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October 30, 2017  
Council President Herb Wesson  
Council Member Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Council Member Jose Huizar  
Los Angeles City Council  
Rules, Elections and Inter governmental Relations Committee  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson, Council Member Harris-Dawson, and Council Member Huizar:

First 5 LA supports the Cannabis Social Equity Analysis Report (“the Report”) recommendation to create a Community Reinvestment Fund and Program to focus upon “youth prevention” and “education” in target communities across Los Angeles. As the Council considers the motion to develop an Ordinance to implement these recommendations, First 5 LA urges the Council to adopt the proposed Community Reinvestment Fund and Program, and explicitly include our City’s youngest children and their parents within the ambit of its youth prevention and education programs.

First 5 LA is a leading early childhood advocate and grant maker that works in partnership with others to enable young children, parents, and communities to thrive. While the aforementioned Report focuses upon direct impacts to previously-incarcerated adults, incarceration has lasting inter-generational impacts – especially upon young children – that policymakers must address.

Early Education and Family Support

While we vigorously support the creation of the Community Reinvestment Fund and Program and laud its goals to reinvest in individuals affected by drug incarceration, two clarifications are vital to the Program’s success. First, the Community Reinvestment Fund and Program must acknowledge and address the negative inter-generational impacts on children -- especially young children -- who also have borne the toll of parental incarceration. National research demonstrates that 1.2 million inmates -- over half of the 2.3 million people in prison or jail -- are parents of children under 18; and a quarter of these children are age 4 or younger. There are approximately 2.7 million children who have an incarcerated parent. Moreover, these impacts fall heavily on low-income

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children of color: 1 in 9 Black children has an incarcerated parent and 1 in 28 Latino children has an incarcerated parent.<sup>1</sup>

Having a parent incarcerated is correlated with later-age lower educational attainment, higher incidence of suspension and expulsions, as well as long-term trauma and health effects that linger into adulthood.<sup>2</sup> The Community Reinvestment Fund and Program offers an opportunity to prioritize these young children's needs. Investments in programs that provide quality early education in the target communities and family strengthening and support, such as home visitation and child care/preschool, should be considered as important mechanisms to support young children in these communities.

### Public Health Messaging to Educate Pregnant and Parenting Teens with Young Children

We also support the "youth prevention" emphasis in target communities and believe that the Council should direct that specific public health messaging be created and tailored for pregnant and parenting teens. Public health research reveals short term and long term health and developmental risks and impacts for children of mothers who smoke marijuana during pregnancy, such as increased risk of still birth and heart defects, decreased birth weight in exposed children, increased developmental delays, decreased IQ scores and decreased cognitive function.<sup>3</sup>

Despite the associated risks, pregnant teens continue to use marijuana in rates over three times the average among other populations. Recent research from Colorado demonstrates that, following legalization, pregnant teen usage of marijuana reached 14% of mothers from 15-19 years, compared to just 4.3% of women aged 25-34.<sup>4</sup> The statistically higher rate of marijuana usage for pregnant teens serves as a cautionary tale as Los Angeles considers how it should appropriately inform and educate pregnant and parenting teens of how to protect their children in utero.

Research also shows increased hospitalization rates among young children who accidentally consume marijuana, with average marijuana-related visits to the Children's Hospital of Colorado nearly doubling after legalization.<sup>5</sup> The Colorado Department of Health also found that most pediatric exposures to marijuana involved infused edible products, with concentrated Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which were not in child-resistant containers. These dangers are ones about which the parents of young children in Social Equity communities deserve explicit public health messaging to protect their youngest children.

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<sup>1</sup> Lauren E. Glaze and Laura M. Maruschak, "Parents in Prison and Their Minor Children." U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Reports, revised 3.30.2010.

<sup>2</sup> Rosalyn D. Lee, Xiangming Fang, and Feijun Luo, "The Impact of Parental Incarceration on the Physical and Mental Health of Young Adults." *Pediatrics* 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment "Marijuana Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Guidance for Colorado Health Providers" March 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment "Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System 2014 Survey Results" in Monitoring Health Concerns Related to Marijuana in Colorado: 2016.

<sup>5</sup> Children's Hospital Colorado. "Acute Marijuana Intoxication"

With the Social Equity Program's Community Reinvestment Fund, the City of LA has a unique opportunity to rebuild children's lives, strengthen former inmates' families, as well as bolster their employment capacity. By incorporating a youth component inclusive of our children 0-5 years old, the City of LA can ensure that funding is being allocated for our youngest children to ensure that they too are receiving adequate supports in the communities most affected by prior cannabis policy.

We look forward to working with the City Council, the Department of Cannabis Regulation, and other partners on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Belshé".

Kim Belshé  
Executive Director  
First 5 LA



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FRIDAY ■ FEBRUARY 24, 2017

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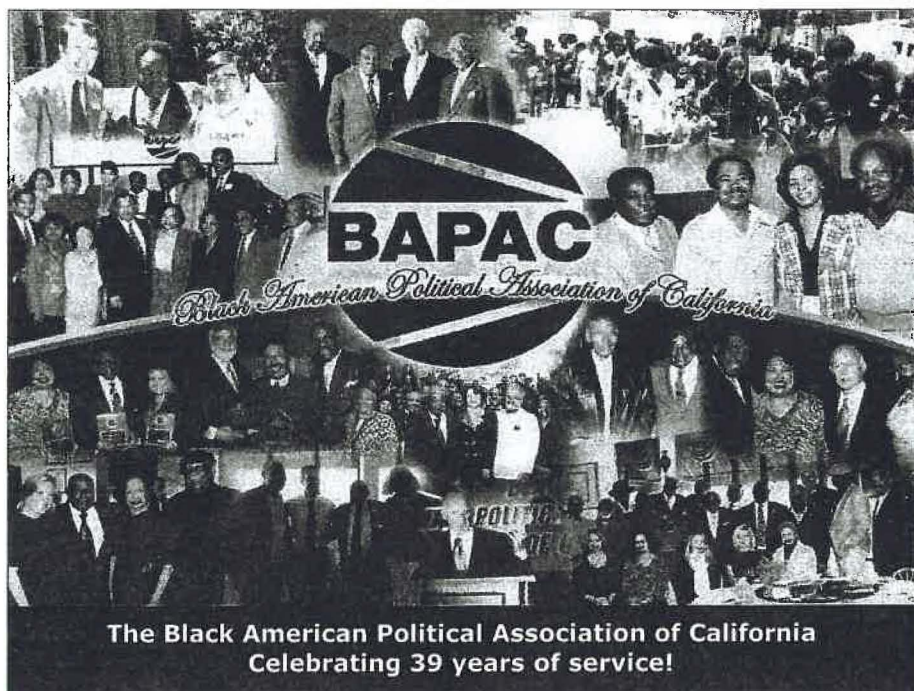
We are always pleased when we can support, affirm and reach out with education, information and community engagement. The multi-faceted issue of cannabis/marijuana must include African-Americans at the table. We need to be priority partners as we discuss and insist on fair share, equity, ownership, job potentials and distribution of resources.

We certainly support the efforts and organization of our BAPAC Sacramento Chapter—ensuring that policies are inclusive since criminal justice challenges have visited us unequally, with and among our varied and diverse communities in California and across this nation. Clearly these issues are pervasive among people of color. Since California is the major economic engine that drives the world cannabis market, people of color, the majority in this state must be more than bit players as the roll out of regulations, permits and local and state taxation is already upon us.

We specifically thank the BAPAC Sacramento Chapter and its members—including the Executive Officers—for this first class event, as well as the participants who value and use the information to make a positive difference in our community. We thank all the key players and difference makers who are here to promote our interests and I particularly thank Rory Kaufman, James W. Sweeney, Debbie Richardson Brister, Veria Johnson and Dr. George King, and of course, the sponsors.

The best to you and yours,

  
David Cunningham  
BAPAC State President





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*Welcome*



I welcome everyone to our first regional forum: the “Economic and Social Equity Cannabis Forum” in Sacramento. California has spoken at the ballot box – Cannabis is NOW Legal. The Sacramento Chapter of BAPAC is presenting this forum to our stakeholders and community residents to inform and educate our community on the potential benefits and concerns of cannabis in our community. Our Chapter is not promoting or advocating the use of cannabis; however, BAPAC Sacramento is providing an avenue to educate our community on this industry as California prepares to potentially yield \$22 billion in “new” revenues for the State budget.

The industry will be busting with new opportunities in vast areas of employment, management, ownership, distribution, agriculture, health, education, etc. Our community needs to be knowledgeable and informed of these opportunities—that is why BAPAC Sacramento is hosting this educational forum.

BAPAC has resurrected the Sacramento Chapter to be a political voice for our community. Our mission is to “Educate, Engage, and Empower” people of color to make informed decisions for their political growth and to protect your civil liberties.

I wish to thank the Capitol Event Center for being our gracious host venue, and our Sponsors, Speakers and Panelists for providing their time and expertise on the subject; and especially our Executive Officers: Mr. James Sweeney, Ms. Debbie Richardson, Ms. Veria Johnson and Dr. George King and to our Advisory Board and Committee Chairs for the planning, coordination, and financial support to produce this forum.

Thank you for attending our first of many forums on subjects which affect and promote our community interest.

Best regards,

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Rory Kaufman

President

BAPAC Sacramento



## 2017 Economic & Social Equity Cannabis Forum

### Forum Agenda\*

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- 8:30am – 9:00am **Registration / Continental Breakfast**
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- 9:00am – 10:30am **Welcome and Introductions** - Rory Kaufman, President, BAPAC Sacramento  
**Moderators:** James Sweeney and Debbie Richardson Brister  
**What is Cannabis? "Cannabis 101" / Medical vs. Recreational**  
**Various Types of Cannabis – Usage and Levels** (Strains, Usage, THC/CBD Levels)  
**Presenters:** Donald Davies, Manager/Buyer, Canna Care Dispensary;  
William Jahmal Miller, Deputy Director, Office of Health Equity, CA Dept. of Public Health; Dr. LaKisha Jenkins, CEO/Traditional Naturopath
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- 10:30am – 12:00n **Types of Businesses in the Cannabis Industry: Ancillary vs. Non-Ancillary**  
(Cultivation, Product Manufacturing, Retail Sales/Dispensaries, Delivery/  
Transportation, Marketing, etc.)  
**Presenters:** Lanette Davies, Owner, Canna Care; Scott Bonagofsky, Distributor,  
Cannaplex; Sue Taylor, Owner, iCANN Health Center
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- 12:00n – 12:45pm **Lunch / Featured Spoken Word Presentation: "Straight Out Scribes"**  
**PowerPoint Presentation:** Cat Packer, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance
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- 1:00pm – 2:30pm **Initiatives within Sacramento County (Ordinances, Zoning, Taxation,  
Planning & Commission) - Licensing & Regulations Required for  
Businesses (Background Checks, Costs, etc.)**  
**Presenters:** The Hon. Allen Warren, Councilmember, City of Sacramento;  
The Hon. Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, City of Berkeley; Amber Morris, Chief,  
CA CalCannabis Licensing and Regulation
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- 2:30pm – 3:30pm **The Future of Legalized Cannabis in California /  
Overview of Cannabis Laws and Regulations (State/Federal)  
(Proposition 64 & Medical Cannabis Regulation & Safety Act)**  
**Presenters:** Awet Kidane, Director, CA Dept. of Consumer Affairs; Lori Ajax, Chief,  
CA Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation; Tim Morland, Director of Legislation,  
CA Board of Equalization; Tim Cromartie Legislative Rep.; Lauren Michaels,  
Legislative Rep., CA Police Chiefs Assn.
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- 3:30pm – 4:20pm **Prop 64 – Marijuana Users, Sellers & Penalties**  
**Presenters:** The Hon. Jim Cooper, CA Assemblymember; Cat Packer, Policy  
Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance; Roland Tiemann, Defense Attorney
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- 4:20pm – 4:30pm **In-Depth Discussion and Question & Answer Session**
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- 4:30pm **Closing Remarks** – Rory Kaufman, President, BAPAC Sacramento
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## GUEST SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**The Honorable Jim Cooper, California State Assemblymember**

proudly represents California's 9th Assembly district, which includes the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt, and Lodi. Cooper currently serves on several committees, including: Public Employees Retirement and Social Security Committee, Governmental Organization Committee, Insurance Committee, Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee, Budget Committee, and Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration. Cooper also serves as Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on

Community Law Enforcement Relations and Responsibilities.

Assistant Majority Leader Cooper has an extensive background in law enforcement and local government. Before joining the Assembly, Cooper served as a Captain in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for 30 years and spent 14 years as Elk Grove's founding mayor and councilmember. Cooper has earned numerous awards, including the Bronze Star for Bravery for actions during the 1991 "Good Guys" hostage crisis. He also spent three years working as the Department's spokesperson and spent nearly a decade working as an undercover narcotics officer and gang detective – investigating illegal activity to fight drug trafficking in Northern California. Cooper grew up in Sacramento and is a graduate of the West Point Leadership Academy and FBI National Academy. He earned a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Saint Mary's College.



**Awet Kidane, Director, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs,**

was appointed Director in July 2014. Previously, Awet served as Chief Deputy Director in the Department since 2012. As Director, he oversees the nearly 40 regulatory entities and other divisions within the Department. Before being appointed to DCA, he served in various positions in the state Legislature, where he was a chief of staff, a senior advisor, and a consultant.



**Lori Ajax** was appointed Chief of the State of California Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation on February 4, 2016. She was previously Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) where she had served in multiple positions since 1998, including Deputy Division Chief, District Administrator and Supervising Investigator. As Deputy Division Chief, assigned to the Department's Headquarters Office, she oversaw several statewide programs. She began her career as an Investigator in ABC's Santa Rosa District office in 1995 and then transferred to Sacramento to work in the Trade

Enforcement Unit where she promoted to Supervising Investigator. In 2006, she was promoted to District Administrator assigned to the ABC Grant Assistance Program (GAP) and the TRACE Unit.

She then served as the District Administrator for ABC's Sacramento, Yuba City and Redding District offices from 2007 through 2011, overseeing the licensing and enforcement operations of 20 counties in Northern California. Ms. Ajax also served as an Investigator at the California Fair Political Practices Commission from 1997 to 1998. Ms. Ajax spent 10 years in private industry prior to her State government career. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento. She is a member of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association and the St. Sava Mission Foundation.





## GUEST SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**William Jahmal Miller** was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as Deputy Director to the Office of Health Equity at the California Department of Public Health, starting October 2013. Previously, he served as Communications Manager with Kaiser Permanente's National Offices—Community Benefit, Health Policy & Research Division. At Kaiser Permanente, he also served in the Central Valley Service Area, where he was Manager for Community & Government Relations within the Public Affairs Division.

Mr. Miller has provided overall management of for Sutter Health's Sacramento Sierra Region as Manager for Strategic Marketing & Communications and oversight of growth, marketing and communications efforts with large-employer groups and brokers. He was a board member of the California Child Care Referral and Resource Network, one of the most respected systems of child care resources and referrals in the United States. The following are additional volunteer boards where he has served – American Heart Association's Western Region Health Equity Task Force, American Diabetes Association, Bloodsource Community Advisory & Ronald McDonald House Charities. Mr. Miller completed an Executive Fellowship with the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program in conjunction with the American Leadership Forum & CORO.

Mr. Miller is a proud graduate of Columbia University in New York City, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, and he holds a Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Southern California.



**Cat Packer, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance**, works to ensure the successful & equitable implementation of California's recently passed Adult Use of Marijuana Act. Within her role, Packer advocates for industry diversity and reinvestment in communities most harmed by marijuana prohibition.

Prior to joining DPA, Packer served as the Campaign Coordinator for Californians for Responsible Marijuana Reform, Drug Policy Action's social justice driven campaign in support of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. Packer also has participated in marijuana reform efforts in Ohio. There she served as the Deputy Director of Central Ohio NORML and participated in the 2015 legalization effort. Packer is an alumna of The Ohio State University where she received a Bachelor's in Political Science, a Master's in Public Policy & Management and a Juris Doctor. Packer envisions marijuana reform as an opportunity to raise awareness of mass incarceration and advocates an end to the failed war on drugs.



**Lauren Michaels, Legislative Affairs Manager, California Police Chiefs Association**, serves as the Legislative Affairs Manager for the California Police Chiefs Association. In her role, she is charged with determining the association's legislative platform and ensuring the successful execution of the association's legislative agenda. She began in her work on medical marijuana in 2014 when CPCA co-sponsored SB 1262 (Correa) and continued to work in the policy area

when CPCA co-sponsored and later supported AB 266 (Bonta/Cooley/Lackey/Jones-Sawyer) in 2015. Her current priorities include the implementation and reconciliation of the Medical Marijuana Regulatory and Safety Act and the Adult Use of Marijuana Act.



## GUEST SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**Councilmember Allen Wayne Warren** was elected to represent Council District 2 in the City of Sacramento on November 6<sup>th</sup> and sworn in on December 11<sup>th</sup> of 2012.

Utilizing a five-acre parcel his mother owned, he developed a 26-lot subdivision in the Del Paso Heights area; thus, launching a career as a builder/developer and owner of New Faze Development, Inc. Allen worked with a local non-profit to build single family homes in North and South Sacramento helping dozens of low and moderate income, and migrant families achieve the dream of home ownership. He served on the boards of the Sacramento Zoo, KVIE Public Television, the Greater Sacramento Urban League, National Minority Junior Golf and Sacramento State University Presidential Advisory Board. Currently, Allen serves as Chair of the Entertainment and Sports Center (ESC) Committee, Chair of the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Chair of the City of Sacramento Audit Committee, and on numerous other boards and commissions.

Allen has been recognized for his community service and philanthropic efforts by receiving some of the highest awards in the region such as the Robert Matsui (MLK) Community Service Award, the American Leadership Community Service Award, the Greater Sacramento Urban League Unity Award, multiple Business of the Year Awards and others, and he was named one of the 50 most influential people in Sacramento by Sacramento Magazine. He is a graduate of Cal State Hayward.



**Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Council, District 3**, is an environmental attorney committed to advancing the twin goals of innovation and inclusion for his city. He is an advocate who will ensure that South Berkeley gets its fair share of resources; the Adeline Corridor plan includes the community perspective; and Alta Bates is saved. He has deep experience in policy, advocacy and coalition building and has served on numerous commissions: Planning, Transportation, Vice Chair of the Zero Waste Commission, the Police Review Commission, and the Loan Administration board.

His style of leadership in commissions is creative and consensus based, and he has a track record of successfully mobilizing neighbors in defense of the community. He organized hundreds of young people to demand the re-construction of the South Berkeley (Pittman) Branch library and he engaged the community in successfully reversing inequitable budget cuts to South Berkeley non-profits. Bartlett brings an environmental perspective that will help meet the City's climate goals, and will help to bring high level innovations and economic development to South Berkeley. He is a native of his beloved city and he believes that Berkeley is a place of opportunity and inclusion.



**Tim Morland, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, State Board of Equalization**, has extensive knowledge of the legislative process. Prior to joining Board Member Ma's team, Tim served in the Assembly Chief Clerk's Office from 2008-2015. Tim was the Assembly Daily File Clerk from 2013-2014, and the Reading Clerk for the California State Assembly from 2009-2013. Tim also served as the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk for the Assembly Chief Clerk's Office from 2008-2009. He graduated from California State University Sacramento with a degree in Government with high honors in 2008 (Phi Kappa Phi).



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**Lanette Davies is the Director and Owner Operator of Canna Care Inc.**, and her son, **Donald Davies is the Manager and Buyer.** Canna Care is a fully permitted dispensary since 2005 and one of Sacramento's most respected dispensing collectives. She is the Director of Crusaders for Patient's Rights, a California non-profit Christian organization dedicated to cannabis education and outreach since 2006.

side of cannabis, and the current discrimination that patients face. CPR currently has both Northern and Southern California offices. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Americans Civil Liberties Union, Sacramento. Lanette was instrumental in the formation of local regulations and has been working on statewide regulations with various state agencies and legislators.



**Amber Morris** is Chief of the CA Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Branch. Amber oversees implementation of the cultivation licensing program for medical cannabis and adult-use cannabis. She has worked for CDFA for nearly a dozen years in several capacities, most recently as the Environmental Program Manager of the Interior Pest Exclusion Program, where she directed the Phytophthora Ramorum Program (Sudden Oak Death), Agricultural Detector Dog Team Program, Phytosanitary Export Program, and County High-Risk Pest-Exclusion Program. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies and Planning from Sonoma State University.



**Tim Cromartie** has been a legislative representative covering public safety issues for the League of California Cities since 2013, with a heavy emphasis on the regulation of medical marijuana. Prior to that he held a variety of positions in the Legislature and state government, including legislative representative for CalPERS Governmental Affairs, legislative director and public safety consultant to former state Senator Gloria Romero, and field representative for Congresswoman Barbara Lee when she served in the state Senate. Mr. Cromartie is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and UC Hastings College of the Law.



**Roland X. Tiemann** is one of California's premier cannabis business attorneys. His law firm represents cannabis companies and advises them in entity Formation/Operation, Licensing/Permitting, Regulatory Compliance/Best Practices, Corporate/Business Counseling, and Non-Compliance/Criminal Defense.



**Scott Bonagofsky** has been a licensed California attorney since 1997. He was an associate at Brobeck, one of the top technology law firms in Silicon Valley, during the dot com era, and at Morgan Lewis, one of the ten largest law firms in the country, prior to starting his own law firm in 2005. Scott has been a Thomson Reuters Northern California SuperLawyer every year since 2009, and is a member of the National

Cannabis Bar Association. Scott is a co-founder and the Chief Executive Officer of the Cannaplex, a 106,500 square foot multi-tenant, multi-use production facility and distribution hub under development in East Oakland, California.



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## GUEST SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**Sue Taylor, President, ICANN Health Center**, is an experienced educator, ordained minister and County Commissioner on Aging for Alameda County, and she is excited that cannabis can help people enjoy better health and provide an alternative to pharmaceuticals, and she is dedicated to eliminating the stigma that plagues the plant so that we can all benefit. She is licensed by the State of California to provide cannabis education.

Sue is a grandmother of three and a veteran educator with the latest information on medical marijuana. She makes it crystal clear why seniors have a right to access this misunderstood plant, because even she misunderstood it for most of her life. Earning a degree in Social Science from San Francisco State University, and then a Master's Degree in Education, she became a teacher, and then a principal at two Catholic schools in the Bay Area and raised three sons with her husband in Oakland, also authoring a parenting handbook "Who's Running the Show." She teaches cannabis medicine to seniors and she's certified by the State of California to provide Medical Marijuana Education and Continuing Education Credits to elder facilities. Sue's mission is to continue to educate on a global level to further de-stigmatize the plant and she plans to open her own Holistic Spiritual Healing Center with medical cannabis as one of the primary modalities.



**Dr. Lakisha Jenkins** holds a Doctorate in Naturopathy and is a Professional Member of the American Herbalist Guild. She is founder and CEO of The Kiona T Jenkins Foundation of Natural Health (Kiona Foundation Inc, 2003), a 501(c)(3) holistic health nonprofit organization. The Kiona Foundation and its subsidiary, The Farm'acy – a nonprofit agricultural cooperative, operate a natural health cooperative outlet, Kiona's Farm'acy. Located in the agricultural heartland of Northern California, Kiona's Farm'acy has provided holistic health services to the Central Valley since 2010 and merged with The Jenasis Medical Group in 2016.

Additionally, Dr. Jenkins is a founding Board Member of The California Cannabis Industry Association – the California State affiliate of The National Cannabis Industry Association of which she currently serves on the NCIA Minority Business Council Executive Committee and both of which shape the framework around regulating the cannabis industry on a State and Federal level respectfully.

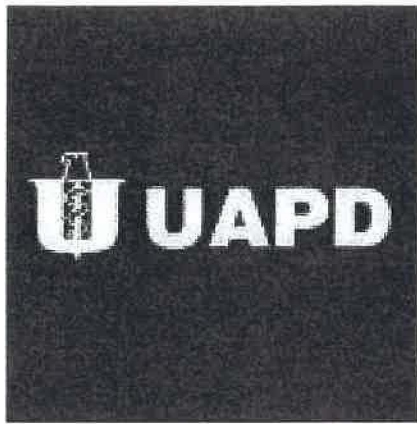


**Dr. V.S. Chochezi and Staajabu** are a unique mother and daughter poetry team known as "Straight Out Scribes." They are widely published, have received many honors and awards and have self-published seven books of poetry and two CD compilations. In addition to their writing and performance accomplishments, this mother/daughter poetic duo has produced and coordinated many consciousness-

raising events and fund-raisers primarily on the West Coast since they first decided to make it their home in 1991. They are often referred to as activist poets and have spent the past 25+ years working on the campaign to free Mumia Abu-Jamal and the MOVE 9.

**Thank you Corporate Sponsors and Community Partners**

**The Sacramento Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California would like to thank all of our sponsors, speakers, panelists and attendees for supporting our 2017 Economic and Social Equity Cannabis Forum.**



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**Meeting Information:** BAPAC Sacramento meets monthly on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

**Meeting Location:** The Regis Building, 1100 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 - Sacramento, CA  
Leadership positions are available.

About BAPAC. The Black American Political Association of California mission is to educate, engage and empower California communities of color in an effort to restore and promote social and economic equity. Started in 1978 by Dr. Percy Pinkney, the Honorable Willie Brown and various key leaders, BAPAC has since grown. Note: Although 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. We are a bipartisan, 501c3 organization.



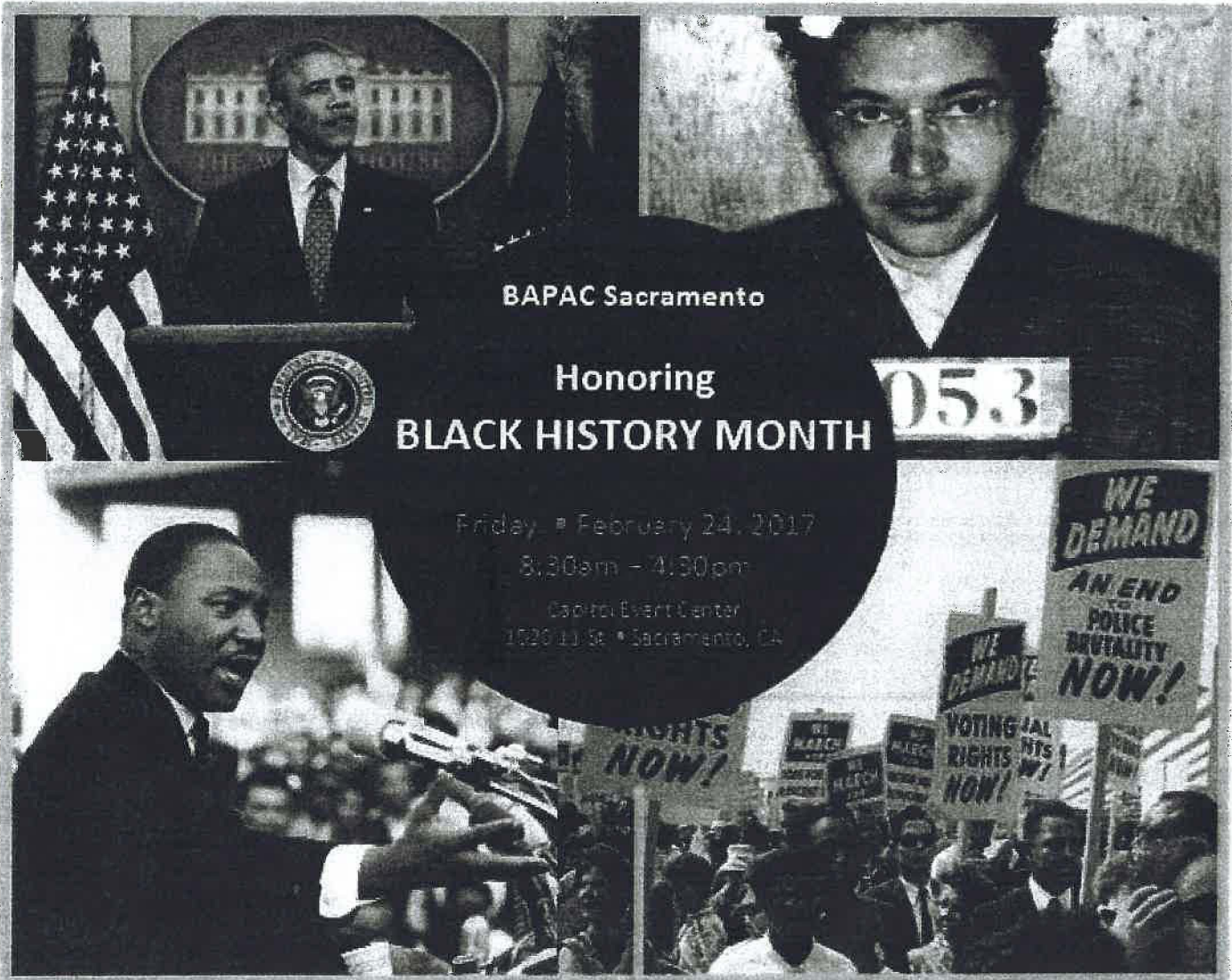
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**“Success is to be measured not so much by the position  
that one has reached in life as by the obstacles  
which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”**

**—Booker T. Washington**

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comes true for us.” —Susan L. Taylor, journalist**

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