



November 26, 2003

Dear Friend:

We cordially invite you to the Sixth African-American Legislative Summit scheduled for February 26 - 28, 2004 at the Texas Capitol in Austin.

The theme for this event is "The Balancing Act: Government and Politics vs. Community and Culture." We are anticipate the participation of many elected officials, religious leaders, business leaders, private industry leaders as well as federal, state and local government employees.

The purpose of the Summit is to bring together African-Americans to examine issues impacting our community at a grassroots level. Our goal is to develop viable recommendations regarding education, technology, economic development, health and human services consolidation, criminal justice and gang violence.

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Annette Holmes, Project Chair, at 512-260-1336, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rodney Ellis
Rodney Ellis
Senator, District 13

Royce West
Royce West
Senator, District 23

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, February 26, 2004

12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Doing Business Texas Style
"Spot Bid Contract Fair"
University of Texas
Frank Erwin Center

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration
Marriott at the Capitol

FRIDAY, February 27, 2004

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Registration
Capitol Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004
(Registration is open until 5:00 p.m.)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Plenary Session
Capitol Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004
Chairpersons: Senator Rodney Ellis and
Senator Royce West

FRIDAY MORNING SESSIONS

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
(All Panel Discussions and Workshops
will be held in the Capitol Extension)

CONCURRENT PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- I. Technology: "Digital Divide - Where are we Online?"
II. Homeland Security Specific to Texas: "Update after 9/11"
III. Redistricting: "Where are the Lines?"
IV. Human Resource: "The Up Side of Downsizing"
V. Faith-Based Initiatives: "Are They Working in the African-American Community?"

CONCURRENT BRAINTRUST SESSIONS

- I. **Education Braintrust: Public Education**
- II. **Criminal Justice Braintrust**
- III. **Health and Human Services Braintrust: Consolidation, Funding Cuts Affects on the African-American Community**

12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

Opportunity to visit

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
1800 North Congress

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

General Session

Room E1.004 Capitol Auditorium

Open Mic Forum

“Ask the Senator or Representative”

Panel Discussions

3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- I. **Women in Leadership:** *“Turning Dreams Into Reality”*
- II. **Men in Leadership:** *“Have We Forgotten the Fight?”*
- III. **The Black Media:** *“The Message and the Motive”*

CONCURRENT BRAINTRUST SESSIONS

- I. **Education Braintrust: Higher Education**
- II. **Criminal Justice Braintrust: Indigent Defense**
- III. **Health and Human Services Braintrust**

FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Reception

Marriott at the Capitol

Sponsored by Texas Southern University

February 28, 2004

SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Breakfast

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

Marriott at the Capitol

**Keynote Speaker: Frederick Haynes, Pastor
Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas (Invited)**

CONCURRENT PANEL DISCUSSIONS

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- I. **Technology:** *“What’s Next?”*
- II. **Improving your Communication Skills:**
Dr. Monica Anderson
- III. **Race Relations:** *“Are we Moving Forward or Rolling Backward?”*
- IV. **Economic Development:** *“Where Are We Now?”*
- V. **Insurance Issues:** *“Legislative Changes and How They Affect Your Coverage”*

CONCURRENT BRAINTRUST SESSIONS

- I. **Education Braintrust: Various Education Related Panel Discussions**
- II. **Criminal Justice Braintrust: Various Criminal Justice Related Panel Discussions**
- III. **Health and Human Services Braintrust**

12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Youth Luncheon

Marriott at the Capitol

“Preparing African-American Youth to Embrace the Future”

Keynote Speaker:

The Honorable Ron Kirk

Former Mayor of Dallas

Sponsored by Prairie View A&M University

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Capitol Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004

SPECIAL GENERAL SESSION

“Message from the Texas Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)”

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson

30th Congressional District of Texas

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee (Invited)

18th Congressional District of Texas

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Capitol Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004

SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM

“A Tale of Two Houses”

This symposium will focus on general, national and state issues of importance to our community.

Moderators: Senator Rodney Ellis

Senator Royce West

2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.

Room E1.036

Youth Leadership Training

“Key Leadership Tools”

3:30 p.m - 5:30 p.m

Young Adult Rap Session

Generation X and Y Speaks Out

“Challenging the Status Quo”

SATURDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

(Semi-formal)

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cocktails

Marriott at the Capitol

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

“Let Freedom Ring”

Closing Banquet

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please Print (One form per individual)

Registration Cost: \$50.00

Name _____

Company/Agency _____

Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

(Fax Number) _____

Paying by:

Check # _____

Money Order # _____

State Purchase Order # _____

Company Check # _____

Please make check payable to the *PV Research Foundation/SLBC* and mail completed form with registration fee to:

SLBC

P. O. Box 12093

Austin, TX 78711-2093

Registration will not be accepted without full payment.

Hotel reservations for the Summit may be made by calling:

Marriott at the Capitol

701 East 11th Street

Austin, Texas 78701

800-228-9290 or 512/478-1111

Summit attendees will receive a special rate. **Special rate reservation deadline is February 12, 2004 (NO EXCEPTIONS).**