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THE MINORITY COMMITTEE NEWS

Election Edition

The Committee To Protect The Political Rights of Minorities

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Ballot Measures

By: Alice A. Huffman, President

All African Americans must know which ballot measures will effect the quality of life within our community. There are two significant measures that must be defeated. One is Prop. 164, Congressional Term Limits; and the second one is Prop. 165, the Budget Process, Welfare Procedural and Substantive Changes. There are two important initiatives that must pass, Prop. 167, Tax the Rich, and Prop. 155, School Bonds.

► Proposition 164 - NO

Proposition 164 denies candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives a place on the ballot if they have held office during six or more of the previous eleven years. It will deny candidates for U.S. Senate a place on the ballot if they have served during twelve or more of the previous seventeen years.

Cong. Ron Dellums and Julian Dixon would be turned out of office if it passes. It would cause members like Cong. Maxine Waters to never realize their potential in Congress because they would never earn enough seniority. It changes the game to ensure that African Americans will never have the clout to bring home needed resources.

► Proposition 165 - NO

Proposition 165 is the dog of all propositions on the ballot because it will hurt innocent children and give the Governor absolute power to cut any government program any time without legislative approval.

It eliminates the cost-of-living increases for foster children, needy aged, the blind and disabled Californians who have nowhere else to turn. It also makes access to Medi-Cal

The Minority Committee Recommends

Please take this slate with you to the poll

- 155-YES School Facilities Bond
- 156-YES Passenger Rail & Clean Air
- 157-YES Toll Roads & Highways
- 158-YES Office of California Analyst
- 159-YES Office of Auditor General
- 162-YES Public Employees Retirement
- 163-YES Taxation of Food Products
- 164-NO Congressional Term Limits
- 165-NO Budget Process, Welfare
- 167-YES State Taxes

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more difficult for the working poor and seniors who need nursing home care

If this initiative passes, the Governor can declare an emergency by preventing the budget from being adopted and will then make his own cuts. No program in California,

including schools, would be protected. If Prop. 165 passes, the legislature will have lost its ability to pass a budget based upon real needs of Californians, and only programs favored by the Governor will be funded.

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Report on the 14th Annual BAPAC Convention

Speaker Willie L. Brown Jr., Calls BAPAC to Action

Speaker Brown closed the BAPAC convention in Sacramento, held October 1-4, with a brilliant analysis of what African Americans and specifically BAPAC members have at stake in the November 3, elections. He challenged each BAPAC chapter and member to action to elect a slate of candidates who will support programs reflecting the needs of African Americans. He urged members to work in majority districts where pockets of African Americans reside to get them out to the polls.



Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr.

He told the convention why it is in their interest to work and vote for Clinton, Boxer, and Feinstein. He also emphasized the need for BAPAC members to focus on the Assembly and advised convention attendees to set up systems to prevent a fall off in evening voting if the east coast announces early victories for Clinton and Gore.

Conferees heard that the current Governor is evil spirited and would do irreparable harm to African Americans if it were not for the Speaker and the majority in his house who are for improved quality of life for all Californians.

Speaker Brown indicated that his team will win between 42 and 47, a clear majority, of the 80 seats up for election.

Cleveland Mayor Michael White Addresses Convention for Clinton



Governor Bill Clinton

One of the most dynamic speeches of the convention was by Mayor White major speaker for the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Annual Awards Dinner. Mayor White, one of the most progressive mayors in the country gave convention participants many reasons why African Americans must vote for Clinton & Gore.

He indicated that the plight of African Americans depends on who's in the White House. Jobs, public schools, the homeless, low income housing, health care resources have dried up in our communities based upon the trickle down economic policies of the Bush administration. Urban areas, he said, have deteriorated due to the lack of national support. Our children have lost hope. Therefore, for our survival we must elect Bill Clinton.

Bill Clinton and Al Gore have the endorsement of all African American state and congressional California legislators.

BAPAC does not make official endorsements, however, members must not become complacent in this important election. It is important to stop the appointments of Reagan and Bush to the courts. Further, Bush has already demonstrated no interest in protecting public schools, creating jobs, health programs, tending the homeless, nor getting drugs czars that exploit our neighborhood children.

Remember the huge number of appointment opportunities for the Clinton/Gore administration who will be sympathetic to the plight of African Americans. Also do not forget the opportunities for African Americans to receive appointments in Clinton's administration. Thus, African Americans have excellent reasons to go to the polls enmass for Clinton and Gore.

Take Five People With You To Vote

Barbara Boxer Comes to BAPAC

While Dianne Feinstein sent regrets, Barbara Boxer made her second consecutive appearance at the annual BAPAC convention. She received a glowing introduction by Assemblywoman Barbara Lee. Barbara Boxer thanked the convention participants for their support, many of which had worked with her on an individual basis to help her win the primary and are continuing to work on her general campaign.



Hon. Barbara Boxer

Her platform is one that African Americans in California support because her main agenda is to take the peace dividend (lower military spending now that the cold war with Russian has ended) savings and reinvest them in jobs and schools. She has her finger on the pulse of California's human needs and has a strong commitment to inclusion of the African American community.

BAPAC does not endorse in partisan races. However, it is critical to know what our elected leaders think of candidates. Ron Dellums was one Barbara Boxer's initial supporters. She also has the endorsement of Speaker Brown, Assembly members Moore, Archie-Hudson, Tucker Jr., Murray, Lee, along with Senator Diane Watson.

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BAPAC's Education Resolution

BAPAC members resolved to hold an education summit during 1993. The summit will focus on the concerns of the African American child and the educational needs of urban California. The summit will result in positions around the politics of the 1994 voucher campaign by examining the pros and cons concerning to our children. BAPAC members plan to become politically active in the debate and the

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Irma Carson

Irma Carson is a candidate for the Assembly in AD 32 that includes portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino Counties including Pomona, Ontario, Rialto, Colton and Fontana.

She is a retired Bakersfield police officer and a supporter of public education. She currently serves on the Board of Education of the Bakersfield School District.

Irma Carson has been a life long community activists. She spearheaded the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education program Irma received accolades for her bold leadership, strong community commitment, moral courage, ability to make tough decisions, as well as a strong advocate for children.

She is a member of Bakersfield BAPAC, NAACP and numerous community and women's organizations.

Juanita Millender-McDonald

Juanita Millender-McDonald, candidate for Assembly in the 55th district won a surprise primary victory. She is the mayor pro tem of the city of Carson. She was the first African American woman to sit on Carson's council, elected to it in 1990.

Juanita Millender-McDonald is an educator. She began her professional career as a teacher and currently directs the Gender Equity Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Her hard work and self confidence led to victory against two well-financed incumbents.

She has worked diligently to improve law enforcement in Carson and to keep industry and jobs in her city.

She is on the Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a life member of the NAACP, a member of BAPAC, and the California Teachers Association/UTLA.

Juanita Millender-McDonald has minor opposition in the general election that almost assures her that she will move to the Assembly in November.

Supervisor Willie B. Kennedy

Supervisor Willie B. Kennedy is the only African American currently serving on the 11 member San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She was first elected in 1981 and is currently running for reelection in a crowded and highly competitive field of candidates.

She has a distinguished record of service. She authored landmark legislation for Minority/Women owned businesses, South Africa Divestiture Ordinance, AIDS research and urged the state legislature to increase penalties for hate crimes.

She is a strong advocate for women's rights, equal rights, child care, universal health care, affordable and low income housing as well as a proponent of rights for gays, lesbian and bisexual communities.

She is a valued resource to the African American community and all of the citizens of San Francisco. She must be retained on the Board.



Senator Diane Watson

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State Senator Diane Watson is in a hotly contested race for Los Angeles County 2nd Supervisorial District. African Americans polled gave her the most favorable rating among a distinguished group of local elected leaders. Senator Watson's popularity is based upon her untiring community support and involvement. 81% of the community support her as opposed to her opponents 55% rating. Senator Watson is far less popular with the majority community than her opponent and must rely heavily upon her community to get her elected.

She is a native of her district and attended public schools, college and universities right there in Los Angeles. Before becoming the first African American woman State Senator, she was a school teacher and a principal before being elected to the Los Angeles School Board. She is also a working member of BAPAC in LA and the State.

Most of her legislation in the state senate dealt with issues crucial in our community like health care, aids, homeless, drug abuse, child care and welfare.

African Americans will have a voice on the powerful Los Angeles Board of Supervisors that will remain true to the community and not caught up in allegiances to the majority who usually attempt to manipulate and control African American elected officials.

Wilfred T. Ussery

Wilfred T. Ussery is running for reelection as Director to the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board (BART) in the Bay Area. He currently serves as President of the Board. He was also President in 1985.

Wil Ussery is the national African American authority on high speed urban rail transit systems. He has developed many papers on various aspects of the light rail industry that he presents around the country and has become the intellectual leader of the Bay Area system.

Wil Ussery was the Chairman of the San Francisco BAPAC and has a long history of involvement in civil rights issues going back to his days as the National Chairman of CORE.

African Americans believe Wil Ussery should be continued on the BART Board.

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► Proposition 167 - YES

Proposition 167 raises taxes for high income taxpayers earning \$500,000 and closes tax loopholes for multinational corporations, banks, insurance and oil companies. It removes the taxes on snacks, candy, bottled water, newspapers and magazines. It removes the 1/4 cent sales tax and income tax increase on renters.

Wealthy Californians do not pay their fair share of taxes.

Proposition 167 rewards companies who create California jobs and ends tax breaks for those who take them out. This measure will raise funds to restore cuts in education health care, and public safety. This measure was put on the ballot by your friends who are tired of cutting services to the poor and ripping-off the middle class.

► Proposition 155 - YES

Proposition 155 creates money to build new schools and repair of oldest buildings to make them earthquake safe. There are over 200,000 new students entering public schools each year for the next decade. Proposition 155 helps keep our children's schools safe without raising taxes.

It will also create thousands of new construction jobs that are so badly needed in California.

Sam Pannell

Sam Pannell, a native Sacramentan, is a teacher for the Sacramento Unified School District. He is a BAPAC member making a difference and will expand his opportunities to serve the community when he is elected to the Sacramento City Council.

Sam Pannell specializes in working with the youth and works with children in the school district that are drug abusers. He has devoted his life to public service and is active in the Drug and Gang Task Force, Meadowview Community Action, County of Sacramento Alcohol Drug Program Advisory Board, Sacramento Urban League, Sacramento BAPAC, Sacramento Economic Opportunity Council.

There are no African Americans on the Sacramento city Council. Sam Pannell will add a much needed voice to insure the concerns of our community are included in the business of the city.

Sam has the endorsement of most of the distinguished leaders of Sacramento. Those in the majority party believes he is a person they can work with. African Americans believe he is a fighter and a person they can trust.

It is political suicide to have no African Americans to the council, therefore Sam must win.

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State Elections

- AD 13 Willie Brown Jr., Speaker, California Assembly
- AD 16 Barbara Lee, Member of the Assembly
- AD 32 Irma Carson, Retired Police Sergeant
- AD 47 Gwen Moore, Member of the Assembly
- AD 48 Marguerite Archie-Hudson, Member of the Assembly
- AD 51 Curtis Tucker, Jr., Member of the Assembly
- AD 52 Willard Murray, Jr., Member of the Assembly
- AD 56 Juanita McDonald, Councilwoman & Educator
- SD 25 Teresa Hughes, Member of the Assembly



Hon. Teresa Hughes



Hon. Gwen Moore



Hon. Curtis Tucker, Jr.



Hon. Willard Murray



Hon. Marguerite Archie-Hudson



Hon. Barbara Lee

Local Elections

Supervisor S.F. - Willie B. Kennedy, Supervisor
Supervisor L.A. - Diane Watson, State Senator
Bart Board, S.F. - Wilfred T. Ussery, Businessman
City Council Sacramento - Sam Pañnell, Educator
City Council Oakland - Dezie Woods-Jones, Educator

Majority Rule Petition Volunteer Petition Circulator Needed Call 916 447-5275 to help

Please assist in collecting signatures to change the budget rules in the state legislature to a majority vote. For each day where there is no budget, the legislature will lose its' pay permanently.

If there were a majority vote on the budget no Governor could hold the budget hostage by getting a band of radical members to disrupt the budget process. Majority rule simply means that those who are in the majority of each house can pass a budget with a simple majority vote.

Speaker Brown's 7th Inaugural Ball Plans in the Works



Friends of Speaker Brown are planning the seventh annual Speaker's Balls in January. This is a BAPAC tradition. Next year's celebrations will be the greatest and most historic. Plans are January 6, Sacramento, 8th, Los Angeles and the 9th in the Bay Area. Mark your calendars for the 1993 party of the year.

The Minority Committee

The Committee to Protect The Political Rights of Minorities devotes its resources toward FPPC reportable political activities on behalf of minorities and specializes in concerns of African Americans.

This Committee formulates positions based upon those taken by the elected leadership of African Americans and deliberations of hundreds of African Americans from across California.

This is a November election issue for African Americans and covers significant ballot measures. It also covers other political candidates in a special report on the 14th annual BAPAC convention. State and local African American races are in this issue.

The Minority Committee, in conjunction with BAPAC registered 42,339 new African American voters from August 15, through September 25. BAPAC will engage in telephone banking and other appropriate get out the vote activities.

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Approximately 800,000 California African Americans are registered. The Goal is to get 90% to the polls. Your help is needed to get 720,000 African Americans out to vote on November 3rd.