent was \$1.70 each in 1994, compared with \$3.00 in 1980.

ASIAN PACIFIC COUNCIL

YEAR	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
BUDGET	150,000	130,000	153,000	153,000	170,000

\*\* Per the 1990 statistics, there were 77,886 Asian Pacific Islanders in Minnesota. The Asian Pacific Council received approximately \$2.18 per constituent in 1992.

SPANISH SPEAKING AFFAIRS COUNCIL

YEAR	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
BUDGET	154,300	134,500	190,000	190,000	213,000

\*\* Per the 1990 statistics, there were 53,884 persons of Hispanic origin. The Spanish-Speaking Affairs Council receives approximately \$3.95 per constituent.

INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

YEAR	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
BUDGET	329,000	308,900	313,000	313,000	444,000

\*\* Per the 1990 statistics there were 49,909 Native American Minnesotans. The Indian Affairs Council received approximately \$8.09 per constituent in 1992.

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LEGISLATIVE

ACTIVITIES

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# LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

**Council on Black Minnesotans**  
**1994-1996 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Residences for young African American women and their children

Sentencing practices study for controlled substance offenders

Minority representation in Metropolitan Government

Services to Black Elderly

Grandparent Rights

African Liaison

Right Step academy

Sunset Legislation

Minimum Wage Increase

Council Staff Expansion

Contract Deception Guidelines

Community Violence Prevention Program

Statewide Police Accountability Legislation

Expansion of the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

Minority Nursing Programs

Bail Bond Legislation

Librarians of Color

**1994**

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

- 1.) Illegal substance Sentencing Penalties Study
- 2.) Culturally Oriented Residence for Adolescent Parenting Afrocentric Program
- 3.) Board Commissions to have **ethnicity representation**
- 4.) Funding for a African Community Liaison
- 5.) Staff Expansion for the Council on Black Minnesotans
- 6.) Refugee Status Study for Africans
- 7.) Expansion of Martin Luther King Holiday
- 8.) Contract Compliance fraud [deception regarding people of color/women operated businesses]
- 9.) Bail Bond legislation
- 10.) Minnesota Minority Education Partnership legislation
- 11.) Expansion of services to Black elderly

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 1.) Statehood for Washington, D.C.
- 2.) Continued support of scholarship programs for students of color

**1993**  
**PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

- 1.) Crack Cocaine Sentencing Penalties Study
- 2.) Minority Council Directors to be included on **Metro Council Board**
- 3.) Culturally Oriented Residence for Adolescent Parenting Afrocentric Program
- 4.) Board Commissions to have **ethnicity representation** [Senator Sandra Pappas]
- 5.) Funding for a Native African Community Liaison
- 6.) Staff Expansion for the Council on Black Minnesotans
- 7.) Refugee Status Study for Africans
- 8.) Youth Works [Representative Andy Dawkins]
- 9.) Expansion of Martin Luther King Holiday
- 10.) Contract Compliance fraud [deception regarding people of color/women operated businesses]

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 1.) Statehood for Washington, D.C.
- 2.) Continued support of scholarship programs for students of color

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# LEGISLATION

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**COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS'**  
**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**

**1983 THROUGH 1994**

**HISTORICAL OVERVIEW**

**South African Divestiture Bill**

During the 1982 Legislative Session, the Council on Black Minnesotans successfully lobbied passage of the "South African Divestiture bill" to prohibit future state investment in U.S. banks doing business in South Africa.

Although Governor Quie vetoed the bill, the debate and lobbying of this Bill forced the Minnesota legislators to consider this a very humane political issue.

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**The Minority Family Preservation Act**

The Council on Black Minnesotans and the community successfully lobbied the first state law in the nation to establish a criteria for the adoption and foster home placement of Black children. This legislation, a direct result of the Council on Black Minnesotans' Women's Legislative Issues Task Force, is a milestone in the nation.

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Minnesota "Set-Aside" Act

The Council successfully lobbied amendments to the state's Set-Aside Act that governs the state's contracting process with small and minority-owned businesses.

In this collaborative effort, the Council participated with a "Rainbow Coalition" of women and minority business entrepreneurs, the Minnesota Business League and the Lt. Governor's office in this successful effort.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

Effective the third Monday in January, 1986, a Bill to make Martin Luther King, Jr.'s' birthday a state holiday.

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African Famine Relief [Chapter 13]

The Council was a part of the coalition to provide Minnesota agriculture resources to address famine relief to Africa.

This legislative initiative was incorporated in the 1985 Appropriations Act and provided the following:

"The legislature finds that there are surpluses of food commodities in this state and that a famine exists in Africa that is causing the starvation and death of people every day. The state has a concern for the human needs of all people and will help by aiding food relief efforts.

The commissioner of agriculture shall make grants to Minnesota nonprofit organizations that will buy agricultural commodities and food that have been produced in the state and ship them to areas of Africa in need of famine relief."

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Minnesotans raised over \$350,000 and shipped 19,000 pounds of nonfat dry milk, over 2,000 tons of Minnesota spring wheat, and 20 tons of processed wood briquettes for fuel to Ethiopian refugee camps.

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**SUPPORTED WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

[Department of Jobs and Training/Office of Full Productivity and Opportunity Reorganization Plan]

The Council was successful in persuading state legislators to include an amendment to address the dual issues of unemployment and welfare caseloads simultaneously. The amendment reads:

**"The commissioner of employment and training shall establish a supported work program for recipients of aid to families with dependent children who have received public assistance for more than three years and who are residents of counties that have had more than three percent of their aid to families with dependent children recipients of such assistance for three years or longer. The goals of the supported work program must be made a part of biennial plan of the commissioner."**

The jobs and training package is designed to eliminate road blocks that prevent people from obtaining or seeking employment. For example, a sliding fee for child care services and funds for transportation and other support services will be made available to job seekers. The measure also provides for an employment and training program for the structurally unemployed.

**Truth-In-Education Opportunities Act**

Addresses the lack of preparation of Black secondary students in mathematics and computer skills; need to increase numbers of Blacks in college, graduate and professional school programs in science, technology and health professions.

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**Equal Access to Technology**

Need to increase Black participation in technology-related, high paying jobs; need to implement and monitor compliance with affirmative action/equal opportunity policies; ascertain current data on Black rates of unemployment in Minnesota.

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**Black Adoption Act**

To update and enhance protection afforded Black children in the legislative process, and courts. To enforce agency implementation of the laws governing the placement of children. Review proposed legislation where interests of Blacks are not otherwise considered.

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**Minnesota Newborn Hemoglobinopathy Screening Program**

Testing of newborns for Sickle Cell Anemia.

An expansion of the presently established statewide Minnesota Screening Program. The 1988 Session of the Minnesota Legislature amended the Newborn Metabolic Screening Law to include screening of all newborns for Sickle Cell. The amendment was initiated by the Council on black Minnesotans with collaboration and support from the Minnesota Department of Health.

There were approximately 168,000 live births in Minnesota in 1988. An increasing amount of those births were to individuals of color. Persons of African descent are at a greater risk of developing Sickle Cell than Europeans.

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**MILK-IN-SCHOOL BILL**

This legislation required the establishment of a program to require school districts to provide an alternative to the serving of milk to all elementary and secondary pupils in public and nonpublic schools.

This effort, successfully carried by the Council on Black Minnesotans, passed the legislature. The Bill requires that schools serve a lactose free milk to children who cannot tolerate the lactose in milk. Lactose intolerance is the inability to digest the lactose or sugar in milk, due to the lack of the necessary enzymes found in the digestive tract. **A significant number of children of African heritage are lactose intolerant.**

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**MINNESOTA MINORITY FAMILY PRESERVATION ACT**

In light of the 1983 Statute, and the inability and lack of compliance by authorized child placing agencies and counties within Minnesota to successfully recruit minority adoptive families, as prescribed by this statute, it was proposed and accepted that a project be established to function within the Minnesota Department of Human Services [DHS] to address this issue.

This 1988 Legislation strengthens the goals of the Council on Black Minnesotans' sponsored **Minority Family Preservation Act of 1983** by requiring that the Department of Human Services as well as public and private agencies, follow placement practices mandated by legislation and perform certain specific acts in the areas of reporting, monitoring, recruiting and training.

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**HOUSING: [A PREPAYMENT BILL] EXPIRING USE CONTROL**

- 1.) Requires notice to tenants of intent to sell certain subsidized housing units; and
- 2.) requiring housing impact statements before displacement of certain low-income housing residents.

Project-based subsidy contracts, which can run for as long as forty [40] years, often include provisions allowing owners to "opt out" of the assistance agreement at five [5] year intervals and convert the property to use, most generally, other than low-income housing.

Affordable housing is in short supply, as witnessed by lengthy waiting list for housing assistance and growing numbers of homeless people. Displaced families will be forced to spend higher portions of their inadequate incomes on housing. Others will live in substandard or overcrowded units. Still, others will become homeless.

Penalties would be assessed for failure to provide notice of intent. This [fine] will be levied by the local government; tenants will receive a portion of the levied dollars as well.

Federal law already provides for a one [1] year notice of an owner's intent to leave the Section 8 Program to be given to existing tenants.

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**HOUSING: AVOIDING DISPLACEMENTS/TENANT'S FIRST RIGHT TO PURCHASE**

This legislative initiative would require landlords to provide tenants living in subsidized projects with a minimum of two [2] years prior notification of an owner's intent to sell. This notification is aimed specifically at properties which would cause or contribute to the loss of affordability. The legislation would

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also make possible prior notice to tenants [or nonprofit group, a local housing agency, a unit of local government or the MHFA], who will be given the first option to purchase and reasonable time to put together a viable plan, and the necessary financing to convert the housing to nonprofit ownership.

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**HOUSING: ONE-TO-ONE REPLACEMENT OF DISPLACED LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Residential and commercial development and expansion in rural and primarily urban areas, often with government assistance, has resulted in the loss of housing to low-income persons.

The essence of the one-to-one replacement legislation is to supply [replace] low-income housing units lost as a result of state/local government sponsored or funded activity.

Two important ingredients are to be included:

- 1.) A housing impact statement to be filed before the state or local government provides any funding for projects which would diminish affordable housing;
- 2.) A requirement that state or local government replace any low-income housing units destroyed as a result of projects activity. Such legislation would require the state or other appropriately identified bodies to replace the diminished housing units with units of comparable rent levels. Additionally, consideration must be given to the square feet taken down and related to local needs.

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**ADOPTION: SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE:  
MINORITY SPECIFIC RECRUITMENT EFFORTS**

The world of foster care and adoptive care is a microcosm of a society at-large. This population is composed of the very young and comparatively old, of the sick and healthy, of all different races and people of differing social and biological backgrounds. Of specific concern, is the child of color. The young and healthy tend to be more desirable and have a greater chance at success, translated as a successful foster or adoptive placement. But what becomes of the less fortunate foster children?

In the past, and unacceptably at present, these children have either grown to maturity in an impersonal institution or have been shifted too often from one family to another, thus being deprived of a stable home environment.

Particular and specific efforts should be made to increase both the availability of foster/adoptive services and the number of homes for children when there are inadequate resources; including older children, disabled children and children of color. It is the intent of this legislation to make provisions for supplementing the income for families that have the essential qualifications required to meet the needs of adopted children but are unable to assume financial responsibility for the full cost of a child's care.

A child should not be deprived because of the lack of economic resources in his own right, or on the part of potential adoptive parents otherwise qualified to be good parents to him or her and eager to have them as their legally adopted child. Improved and expanded subsidies will enable large numbers of children, now unfortunately forced to live as foster children, to have the essential security represented through legal adoption.

Of equal concern is the monetary resources needed to recruit families of color. This ingredient is crucial. Agencies who provide such services must be assisted in their efforts to recruit and maintain families of color.

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The Council on Black Minnesotans is convinced that there is a strong possibility that the program of subsidized adoption will, in the long run, represent a considerable savings in federal or local monies now being expended in efforts to repair the damage children sustain when deprived of permanent family ties.

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**CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT CENTER FOR BLACK YOUTH**  
**[CULTURALLY SENSITIVE TREATMENT CENTERS]**

The Council on Black Minnesotans is proposing legislation that derives from the recommendations and concerns expressed during its' Forum: Black-on-Black crime.

The Council proposes the establishment of two [2] chemical dependency treatment and educational centers designed for Black children [minority] and youth to be located in St. Paul and Minneapolis. To this end, the Council on Black Minnesotans requested that the state fund this pilot project, leading the way for other responsible sponsors to assist in this effort.

Effective intervention will require extensive work with chemically dependent, and/or at-risk youth.

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**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE/PLACEMENT REPORTING**

The Council attended and participated in the 1989 Affirmative Action Task Force Hearings. It is more than evident that discrimination, sexual harassment and racial bias are alive and well in this state and state administered governing bodies.

Sweeping economic and technological changes in recent years have substantially altered the character and distribution of urban and rural labor markets. The cumulative effects of the long history of discrimination have



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**HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE DUE TO RACE AND/OR  
DISABILITY BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

Establishes disciplinary action to include dismissal for any public employees [state, county, city and/or other governmental agencies, who harass another public employee due to their race, and/or physical disability.

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**SCHOOL MASCOTS**

Prohibits use of state money to or for schools that use names or mascots demeaning Native Americans.

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**RACISM IN THE JUDICIARY**

Requires the Minnesota Supreme Court to appoint a task force to study racism in the judicial branch of state government.

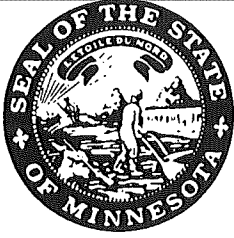
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## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**



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HIGHLIGHT OF 1990 - 1994

Activities/Programs

- AFRICAN AMERICAN LOBBY DAY
- CBM DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM
- RAINBOW OF LIFE - BONE MARROW INITIATIVE
- ANTI-RACISM TRAINING FOR LEGISLATORS
- SUMMER JOB TRAINING PROJECT
- THE PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE - MANKATO
- CBM AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM
- KWANZAA CELEBRATION - SABATHANI COMMUNITY CENTER
- AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE ADOPTION PROJECT CONFERENCE
- HOSTED GOVERNOR OF NIGERIA [ENUGU STATE] AND ENTOURAGE
- NATIONAL REGIONAL ONE CHURCH, ONE CHILD, INC. CONFERENCE
- LOCAL ONE CHURCH, ONE CHILD, INC. CONFERENCE
- NEEDS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS
- LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY
- THE UNMET NEEDS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES
- VIOLENCE IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

## **1990 - 1994 ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS**

- "DARE TO BE POSITIVE; AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
- HIV/AIDS AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF CHEMICAL USAGE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
- AIDS EDUCATION FOR NON TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS
- JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
- DHS CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS
- MALL OF AMERICA CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY



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### Committees/Task Force

- THE COALITION FOR THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
- OMBUDSPERSON ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- INTERAGENCY LITERACY COUNCIL
- RACIAL BIAS TASK FORCE
- OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT TASK FORCE FOR ALL CHILDREN
- FAS [FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME] TASK FORCE
- COALITION "HEALTHY ROOTS"
- MINNESOTA COALITION FOR ECONOMIC ACCESS
- ST. PAUL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE [CIVILIAN REVIEW]
- SELBY DALE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- MINNESOTA MINORITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP [MMEP]
- MINNESOTA ISSUES ADVISORY COUNCIL [MIAC]
- MINNESOTA CULTURAL DIVERSITY CLUB
- THE FATHERS PROGRAM
- RACISM AND EQUALITY STEERING COMMITTEE [MN PLANNING]
- AFRICAN FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

## **1990 - 1994 COMMITTEES/TASK FORCE**

- PARENTS ANONYMOUS - UMOJA PROGRAM
- SUCCESS BY 6, CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
- DRUG POLICY TASK FORCE [LEGISLATIVE]
- MINNESOTA MILESTONES
- INTERAGENCY ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL
- MINNESOTA "ASSIST" COALITION
- SICKLE CELL FOCUS GROUP
- BLACK ASSOCIATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES [BASE]
- AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE [U OF MN]
- GOVERNOR'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COUNCIL
- BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT [BIG]
- INTERAGENCY CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TEAM [CAPCAN]
- VIOLENCE PREVENTION - STRONG HEARTS OF THE CIRCLE
- ONE COMPANY, ONE CHILD
- GREAT LAKES REGIONAL GENETICS GROUP [SICKLE CELL]
- OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT TASK FORCE FOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN
- STATEWIDE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE [SWAAC]
- GOVERNOR'S SUBCABINET ON CHILDREN
- AFRICAN AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP [HENNEPIN COUNTY FOSTER PARENTS]
- MINNESOTA HERITAGE ACT COMMITTEE - FAMILY ALTERNATIVES
- MINNESOTA HERITAGE ACT COMMITTEE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN

## **1990 - 1994 COMMITTEES/TASK FORCE**

### **SERVICES**

- 100 AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN
- ACTION FOR CHILDREN
- BLACKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT [CHITA]
- MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON BLACK AGING
- AFRICAN AMERICAN ADOPTION PROJECT
- MINNESOTA SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION [MSSA]
- CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER, CAMBRIDGE MN
- COALITION FOR THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN WITH SICKLE CELL AND THEIR FAMILIES
- RAMSEY COUNTY AFRICAN COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
- AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL CAUCUS
- URBAN WOMAN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
- NATIONAL BLACK CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
- ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS, ARC OF HENNEPIN COUNTY
- CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMISSION
- RAMSEY COUNTY FOSTER CARE MENTOR PROGRAM
- RIGHT STEP ACADEMY
- "ACCESS" COMMITTEE
- INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S DATA BASE



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## **1990 - 1994 COMMITTEES/TASK FORCE**

- THE GLASS CEILING TASK FORCE
- STOP THE VIOLENCE COMMITTEE
- NAACP - MINNEAPOLIS
- NAACP - ST. PAUL
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE [NABCJ]
- DIVERSITY ACTION COUNCIL
- LT. GOVERNOR CLUSTER

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# **CBM PROJECTS**

# WORKPLAN

PROPOSED 1995 - 1996

## COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS PROJECTS

Sponsorship of and collaboration with key organizations in the State of Minnesota: Duluth, Rochester, St. Cloud, etc.

Capitalize on the areas of involvement already established by Board members.

**Sponsorship** of a "Day on the Hill" - African American community meets the legislators.

Sponsor three to four **public hearings** - headed by the CBM.

Revisit existing initiatives: **AIDS, HOUSING, BLACK ADOPTION FOSTER CARE, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, NATIVE AFRICAN CONCERNS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ETC.**

Build a relationship with the media, Black press too buried on exposure.

Development of a **CBM calendar of yearly events.**

Publish several corporate sponsored reports.

Continuation of private **college/Black community forum.**

Establish visits by key community organizational heads to CBM meetings.

African Summit - A day designed to address the unique concern of persons born in African who reside in Minnesota.

Magnify **Martin Luther King** observance by developing special event "**On the Hill**" follow-up and continuation of Bills yet to be introduced.

**Roy Wilkins Memorial**/with widow and family present.  
**Awards Ceremony** - CBM sponsored - Governor endorsed recognition.

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# **ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

# COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS WORK ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Updated January 24, 1995



DATE	TIME	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	PURPOSE	TELE
**W 1/25	10 am	House Judiciary Committee	Basement Hearing Room - SOB	Agenda: Report from the task force on juvenile programming, evaluation & planning, overview of the juvenile programming survey	chair Wes Skoglund
1/25	2-4 pm	Senate - Crime Prevention Finance Division Committee	Rm 15 Capitol	meeting - Overview of the Dept of Correcgions priorities	296-5713
1/25	5:30 pm	SACDC	275 Summit Ave.	Annual Board meeting	225-9452
1/25 - 1/27	3 days	U of M Professional Development & Conference Services	Arrowwod Radisson REsort - Alexandria, MN	40th Annual Juvenile Officers Institute	Chris Carlstrom 625-1520
TH 1/26	?	MN Planning	?	TPP/MN Steering Committee meeting	Pamela Yang 296-6550
**1/26	8 am	House Judiciary Finance Committee	500 N SOB	Agenda: Automated Probation Pilot Project	296-2146
**1/26	10 am	House Health & Human Services Committee	10 SOB	Agenda: Overview, Dept of Economic Security	296-2146
**1/26	10 am	House Taxes Committee	200 SOB	Agenda: Governor's budget, Dept. of Revenue; Dept. of Finance	296-2146
**1/26	10:45 am-1 pm	HUD	HUD office in downtown Mpls.	Video Conference - to explain the Secretary's comprehensive plan for a new HUD and it's program - LRC confirmed to attend	370-3185 Jamie Pedraza or Royce Olson
1/26	11:30 am	Hands On, Lorraine Smaller	1300 Olson Memorial Hwy	meeting w/CBM	381-2302

DATE	TIME	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	PURPOSE	TELE
**1/26	2 pm	Senate Crime Prevention Committee	Rm. 15 Capitol	Agenda: SF 39 - Knutson: Limiting court stays of drug sentences - SF 64 Betzold: Community notice prior to DOC delinquent foster care facility licensure	
1/26	6:30-8:30 pm	Met Council	St. Paul Hotel - James J. Hill Room - 350 Market St. (5h St. Market St.) - St. Paul, MN	farewell reception for Dottie Rietow	291-6554 Sandi
**F 1/27	8 am	Health & Human Services - Finance Division / HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Committee	10 SOB	Agenda: HF5 (Anderson) Welfare reform	296-2146
1/27	9-11:30 am	Twin Cities Youth Policy Forum	Bandana Banquet & Conf. Center - Ste. 220 - Bandana Sq. - 1021 Bandana Blvd. St. Paul	"Affecting Public Policy & Social Action"	376-8955 Adell Smith or Rebecca Saito
**1/27	11 am	Senate Cultural Diversity in the MN Legislative Team	Rm. 125	meeting - Agenda: Continous Issues of REspect & Access Hiring Practices: How to diversify the legislative workforce	296-1802 Celeste M. Baines
**1/27	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Council of Color Directors	Admin Bldg. - Rm. 116A	agenda: sunset legislation, restructuring councils, meeting schedule during legislative session	296-9587 Roy Garza
1/27	11:30 am-1:30 pm	Anoke Co. Chamber of Commerce & Center of the Am. Experiment	Kelly Inn - 5201 Central Ave. - Fridley (one block S. of 694 on Central Ave.)	"What Happened November 8? The Religious Right in American Politics" Ralph Reed, Exec. Director of the Christian Coalition	783-3553 \$15/each
**1/27	1 pm	JOBS NOW Coalition	175 Aurora	Legislative Meeting	
1/27, 1/28 & 1/29	3 days	MN GLBT Activist	Radisson Arrowwood, Alexandria	Conference Initiative & Action	\$50-\$120
1/28	8:30-4	Dept of Admin	Conf. Rm. 116B, Admin Bldg., 50 Sherburn Ave., St. Paul	"What Gets Measured Gets Done" Performance Measurement Training	Mary Krugerud 296-5421
**M 1/30	10 am	Rev. Chatman, Concordia College	Rev. Chatman's office - Rm. 104 Administration Bldg., Concordia College	meeting w/Rev. Chatman, Nathan & CBM re: Artwork	484-4826 H 641-8220 W Rev. Chatman
1/30	12:30 pm	House Housing Committee	?	meeting - Topics: Homeless (EMRAP, HUD) KLead Abatement	

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T 1/31	AFRICAN AMERICAN LOBBY DAY				
**1/31	12-1:30 pm	Fairview Riverside Medical Center - Af Am Advisory Board Member	Dining Rm. C - Fairview Riverside, East Bldg.	Chemical Dependency Advisory Bd. meeting	672-1195 Linda Schroepfer
**1/31	2:30-4:30 pm	AALD	Concerns of the State Council on Black Minnesotans	Conf Rm. 148 SOB	296-6238 Pat Rohney/Sen. Terwilliger
1/31	7-9 pm	AALD	Capitol Rm. 112	Intergenerational (Juvenile Justice) Forum	Freddie Davis 926-5078
**1/31	7-9 pm	MN AIDS Project	Rm 10 Capitol	issues briefing & lobbying training session	373-2459
1/31	12-2 pm	Senior Resources *CANCELED*	Senior Resources Park - 1505 Park Avenue - Mpls.	Inter-Generational Seniors Appreciation Luncheon - EBW & LRC to speak	339-7581
FEBRUARY 1995					
**F 2/3	1 pm	JOBS NOW Coalition	175 Aurora	Legislative Meeting	
SAT 2/4	12 -4 pm	YWCA Minneapolis	?	Let's Celebrate African American History	871-3987
T 2/7	2:30-3 pm	Justice Allen Paige	MN Judicial Center - 25 Constitution Ave.	meeting w/CBM re: Criminal Justice Task Force Recommendations	296-6615
W 2/8	10 am-12 pm	Govs MLK, Jr. Holiday Commission	CBM	final meeting	
**TH 2/9	2-3 pm	Dave May, DHS	Dave May's office - 160 E. Kellog, 6th floor - Check in at reception desk on 6th floor	meeting w/CBM re: V. Drew's foster care case	266-4502
2/19	8-9 PM	Youth Dialogue	?	Dialogue	227-9168
**W 2/22	12-1 pm	Mkumbwa	CBM	meeting w/Jumba, Mkumbwa & CBM	227-4412
MARCH 1995					
TH 3/9 - SAT 3/11	3 days	Children's Defense Fund	Washington State Convention and Trade Center - Seattle, Washington	Annual National Conference - "Leave No Child Behind - Building & Strengthening Communities for Children"	202-662-3684

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W 3/22	6 pm	Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies	?	25th Anniversary Dinner	
*3/28	12-2 pm	Senior Resources	Senior Resources Park - 1505 Park Avenue - Mpls.	Inter-Generational Seniors Appreciation Luncheon - EBW & LRC to speak	339-7581
MAY 1995					
TH 5/18 - 5/20	3 days	Nat Assoc of Blacks in Criminal Justice	?	Conference - LRC asked to participate in juvenile justice workshop	Georgia Lynch 642-0021
S 5/20/95		Women's Bureau	Washington, D.C.	75th Anniversary celebration	202/219-5529 FAX
AUGUST 1995					
W 8/30 - F 9/1	3 days	Department of Health & Human Services	Atlanta Georgia	Region IV Minority Adoption Conference	
JANUARY 1995 (DATES PASSED)					
M 1/2/95	STATE HOLIDAY				
1/3	START OF THE 79TH MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE SESSION				
1/3	DEANNA OUT ALL DAY				
1/3		Met Council - MIAC •CANCELED•			
1/3	3:30-4:30 pm	CBM Board Lobby Day Committee	#CBM	meeting - D. Leigh, W. Watson, L. Tazel, M. Dye confirmed to attend	
W 1/4	8 am	Nick Kahliq & Af Am Community Dialogue Committee	Perkins Midway	meeting w/ Committee & CBM	EBW
1/4	9-11 am	Senior Resources	#CBM	meeting re: Seniors Forum	Lucky
1/4	1-4:30 pm	Adoption Laws Task Force	DHS Rm. 1 A&B	meeting - LRC to attend	296-3740 Bob Denardo
TH 1/5	10:30 am	Minority Council Directors Meeting	Joe Kingman's Office	meeting w/Directors & Mr. Kingman re: sunset provision & obtaining governor's support for abolishing provision	296-6785



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1/5	11 am	Earl Ford	5357 Upper 147th St. West - Applevalley MN - Take 94 to 77 south (by mall of america) to 42 Co. Rd. make a left (by target & cub) to the 5th signal light which is Pilot Knob Rd. make a L go 1 1/2 blocks then make a R go 1 to 1 1/2 blocks to Diamond Path Place Housing - He lives in the Brown side - Signs will tell you how to get to 5357	meeting w/CBM	322-1015
1/5	3 pm	Cheryl Maplethorpe - Financial Aid Director for MHECB	#CBM	meeting to interview LRC	296-9665 X3011
1/5	5:30-8:30 pm	Wallace Franklin	Board of Education Bldg. 807 Broadway NE	meeting LRC confirmed to attend	627-2018
F 1/6	?	ACCESS	Wings office - 3702 E Lake St. - South Minneapolis	meeting of committee	529-9267 Steven Oates
1/6	9 am-12 pm	DHS - Rule 204 Advisory Committee	Dept of Aeronautice - 222 e. Plato Blvd. St. Paul	Final full committee meeting	296-1496 Sue Stodoreau
1/6	10 am-2 pm	DHS - Family Support & Family Preservation State Committee	Rm 5B & C	meeting	
1/6	1 pm	JOBS NOW	Transportation Dept. Bldg. Cafeteria	weekly meeting	
SAT 1/7	1 PM	Black Unity Meeting	Whitney Sr. Center - 1125 Northway - St. Cloud	LRC & Rev. Watson invited to attend by Debra Leigh	656-3990 - 253-7162 Tye Reta or Debra Leigh
M 1/9	9:30 am-12:30 pm	DHS - Executive Pathways Intern Program Advisory Committee	DHS - Conf Rm. 4A	Exec Pathways Internship Discussion Session	Twanda MacArthur & Jean Turinia Anderson
1/9	10 am	Legislative Advisory Committee Presentation and Recruitment of Seniors	Sabathani Comm Center	EBW to attend	Lucky 339-7581
1/9	3-7 pm	Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans	Council Office - 205 Aurora Ave, Ste. 100, Meridian National Bank Bldg., St. Paul, MN	Open House in Honor of the Retirement fo Dr. Albert V. de Leon	296-0538
1/9	7:15 - 9 pm	Coalition on Provider Vulnerability -CANCELED-	Ruth's House - 11231 Swallow St. NW - Coon Rapids, MN	Legislative Plans meeting	Ruth 757- 6972
T 1/10	8:30-11 am	Human Resource Administrators Action Council	St. Croix Conference Rm. - 2nd floor, Centennial Bldg.	meeting	

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1/10	10:30 AM	KMOJ	KMOJ	meeting re: sponsorship by Gov. Co. on MLK Holiday	Angela 377-0594 Joe Rowe
1/10	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Brown Bag Event	G60 Transportation Bldg. - 395 John Ireland Blvd. -	meeting	296-6802 Mike
1/10	1:30-3:30 pm	DHS - ASAP Steering Committee	MAP - 1400 Park Ave. S - Mpls.	meeting	Nick Vega Puente 296-4620
1/10	1:30-4:30 pm	ChITA	?	meeting	
1/10	4 pm	CBM - African American Lobby Day Committee	CBM	meeting	EBW
1/10	4-7 pm	MN Dept. of Health	Como Park Pavillion - 1316 N. Lexington Ave., St. Paul	Public hearing re: MN Use of Ryan White CARE Act Funds	623-5721 Fraser Nelson, AIDS/STD Prevention Services Section
1/10	5:30 pm	CBM Board of Directors	CBM	regular meeting	
W 1/11	12 PM	David Jones	WA Frost	meeting w/LRC	291-7044
1/11	1-3 pm	MN Coalition for Battered Women	Capitol Rotunda	Rally to honor those women who were killed in situations of domestic violence in the state of MN	646-6177
1/11	3 pm	KFAI Radio	1808 Riverside Ave.	meeting w/Mike re: MLK	341-3144
1/11	7-9 pm	Gay & Lesbian Community Action Council	Capitol - Rm. 15 - Under the Rotunda	meeting to share updates from work groups & plan next steps & further strategies	822-0127
W 1/11 - F 1/13	3 days	Fifth Annual TEAM Conference	St. Cloud Civic Center	"TEAM: Time for Effective Action on Maltreatment of Minors in the 90's"	296-0813 Inta Sellars
TH 1/12	10 am	David Cid, FBI •CANCELED•	CBM	meeting w/LRC	376-3373 Dawn

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1/12	11 am-1 pm	Community Prevention Coalition •CANCELED•	Temple Israel - 2324 Emerson Ave. S. (entrance & parking on Fremont) Jacobs Room - 377-8680	Community Policy Action Group meeting	Peter Benson & Gretchen Griffin 348-6122
1/12	12-2 PM	Senate Family Services Committee Meeting	Rm 15 Capitol	meeting - Agenda: Overview of DHS Programs, Introduction of Commissioners, etc.	Jane Anzelc 296-9248
1/12	4-7 pm	MN Dept. of Health	Miller-Dwan Medical Center - 502 E 2nd St. - Duluth	Public hearing re: MN Use of Ryan White CARE Act Funds	623-5721 Fraser Nelson, AIDS/STD Prevention Services Section
1/12	5-7 pm	Af Am Community Committee	Loft Teen Center	meeting - Paul Williams is leaving as program officer	
1/12	5:30 - 7 pm	Roy Wilkins Memorial	MCC - Continuing Education Bldg. - 1125 Harmon - Dwn tw. Mpls.	Community Advisory Council meeting	Mary Duroche 297-1115 RSVP yes or no
1/12	5:30-8:30 pm	Wallace Franklin	Board of Education Bldg. 807 Broadway NE	meeting LRC confirmed to attend	627-2018
1/12	7:30 pm	St. Paul Urban League & Great Am History Theatre	Great American History Theatre - 10th & Cedar Ave. - St. Paul, MN	play "The Meeting"	\$15/ea 224-5771
TH 1/12 - F 1/13	2 days	DOER	Radisson South Hotel, Bloomington	11th Annual State of MN - Mgmt Conf.	296-2380
F 1/13	?	Minneapolis Alliance	?	MLK, Jr. Holiday Workshop	Tim Smith 522-0249 Rev. Bill Smith
1/13	10 am	Governors Commission on Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	CBM	meeting	
1/13	11:30 am	Spanish Speaking Affairs Council	Rm 116A Dept of Admin.	Councils Directors' meeting as a follow up to meeting with Joe Kingman	296-9587 Roy Garza
1/13	12 - 1pm	St. Paul Public Schools	Town Square Garden, Dwn tw. St. Paul	11th annual celebration commemoration the life & work of Dr. MLK, Jr.	228-3613 Joyce Shelton

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1/13	12 - 1:30 pm	Metropolitan State University	Community Room - Metro State University, New Main Bldg.	External Multicultural Advisory Committee (EMAC)	772-7861 Tari Vannelli RSVP
1/13	1 pm	JOBS NOW	Rm. 506	Weekly meeting	
1/13	5:15-7 pm	KMOJ Radio	KMOJ Radio	LRC to speak with panel on show re: laws that affect Black People around MLK B-Day	Spike Moss 377-7559 or 868-4515 Car
SAT 1/14	?	Minneapolis Alliance	?	MLK, Jr. Holiday Workshop	Tim Smith 522-0249 Rev. Bill Smith
SUN 1/15	?	Minneapolis Alliance	Emmanuel Tabernacle	MLK, Jr. Holiday, Acumenical Service	Tim Smith 522-0249 Rev. Bill Smith
1/15	3 pm	Mixed Blood Theater Co.	1501 S. 4th St. - Mpls., MN (338-6835)	special performance of Daughters of Africa	338-6835
1/15	evening		Holiday Inn Metrodome on Wash & 35W	Scholarship Dinner	Phil Branker 736-3020
M 1/16	STATE HOLIDAY				
1/16	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION				
1/16	?	Minneapolis Alliance	?	MLK, Jr. Holiday, Pre-March Rally & Breakfast	Tim Smith 522-0249 Rev. Bill Smith
1/16	7:15 - 9 pm	Coalition on Provider Vulnerability	Ruth's House - 11231 Swallow St. NW - Coon Rapids, MN	Legislative Plans meeting	Ruth 757-6972
T 1/17	10-11 am	MN Dot	Transportation bldg.	Diversity meeting - LRC to speak re: CBM and diversity	Janet 296-6823
1/17	12 - 2pm	Senate Committee	Rm 15 Capitol	Family Services Committee - continuatino of 1/12 DHS Overview & SF 1 - Welfare Reform - Presentation & Public Testimony	296-9248 Jane

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1/16	7:30 -9:30 am	GM and the UNCF	Mpls Hilton & Towers - 1001 Marquette Ave. S. - Mpls Ballroom	5th Annual Dr. Marting Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast - CBM confirmed for (3)	540-3221 RSVP by 1/6/95 \$20.00/ea
M 1/16 - T 1/17	2 days	Diversity Job fair	?	Diversity Job Fair	?
W 1/18	12-1:30 pm	Center of the American Experiment	Radisson Plaza Hotel - 35 S. 7th St. - Mpls.	Luncheon Forum Series - David Frum "What's Next? Can Republicans Restore Virtue by Cutting Government?"	338-3605 \$15 - \$17.50/ea
1/18	1-3 pm	Rep Karen Clark	House Chambers - Capitol	Holiday Open House	296-0294
1/18	2-4 pm	SWAAC	Conf Rm. 6 South - Dept of Nat Resources - 500 Lafayette Rd.	meeting	
1/18	3:30-5 pm	Success by 6	Urban Coalition	meeting	Victoria Amaris 340-7589
1/18	4:30-6 pm	U of M - President's African American Advisory Committee	Rm 300 Morrill Hall	Regular Af Am Advisory Meeting	Matt Litte & Betty Webb
1/18	5:30-8:30 pm	Wallace Franklin	Board of Education Bldg. 807 Broadway NE	meeting LRC confirmed to attend	627-2018
TH 1/19	DEANNA OUT ALL DAY				
1/19	9 am-12 pm (1 hr sessions)	Congregations Concerned for Children & the Children, Youth & Family Consortium	Congregations Concerned for Children - 122 W. Franklin Ave., Rm. 218, Mpls.	Workshop to get you on the info superhwy	626-1212 lori Bock
1/19	11 am-12 pm	Senior Resources	CBM	follow up meeting to last meeting w/ Beth Zemick, Lucky Rosenbloom & CBM	Lucky 339-7581
1/19	12 - 2 pm	Senate Committee	Rm 15 Capitol	meeting of Family Services Committee - Continuation of SF-1 - Samuelson - Welfare Reform	
1/19	4-6 pm	Hennepin Co Community Initiative on Family Violence Prevention	Greater Mpls Day Care Association - 1628 Elliot Ave. S. - Mpls.	meeting of Child Abuse Prevention Action Team	722-1504 Bert Berlowe Regina Lai 440-3164
F 1/20	?	DHS	Rms. 3 A/B	meeting	Robert DeNardo

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1/20	9 am-12 pm	MN Planning	Eden Prairie Library - Eden Prairie, MN (829-5460)	Family Service Collaborative Evaluation Team meeting	Tim Reardon
1/20	11:30 am	MN International Center	35 S. 7th St. - Dwntrwn. Mpls. - Scandinavian Ballroom	Program "Crossing Cultures.. An Art - And Good Business" - Keynote speaker Craig Storti	625-4421 Ray Faricy
1/20	12:30 pm	Housing Committee meeting		Housing Committee TOPICS: Low INcome HOme Ownrshp, Jobs & hsnng, YOuthbuild	
1/20	1 pm	JOBS NOW Coalition	Minnesota Association of Community Action Programs office - 175 Aurora (1/2 block west of the State Office Bldg. - across from Sears)	Friday Legislative Meeting	Kris Jacobs
1/20	2-4:30 pm	19th Pan African Student Leadership Conference	MCC - "Little Prince/Mansion" Bldg - Hennepin Spruce St.	Planning Committee meeting	341-7065
1/20	6:30 pm	The Children's Theatre Company	2400 3rd Ave. S. - Mpls.	celebrate the opening of "Amazing Grace"	Shirl 874-0500 X 106 by 1/13/95 for reservations
SUN 1/22	?	U of M	U of M	14th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Concert	Jeff Sturkey 624-1841
**M 1/23	10 am	House Judiciary Committee	Basement Hearing Room - SOB	Agenda - Statistical overview of juvenile in crime in MN - Review of juvenile law changes	296-2146
1/23	11:30 am	Catholic Charities	•CANCELED•	Diversity Advisory Committee meeting	340-7500 Joyce
**1/23	12:30 pm	House Housing Committee	500 S SOB	Topics: Rental Housing - Issues: LL/tenant/subsidies/housing crt	296-2146
1/23	1:30-4:30 pm	ChITA	?	meeting	
**1/23	2 pm	Senate Crime Prevention Committee	Rm. 15 Capitol	Agenda: Juvenile Programming evaluation & planning task force	senator - Allan Spear
1/23	3-5 pm	Census Advisory Committee	Urban Coalition Board Rm. - 2610 Univ. Ave. W., #201, St. Paul	meeting	Allan Malkis 348-8550

DATE	TIME	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	PURPOSE	TELE
**1/23	4 pm	House Higher Education Finance Division/EDUCATION Committees	300 S SOB	Agenda: diversity issues in higher education, including needs of disabled students and students of color, Ron McKinley, Clell Hemphill, Steve Tatum, Stacy Robinson to testify	296-2146
1/23	evening	Coalition on Provider Vulnerability	?	meeting	Marian 825-4423
**T 1/24	8 am	House EDUCATION Committees	200 SOB	Agenda: Graduation Rule update - discussion of college admission standards & relationship to graduation rule update	296-2146
**1/24	11 am	MN Elders Coalition	Elder Center - 1505 Park Ave. S.	Full Coalition meeting - guests: Diane Wiener, Medica - Peter Wyckoff, MN Senior Fed - Jim O'Brian, Gay Lesbian community	Jerry 348-5788 if unable to attend
**1/24	12-2 pm	Senate Family Services Committee	Rm. 15 Capitol	Agenda: S.F. 1 - Samuelson: Welfare Reform - Continuation of Testimony	296-9248 Jane Anzelc
1/24	12:30-1 pm	Kathy Regalado, Spanish Speaking Affairs Council	meet in the Capitol Rm 15 (will move to a stairwell or other location)	meeting w/CBM & Indian Affairs Council	297-3461
1/24	3:30-4:30 pm	Patricia Thompson	CBM	meeting w/LRC	287-9264
1/24	3-6 pm	Centro Cultural Chicano's	2025 Nicollet Ave. S.- Mpls.	Open House at their new location	874-1412
1/24	5-7:30 pm	MN Women's Consortium	Town Square Park - St. Paul	Celebration 15	228-0338
**1/24	6 pm	Senate Family Services Committee	Rm. 15 Capitol	Agenda: SF 1-Samuelson: Welfare Reform - Continuation of afternoon agenda	296-9248 Jane Anzelc

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# MAJOR

## 1995

# COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS RESPONSIBILITIES

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY COMMISSION

Lester R. Collins, Executive Director of the Council on Black Minnesotans appointed Chair of this commission by Governor Arne Carlson. The Council has been asked to assume the responsibility for the development and implementation of this statewide event.

It is estimated that over 2,000 individuals of all racial and ethnic background participated in this event.

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### AFRICAN AMERICAN LOBBY DAY

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### ROY WILKINS MEMORIAL

The Council on Black Minnesotans researched and developed the language for legislation establishing a Roy Wilkins Memorial in the Capitol area of St. Paul. \$300,000 was appropriated to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board for this purpose. The memorial will be unveiled at the NAACP National Convention scheduled in Minnesota in May of 1995. [APPROXIMATELY 10,000 INDIVIDUALS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND].

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**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION**

**ON THE**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING**

**HOLIDAY**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance*



*January 16, 1995  
10:30 a.m.*

*Concordia College  
Gangelhoff Auditorium*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance*

PROGRAM

OPENING PRAYER ..... Minister James Muhammad  
*Mosque - 1831 Morgan Ave. North*

Reverend Luther Peterson  
*Pastor, St. Olaf's Lutheran Church*

WELCOME ..... Mr. Lester R. Collins  
*Chair Governor's Commission on the  
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... Hands On Development Center  
"Lift Every Voice & Sing"  
& MUSICAL SELECTIONS

REMARKS ..... Arne H. Carlson  
*Governor*

Dr. Robert Holst  
*President Concordia College*

MUSIC ..... Walker/West Chorale  
*African Drum Ensemble*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ..... Ms. Elvira Barnes-Wycough

Recipients

Ms. Jean Harris  
*Mayor Eden Prairie*

Ms. Sharon Tolbert-Glover  
*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

SCHOOL RECOGNITION ..... Ms. Becky George

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance*

PROGRAM

- MUSIC ..... The Peacemakers  
*Native American Drum Group*
- COMMUNITY VOICES ..... Ms. Audrey Benson  
Ms. Alice Bowron  
Mr. Tye Reta  
Ms. Mary Powell  
Mr. Gilbert de la O
- MUSIC ..... Ngozi
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... Ms. Keesha Gaskins  
*President, Student Government,  
St. Cloud State University*
- KEYNOTE ..... Mr. Juan Williams  
Author "Eyes on the Prize"
- MUSIC ..... City Songs
- CLOSING PRAYER ..... Reverend Gordon Stewart  
Westminster Church
- Reverend Thiem Baccam  
Lao Community Lutheran Church
- RECESSIONAL "Battle Hymn of the Republic" ..... All

*Intergenerational  
Community Dialogue follows  
Refreshments in the Concordia Theater*

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# The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The deeds and actions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were driven by a time in America, in which the sparks of controversy were ready to burst into flame. The Civil Rights Movement was his mission and ultimately his personal downfall. The list of significant events that follow outline how the young minister, from 1955 to his assassination in 1968, led and became engulfed in one of the most powerful movements in America to date.

**1955** On December 5, Mrs. Rosa Parks, a seamstress is arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a Montgomery city bus. Dr. King is selected to lead a bus boycott.

**1958** King is arrested September 3 for "failure to obey an officer." He elects a jail sentence rather than pay a fine.

**1963** King and other ministers are arrested during mass demonstrations protesting segregation of public facilities in Birmingham, Alabama, on April 3. King is placed in solitary confinement where he writes his compelling *Letter from Birmingham Jail* describing the need for nonviolent civil disobedience.

On August 28, more than 250,000 people, including 60,000 white people, demonstrate for civil rights in "the March on Washington" King delivers his famous *I Have a Dream* speech.

**1964** At age 35, King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. He is the youngest person to win the prize.

**1965** On March 25, thousands of protesters begin to march from Selma to Montgomery, the Alabama state capitol.

**1966** In February, the King family moves to a Chicago tenement to initiate the Chicago Project, calling for an end to discrimination in housing, schooling and employment.

**1968** King goes to Memphis on April 3 to organize a peaceful march. In a speech he delivers that day he says, "I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land." On April 4, Martin Luther King is assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis.

# History of Minnesota Celebration

In 1984 the State of Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans developed legislation which was later adopted by the Minnesota State legislature to recognize the third Monday in January as a state holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work for equality and justice. Minnesota was one of the first states to do so.

In August of 1985, at the request of Coretta Scott King, chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission and wife of the late Dr. King, Governor Rudy Perpich established the Minnesota Holiday Commission. Under the leadership of the co-chairs, St. Paul City Councilman Bill Wilson and then State Representative Randy Staten, the first Annual State Memorial Celebration was held on January 20, 1986. The program included a key-note address by Dr. Amos Brown and a speech presentation by actor Carl Lumbly entitled "Letter From a Birmingham Jail".

The Minneapolis and Saint Paul Black Interdenominational Ministerial Alliances helped build community awareness of King's work. They organized marches and rallies for his birthday. And those marches have become a Minnesota tradition, a major part of the annual celebration.

In 1986 the Governor's Commission on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday was established. City Councilman Bill

Wilson was appointed as Chair. Governor Arne Carlson continues to support the Commission and its effort to educate the public, as well as honoring Dr. King and his work.

The Governor's Commission on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday organizes efforts to focus on creating change. The Commission activities include:

- annual poetry, poster and oratory contests for Minnesota school students;
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards for community leadership in the area of arts, youth, community service;
- coordination of state-wide events for the Holiday;
- sponsorship of the annual rally, peace march and holiday program; and
- the development of ongoing strategies which address the vision of Dr. King.

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## JUAN WILLIAMS

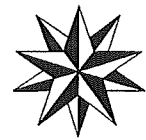
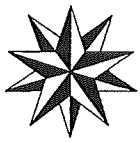
Juan Williams is one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. He is the author of the 1987 non-fiction best seller *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, companion volume to the critically praised PBS series.

Mr. Williams is a well-known Washington media figure. In an 18-year career with the *Washington Post*, he has risen through the ranks, serving first as police and general assignment reporter, and later as editorial writer, op ed columnist, City Hall chief correspondent, and White House correspondent, ultimately achieving his current position of national correspondent covering political and social issues. He has also appeared on numerous television programs. Mr. Williams was a regular panelist on *Washington Week in Review* between 1978 and 1990 and served as a commentator on the *MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour* in the 1980's. He has been an invited guest on *Nightline*, *Crossfire* (where he frequently serves as a substitute host), *Firing Line*, *Good Morning America*, *Oprah*, *Nightwatch*, and *Arsenio Hall*. He is currently a political commentator for the syndicated *Post-Newsweek* television program *Inside Washington*.

In addition Mr. Williams has received many honors, including the Education Writers Award; the Bill Pryor Award for Investigative Reporting; *Washingtonian* magazine's Best Washington Columnist Award; the National Journalism Award from the DuSable Museum of Afro-American History; *In Those Times* magazine's Best National Book Award; the Top Prize in Political Commentary from the American Association of University Women; the Outstanding Book Award from the Myer's Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States; and an Emmy Award for Documentary Writing.

A graduate of Haverford College, Mr. Williams hold honorary doctorates from Wilmington College and the State University of New York. He serves on the boards of Haverford College, the Washington Journalism Center, and the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards and is an advisor to the Abraham Lincoln Awards for the Study of the U.S. Civil War. Mr. Williams lives in Washington with his wife and three children.





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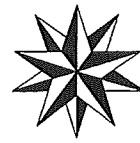
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**THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON  
THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
HOLIDAY**

**Thanks**

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*Mr. Melvin Smith  
for his captivating portrait of Dr. King.*

*Mr. Smith, a 1994 graduate of St. Paul Central High School, is a Special Projects Technician with the Council on Black Minnesotans.*

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**A Special Thanks to**

*Rev. Kelly Chatman  
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## **LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**

By James Weldon Johnson

### **I**

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring;  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

### **CHORUS**

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought up.  
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun;  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

### **II**

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod;  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet with steady treat,  
Have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers have signed.*

### **CHORUS**

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading the path there the blood of the slaughtered.  
Out from our gloomy past, till now we stand at last;  
True to our God. True to our native land.*

### **III**

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears;  
Thou who has brought us thus far on our way;  
Thou who has by Thy might; led us into the light;  
Keep us the path we pray*

### **CHORUS**

*Lest our feet stray from the place there our God where we met Thee;  
Lest our hearts, drunk with wine of the world we forget Thee;  
Out from the gloomy past, Till not we stand at last;  
True to our God, True to our native land.*

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# **AFRICAN AMERICAN LOBBY DAY**

Dear Community:

The year before he died, Dr. Martin Luther King wrote, "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late."

The problems, challenges as I view them, that pressed upon King's vision are still with us today and so is his message of perseverance and love. Children all over the world and here in the state of Minnesota are confronted daily with problems that continue to jeopardize their safety, well-being and ultimately their survival.

Problems such as hunger, homelessness, illiteracy, physical and sexual abuse, neglect, racism, sexism, poor nutrition, starvation, poor sanitary conditions, disease, infections, inadequate child care, crime and drug addiction continue to negatively impact the lives of our children. Adults must stop imposing conditions upon our children over which they have no control. Protecting all children must become a state and national priority.

Today we join together as a state. There is a need for commitment at all levels of our society. We invite you to join in and lead efforts to regain control of our families and build safe, prospering communities for our children to grown in. In the end, I believe that the same children who are bombarded with messages of racial inferiority, who are shunned into special education classes, who enter correctional institutions, and who are prepared for lifetimes of failure can be helped to achieve and lead the rest of the nation onto a bold new future.

The pervasive sense of hopelessness and helplessness in our communities requires a radial regeneration of the way we think and act. It is within the power of each one of use to collectively shape the destiny of youth; create a vision of the future and their role as adults.

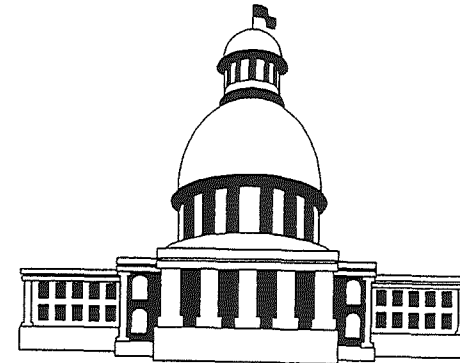
I believe momentum is on our side, indeed tomorrow is today.

*-Lester R. Collins, Executive Director-*

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

THIRD ANNUAL  
AFRICAN AMERICAN LOBBY DAY

MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA  
75 CONSTITUTION AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101



JANUARY 31, 1995

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THIRD ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN  
 LOBBY DAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1995  
 5:00-6:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC MEMBERS**

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Opening Prayer .....	Minister James Mohammed
Presentation .....	High Steppers
Welcome .....	Mr. Lester R. Collins
Reflections .....	Reverend William A. Watson, III
Recognition .....	Ms. Diane Binns

Mr. Michael Fagen,  
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Ms. Ella Mahmoud  
 Mr. Erick Mahmoud  
 Founders SEED Academy

Mr. Ralph Graham  
 State of Minnesota

Reverend Norma Patterson  
 Children & Adults with Sickle Cell Anemia

Music .....	Ngozi
Remarks .....	Ms. Debra Leigh
In Closing	

\*Reception follows program in the Great Hall

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Juvenile Justice Forum  
 Room 112, State Capitol

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To establish an ongoing relationship between persons of African descent and policy makers [governor, legislator, commissioners, etc.].

To strengthen the community by developing legislative strategies.

To familiarize families and youth with legislation and the legislative process.

To focus on proactive initiatives.

## 1995 LOBBY DAY AGENDA

Concerns of the State  
Council on Black Minnesotans

Room 148 State  
Office Building  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

### OPENING SESSION

Capitol Rotunda  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Juvenile Justice Forum

Room 112  
State Capitol  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE FORUM

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MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL

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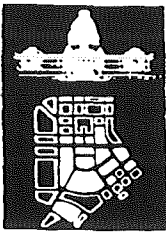
Introductions	6:30 - 6:45
Panel Discussion	6:45 - 7:10
Community Dialogue	7:10 - 7:40
Strategic Planning	7:40 - 8:10
Reassessment of Plan	8:10 - 8:20
Meeting Schedule and other information	8:20 - 8:30
Adjourn	8:30

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This forum is a collaborative initiative of  
the Saint Paul and Minneapolis  
African American Leadership Coalition  
and the  
State Council on Black Minnesotans

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**ROY WILKINS MEMORIAL**



## Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

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October 1, 1992

### CURRENT CHRONOLOGY: ROY WILKINS MEMORIAL Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

#### 1986 - 1992

- 1986** The Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans began to research public monuments commemorating the contributions of black Minnesotans.
- early 1990** The Council approached Sen. Don Moe and Rep. Richard Jefferson regarding proposed legislation to commemorate Wilkins on the Capitol grounds. Sen. Moe and Rep. Jefferson introduced such legislation.
- April 1990** Minnesota State Legislature authorized the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) to establish a Roy Wilkins Memorial in the Capitol Area of St. Paul. \$300,000 appropriated to the CAAPB for this purpose. Rep. Jefferson, the only African-American in the legislature, was the House sponsor of this legislation; Senator Moe was the Senate sponsor.
- Fall 1990  
-Spring 1991** The Capitol Area Board asked Rep. Jefferson and Senator Moe for suggestions on a Community Advisory Group to work with it on planning the Wilkins Memorial. The first task was to select a site for the memorial.
- Beginning with twelve potential Capitol Area sites, the Advisory Group worked with CAAPB staff and Architectural Advisors over a period of several months to arrive at a final site choice: the southwest part of the Capitol Mall along John Ireland Boulevard.
- This site is about half-way between the Minnesota Capitol and the St. Paul Cathedral, along the route often walked by Minnesotans for such civic celebrations as Martin Luther King Day. This site was selected in part because we expect the Wilkins Memorial could become a gathering place for honoring a Minnesotan whose lifelong dedication to civil rights improved the lives of all Americans.
- On March 6, 1991 the Capitol Area Board gave final approval of this Mall site as the future home of the Roy Wilkins Memorial.
- Summer 1991** The Community Advisory Group assisted staff in establishing artist selection criteria for the project. Chief among the criteria will be collaborative skills, that is, "the ability to work with others, including design professionals and lay persons, in translating a conceptual program statement into a commemorative work that will reflect the diligence and commitment of Roy Wilkins to the cause of civil rights and social justice for all Americans."

**Summer 1991** Two members of the Community Advisory Group will also serve on the panel to select an artist or artist team for the Wilkins Memorial.

The Capitol Area Board approved the parameters for artist selection at its August 28, 1991, meeting, and authorized CAAPB staff to develop and implement a selection process.

**Fall 1991-  
February 1992** CAAPB staff worked with an artist consultant to develop specific selection procedures and adequate advertising.

Matt Little and Phyllis Harvin agree to represent the Community Advisory Group on the artist selection panel.

**March 1992** Public announcement of the Wilkins Memorial commission: the announcement was released nationally to 75 arts publications.

An Artist Selection Panel of eight members was selected according to the provisions adopted by the Capitol Area Board: four design professionals and four lay persons representing the Board and Community Advisory Group. Panel chair will be Gary Grefenberg, CAAPB Executive Secretary. Panel sessions scheduled for May and June.

**April 1992** Prior to the April 1st registration deadline, the Capitol Area Board had registered 150 interested artists. Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) were mailed to registrants on April 7.

Individual invitations and RFQs were also sent to about 80 African-American artists recommended by Seitu Jones, a Walker Arts Center consultant, and by the Washington, DC, consultant who directed artist selection for the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial on the U.S. Capitol Mall. An announcement and RFQ were also mailed to artists on the State Arts Board Registry who self-identified themselves as African-Americans.

Fifty-five artists responded to RFQ by April 28 deadline.

**May 1992** A screening committee comprised of CAAPB staff Mary Duroche, Advisors William Sanders and Val Michelson, artist consultants Seitu Jones and Michael Mercil, and Regina Flanagan of the State Arts Board reviewed artist submissions and recommended 22 for consideration by the Artist Selection Panel.

Artist Selection Process and Framework document developed by Artist Consultant Michael Mercil and CAAPB staff in consultation with the Board's Architectural Advisors.



Current Chronology: Roy Wilkins Memorial

October 1, 1992

Page Three

May 1992 The Artist Selection Panel reviewed 22 artists and selected the following six artists to interview at the end of June:

Ed Dwight, Denver  
Richard Hunt, Chicago  
Daniel Martinez, Los Angeles

Curtis Patterson, Atlanta  
Michael Pavlovsky, Ft. Worth  
Michael Price, St. Paul

June 1992 Community Advisory Group met for the fifth time and were updated by CAAPB staff on the final step in the artist selection process: selection panel June 29th and 30th sessions. The Artist Selection Panel by majority vote selected Curtis Patterson to design the Roy Wilkins Memorial.

Subcommittee of Harvin, Bauknight, and Little developed several recommendations for community involvement in a June 17th memo mailed to the Advisory Group.

July 1992 Capitol Area Board accepted Final Report of Wilkins Artist Selection Panel at its July 28 meeting. Matt Little reported to the Board on his perspective as Community Advisory Group representative on the Panel.

CAAPB asked State Department of Administration to draw up contract for Curtis Patterson.

August 1992 Community Advisory Group at its August 20 meeting elected Phyllis Harvin and Paul Bauknight co-chairs. Group discussed Selection Panel's Final Report, and the role of the Advisory Group and the CAAPB in the artist collaboration process.

CAAPB staff completed contract negotiations with artist Curtis Patterson.

September 1992 Community Advisory Group at its September 15 meeting reviewed a preliminary schedule and design program for the memorial's artist Patterson. Plans were discussed for community education, outreach, and fund-raising; Group decided to revise its plans as found in the June 17th memo.

Contract with artist Patterson executed by the State of Minnesota.

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