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ALPHA PI BOULE

TO: Sire Archon Houston

Archon Delotch, Chair Social Action Committee

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FROM: Archon Steppe, chair Development Committee

At our last Social Action Committee meeting we were collectively instructed by our Sire Achron to meet as the Development Committee prior to our next Social Action Meeting on July 13, 1999 to develop our mission statement , to review our current programs for inclusion and to propose a first year program for the committee to review and discuss.

I have reviewed all of the minutes and other materials from our retreat 99 and provide the following information for us to begin the development of our mission and goals for the Boule.

Alpha Pi Boule mission statement:

"The executive board recommends that over the next two years the mission of the Alpha Pi boule will be to use our collective influences for community good, an provide an avenue for Boule members and families to enjoy each other, and viewed as a source of leadership in the African-American community."

In order to expedite our efforts to develop a mission statement and a set of goals here are some ideas to begin the process:

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN CONCERT WITH THE FINANCE/FUND RAISING, POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT, MAPPING /ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEES TO **DESIGN, DEVELOP** AND **IMPLEMENT** PROGRAMS WITHIN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT SERVE TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR YOUTH AS THEY COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION AND

MOVE FROM SCHOOL TO CAREERS;TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY AND DEVELOP WAYS TO ENHANCE AND UTILIZE ALL OF THE assets IN THE COMMUNITY .

OUR GOALS ARE:

*TO LIFT THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR YOUTH TO IT'S HIGHEST POTENTIAL

*PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL SAFETY NET

*LEVERAGING RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY TO BEST SERVE YOUTH

*IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS AND PUTTING TOGETHER PEOPLE/EN WITH RESOURCES TO SOLVE THEM

*IDENTIFYING THE ASSETS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES PROGRAMS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY.

In preparation for our meeting please take all of the information provided as a starting place rather than a final presentation. It is expected that we will come together and refine and complete the task

Enclosed is a copy of Sire Archon Houstons "Proposed Signature Project " for your review and consideration. Proposed programs proposals from Archon Chapman "SAT Examination", Proposal from Archon Porter "educating Jalani and Jamelia", an untitled page listed as "Arears of Responsibility" , the Boule foundation's "the Men Of The Village Program" We can use these items as discussion points as we plan the first year program proposals.

I would like to call a meeting of the Development Committee for June 10,1999 at my office 3851 Rosecrans Street at **6:00pm**. If you are unable to attend please advise . I can be reached at 692-8416. I look forward to completing our task in short order if you take on the task of refining the material presented.

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Cecil H Steppe, chair Development Committee

PROPOSED SIGNATURE PROJECT

One such signature program could involve working with San Diego City Schools District on a yet to be announced literary plan. SDCSD is seeking community based partners to spearhead an initiative based upon reading in grades 3-5. I'm informed that if, by the 3rd grade, a child is not reading, is not read to and has no one to discuss with him or her what is read, only one in fifteen will read at grade level in high school. Reading exercises from grades 3-5 is said to be the precursor to learning thereafter. Assuming this research is true, the best opportunity to influence our African American children for life is to develop a program that will facilitate increasing reading time and opportunities, outside of school, with the target this target population. (Of the approximately 175 schools, in the district, about 100 are elementary schools.)

This organization can develop a literacy army that would include other Greek letter organizations, churches, professional groups, high school and college students, retired educators, engineers and business people. I've met recently with the President of the Lynch Foundation for Children, a philanthropic organization, and discussed the possibility of joint venturing with that foundation which is co-sponsoring with Channel 10 and others the school district's efforts in literacy enhancement. Any funding needs for the project could come from other sources, including the Lynch Foundation.

Our sweat equity could include the leadership role of developing a system to identify volunteers from the above referenced groups, soliciting community involvement and developing a scheduling system to insure persons are on site and the students can count on them to be there,

and establish a system to track the progress of the program as students matriculate. Our foundation could establish a program to operate with a target grade (3rd grade) and target section of the community (i.e. Southeast San Diego). The program could be structured to occur on Saturday mornings or a designated night during the week.

Our Foundation could establish an advisory group to include professionals from outside the organization to provide guidelines and assist the foundation in making the school system accountable to the African American community.

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