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TO: LEON

FROM: DON

SUBJECT: PANEL DISCUSSION SPONSORED BY THE BLACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

TIME: MONDAY DEC. 2, 6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION

FORMAT FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE FIVE (5) PANELISTS AND MODERATOR. THE OTHER PANEL MEMBERS ARE:

REV. JAMES HARGETT, PRES. SOUTHEAST MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
CURTIS MORING, PRES. N.A.A.C.P.
IBRAHIM NAEEM, PRES. URBAN LEAGUE
GEORGE STEVENS, COUNCILMAN ELECT

MODERATOR-- RON POWELL, REPORTER SAN DIEGO UNION

THE ACTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW A SHORT MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE BUSINESS AGENDA, THEREFORE THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS WILL OCCUR AT AROUND 6:30 P.M.

EACH PANELIST WILL BE GIVEN FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE OPENING STATEMENTS ON THE TOPIC FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION.

"AFTER CIVIL RIGHTS... WHERE ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING? AND IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THE ROAD TO GET THERE?

AFTER THE FIVE (5) MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT, THE MODERATOR WILL DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE PANELIST DURING THE 1ST HOUR (APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES).

DURING THE 2ND HOUR THE MODERATOR WILL TAKE QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE PANELISTS.

THE EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO END AT 8:30 P.M.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR 5 MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT

BRIEF HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE FOCUS OF EARLIER CIVIL

RIGHTS ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES:

REMOVING INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS WHICH PREVENTED FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL CITIZENS IN OUR SOCIETY

PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL REMEDIES WHICH ESTABLISHED A FRAMEWORK FOR RESTITUTION AND PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES TO ASSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL AREAS OF COMMUNITY LIFE.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT FAIR HOUSING, VOTING RIGHTS, BROWN VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION ETC.

PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF THOSE PAST CIVIL RIGHTS OUTCOMES WHICH HAVE LEAD TO CURRENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY AFRICAN AMERICANS AS A GROUP, NATIONALLY, IN CALIFORNIA, AND IN SAN DIEGO

DISCUSS THE FOUNDATION LAID BY PAST CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES, WHICH PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INITIATIVE TO TAKE US AS A PEOPLE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF FULL PARTICIPATION. THIS MAY INCLUDE EFFORTS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC POLICY THAT FOCUSES ON INCLUSIONS AND INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION

EOMO/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

MINORITY WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

ETC.

DEFINE FOR THE GROUP THAT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN THE NEXT DECADE SHOULD AND CAN BE TO ASSURE SAFEGUARDS FOR EQUAL ACCESS REMAIN IN PLACE AND REMAINING BARRIERS COME DOWN.
HOWEVER, THE NEW EMPHASIS MUST BE ON CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP EFFORTS WHICH CREATE CAPITAL ($) AND DEVELOP GOODS, SERVICES, AND PRODUCTS WHICH CREATE A NEW TYPE OF FULL PARTICIPATION BY AFRICAN AMERICANS IN OUR DAILY COMMUNITY LIFE