



6th Annual NCBCP Voices of the Electorate Democracy Symposium

"Engaging Minorities and New Americans in the Democracy Reform Movement and the 2008 Election Cycle"

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 - The Capitol, Room HC7

AGENDA

Intro/Overview of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation VOICES Project

Melanie Campbell, NCBCP CEO & Executive Director

Congressional Update on Election Reform and Voting Rights Legislation in 110th Congress

Honorable Artur Davis, Representative for 7th Congressional District (AL)

Engaging in Democracy Reform Roundtable & Strategy Session

MODERATOR

Faye Anderson

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The Changing Face of Democracy

- Expansion of the Black Electorate in 2008: Caribbean and African Vote
- Demographic and Geographic Trends of the New Electorate
- Policy Priorities for the Minorities and New Americans
- Impact of the Democracy Reform on Minority Communities

Lead Discussants: Ambassador Koby Koomson (Ghana); Selam Mulugeta, Congressional Ethiopian American Caucus, Dawn Fraser-Stewart, Caribbean Peoples International Collective; Claire Nelson, PhD., Institute of Caribbean Studies*; Dr. Tyson King Meadows, NCBPS*, Kevin M. Parker, NCBCP

Strategies for Increasing Minorities and New Americans Civic Engagement

- Political Opportunities for Engaging Minorities and New Americans
- Approaches to Micro Targeting in Black Immigrant Communities
- Engaging Youth Leaders in the Democracy Reform Movement
- Protecting Voting Rights of Minorities and New Americans in 2008 Election Cycle
- Laying the Foundation and Preparing in '08-'09 for the 2010 Census

Lead Strategists: Cecelie Counts, AFLCIO; Lillie Coney, EPIC; Lawrence Norden, Brennan Center for Justice; Judith Brown, Advancement Project; Faye Anderson, Esq., Anderson@Large; Stephanie Jones, National Urban League Policy Institute; Diallo Brooks, Center for Policy Alternatives; Adaeze Okongwu*; Gary Flowers, Black Leadership Forum*; Ted Shaw, NAACP-LDF*; Kirk Clay, Common Cause*

Moving Forward: VOICES 2008 Project Task Force Goals for 2008-2009

- Public Awareness and Communications
- Legal Research
- Technology
- Legislation and Public Policy

Next Steps

- Set date for Next VOICES Quarterly Task Force Meeting via conference call
- VOICES 2007 Democracy Reform Report: HAVA Compliance State by State
- VOICES 2008 Strategic and Action Plan for 2008 and 2009

Adjournment

* Invited

This symposium will be webcast at: