

*Congressional Black Caucus Foundation*  
*40<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Conference*

# CAPITOL HILL DAY

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC



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Members of the Congressional Black Caucus will proudly host attendees of the CBC Foundation's 40th Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) and the general public on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. **The main event will be the Opportunities for All – Pathways Out of Poverty Summit from 9:30am-12:00pm** in the Congressional Auditorium of the Capitol Visitors Center. This year's summit focus will be a discussion on race, politics and policy. Below is the schedule of ALC Capitol Hill Day events. **Participants are also encouraged to visit their members of Congress while they are in town.** More information on visiting Capitol Hill and contacting your member of Congress can be found in this information packet.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL – PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY SUMMIT: A DISCUSSION ON RACE, POLITICS & POLICY**

*9:30am-12:00pm, Doors open at 9:00am  
Congressional Auditorium, Capitol Visitors Center*

#### **CONCURRENT SESSION 1: CBCF AVOICE PROJECT: VOTING RIGHTS ACT STUDENT WORKSHOP**

*9:00am-12:00pm  
Congressional Meeting Room North, Capitol Visitors Center*

#### **CONCURRENT SESSION 2: U.S. HELSINKI COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & BRIEFING**

*11:00am-3:00pm  
1539 Longworth House Office Building*

#### **RECEPTION: NEW ENERGY IN THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS**

*12:00pm-2:00pm  
HC-5, U.S. Capitol Building*

#### **CONCURRENT SESSION 3: EXPLORING MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

*1:00pm-3:30pm  
Room SVC 202/203, Capitol Visitors Center*

#### **CONCURRENT SESSION 4: THE BLACK GREEK FACTOR: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

*1:30pm-3:00pm  
Room 345 Cannon House Office Building*

**\*\*\* A map of Capitol Hill buildings is located at the end of this packet \*\*\***

# ALC CAPITOL HILL DAY EVENT DETAILS



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL – PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY SUMMIT: A DISCUSSION ON RACE, POLITICS & POLICY

9:30am-12:00pm

Congressional Auditorium, Capitol Visitors Center

### Summit Agenda & Speakers

**9:00am**           **Doors Open**

**9:30am**           **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Elsie Scott, Ph. D., President, CBC Foundation  
 Hon. Donald M. Payne, Chairman, CBC Foundation  
 Hon. Barbara Lee, Chairwoman, CBC  
 Hon. James E. Clyburn, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
 Hon. Michael Honda, Chairman, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus  
 Hon. Nydia Velázquez, Chairwoman, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

**10:00am**           **Special Guest Presentations**

Hon. Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 Hon. Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Hon. Ron Simms, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Hon. Harry Reid, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
 Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives

**10:30am**           **Panel Presentations: Racial Disparities, Political Environment & Policy Prescriptions**

Brett Williams, Ph. D., Anthropology Department, American University  
 Erica Williams, Progress 2050, Center for American Progress  
 Ben Jealous, President & CEO, NAACP  
 Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink  
 Van Jones, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress  
 Lorenzo Morris, Ph. D., Political Science Department, Howard University  
 Marc Lamont Hill, Ph. D., Teachers College, Columbia University

**11:15am**           **Discussion/Q & A**

**12:00pm**           **Call to Action/Overview of Conference Highlights**

Since 1971 the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has been committed to utilizing the full Constitutional power, statutory authority, and financial resources of the Government of the United States of America to ensure, insofar as possible, that everyone in the United States has an opportunity to live out the American Dream. During the 111<sup>th</sup> Session of Congress CBC members have actively supported President Barack Obama’s vision to move America forward by delivering on issues such as health care, regulatory reform and higher education. The CBC believes that these and other legislative vehicles serve as opportunities to protect and empower African American communities and all communities of color that remain burdened by disparities brought on as a result of our nation’s tumultuous racial politics.

From the rise in racist actions among some political activists to the mishandling of Mrs. Shirley Sherrod, it remains

clear that acknowledgment of America’s troubled racial history is not enough to heal wounds and build a strong foundation for future generations. The CBC remains committed to and believes our nation must foster a “**National Dialogue on Race**” that focuses on the facts of present day disparities and seeks to aggressively shape policies that can reduce the gaps brought by racial divides.

This summit will discuss race, politics and policy in our nation; address the disparities that disproportionately affect African American communities and communities of color; and reiterate policy solutions that can assist with dismantling the institutionalization of racism in America.



## CONCURRENT SESSION 1: CBCF AVOICE PROJECT – VOTING RIGHTS ACT

### STUDENT WORKSHOP

9:00am-12:00pm

Congressional Meeting Room North, Capitol Visitors Center

**Session closed, RSVP required.**



## CONCURRENT SESSION 2: U.S. HELSINKI COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE

### DISCUSSION & BRIEFING

11:00am-3:00pm

Congressional Meeting Room South, Capitol Visitors Center

Host CBC Member: Hon. Alcee L. Hastings (FL)

#### 11 a.m. Roundtable Lunch Discussion: Minorities in France

French minority leaders will discuss issues impacting their communities, related public and private sector anti-discrimination and diversity initiatives, and similarities with the United States.

##### Speakers will include:

*Jackie Celestin-André*, Director, Corporate Diversity, L’Oreal, France

*Rokhaya Diallo*, President, Les Indivisibles; Contributor, CanalPlus and RTL, France

*Alain Dolium*, 2010 Regional Candidate for the Democratic Movement, France

*Khalid Hamdani*, Director, Institute for Ethics and Diversity, France

*Pierre Vimont*, Ambassador of France to the United States

*Rene Lake*, LTL Strategies, US

#### 1:30 p.m. Briefing: Minority Political Participation in the Obama Era

President Obama’s historic election has increased attention to minority political leaders and others working in the public sector worldwide. In the United States and Europe, this has raised questions about the current status of racial and ethnic minority political participation in comparison to the past. Speakers will address successes and challenges to the inclusion and effective participation of racial and ethnic minorities in the political sphere. The briefing will conclude with Q & A.

##### Speakers will include:

*Gay McDougall*, United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues, Organizer of the United Nations Forum on Effective Minority Political Participation

*Congresswoman Barbara Lee*, Congressional Black Caucus Chair; United Nations Forum on Effective Minority Political Participation Chair

#### About the Helsinki Commission:

*The Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission, is an independent agency of the Federal Government charged with monitoring compliance with the Helsinki Accords and advancing comprehensive security through promotion of human rights, democracy, and economic, environmental*

and military cooperation in 56 countries. The Commission consists of nine members from the U.S. Senate, nine from the House of Representatives, and one member each from the Departments of State, Defense, and Commerce. The Chairman of the Commission is Senator Benjamin L. Cardin and the Co-Chairman is Congressman Alcee L. Hastings.



## RECEPTION: NEW ENERGY IN THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

12:00pm-2:00pm

HC-5, U.S. Capitol Building

Hosting Organizations: Green For All, Sierra Club, Greenpeace, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, League of Conservation Voters and American Rivers

Event Emcee: Lamann Rucker



## CONCURRENT SESSION 3: EXPLORING MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1:00pm-3:30pm

Room SVC 202/203, Capitol Visitors Center

Host CBC Members: Sen. Roland W. Burris (IL), Hon. Wm. Lacy Clay (MO), Hon. Yvette D. Clarke (NY)

The objective of this panel will be to provide attendees with practical information on how to apply for, obtain and fulfill contracting opportunities with the federal government. Following speaker presentations the floor will be open to a question and answer period.

### Speakers:

*Thomas Green*, Deputy Administrator, Office of Small Business Utilization, GSA

*Mark Gazillo*, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense

*David Hinson*, Director, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce

*Kevin Boshears*, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Homeland Security

*Representative TBD*, Office of Small Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs

*Joan Robinson-Berry*, Director, Strategic Works Placement and Small Business Liaison, Boeing Co.

*Tim Foreman*, Executive Director, Office of Veterans Affairs

*Ralph Thomas*, Partner, Barton, Baker, Thomas, Tolle, LLP

*Brandon T. Neal*, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Transportation

### Moderators:

*Nick Owens*, CEO, Magnolia Strategy Partners, Former National Ombudsman for the U.S. Small Business Administration

*Melissa Dawn Johnson*, President, Velvet Suite Marketing



## CONCURRENT SESSION 4: THE BLACK GREEK FACTOR: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

1:30pm-3:00pm

Room 345 Cannon House Office Building

Host CBC Member: Hon. Marcia L. Fudge (OH)

Since 1903, America's nine Black Greek-Letter Organizations have tremendously impacted America's social fabric. (The first such organization was birthed in 1906 and the last in 1963.) These organizations, commonly known as the Divine Nine, are collectively referred to as the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The Divine Nine founded the NPHC in 1930 with the goal of promoting common public and community service. Seven decades later, the Council

continues to cohesively address issues within the African American community. The purpose of this panel discussion is to highlight the work Black Greek-Letter Organizations are doing to advance matters of importance to African-Americans to include: health, education, economics, and the environment. Hear the Divine Nine Presidents explain how and why the Black Greek Factor is Making a Difference in Our Communities. Please join in this dialogue that will be led The Divine Nine National Presidents and Members of Congress.

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## VISITING CAPITOL HILL

### MEET YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public, 501C-3 policy, research and educational institute that aims to help improve the socioeconomic circumstances of African Americans and other underserved communities.

It is the policy of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation NOT to advocate or support either directly or indirectly, the election or defeat of any candidate for public or political office. The CBCF does not donate or contribute to any candidate's campaign, nor does it participate or engage in political fundraising events nor otherwise solicit contributions, nor endorse or oppose a candidate.

The Foundation does, however, encourage all citizens to be active members of their communities and believes that fostering relationships with elected officials is an important form of engagement.

Congressional offices gladly welcome constituents from their Congressional District to stop by their office while you are visiting the DC area. With advance notice, they can connect you with Capitol Tours and meetings with members or staff (depending on scheduling availability). For more information, including your Representative and Senator's office information, please visit:

[WWW.HOUSE.GOV](http://WWW.HOUSE.GOV) OR [WWW.SENATE.GOV](http://WWW.SENATE.GOV)

### GETTING TO CAPITOL HILL

The United States Capitol is bordered by Constitution Avenue to the North, Independence Avenue to the South, and First Streets, to the East and West. It is located at the far eastern end of the National Mall beyond the Capitol Reflecting Pool. The Capitol grounds are open to visitors.

**Taxi:** A taxi will be the easiest way to travel to the Capitol. Most DC area cab drivers will be familiar with the Capitol grounds, please inform them of the most appropriate drop off location by name (Capitol Visitors Center, House or Senate office buildings).

**Metro:** There are three subway stops found within walking distance of the Capitol:

Union Station – Located at First Street, NW, and Massachusetts Avenue. (Senate Side)

Capitol South – Located at First Street between C and D Streets, SE. (House Side)

Federal Center, SW – Located at the Southwest corner of Third and D streets, SW. (House Side)

Additional information on riding the Metro subway, including fares, schedules and maps, is available at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority homepage [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

**Driving:** Please keep in mind that there is very little public parking available near the Capitol. The nearest public parking facility is at Union Station, to the North of the Capitol (about a 10-15 minute walk). Metered street parking is found along the Mall to the West of the Capitol.

### CAPITOL SECURITY & PROHIBITED ITEMS

Before entering the Capitol Visitor Center, House and Senate office buildings, all visitors are screened by a magnetometer and all items that are permitted inside the building are screened by an x-ray device.

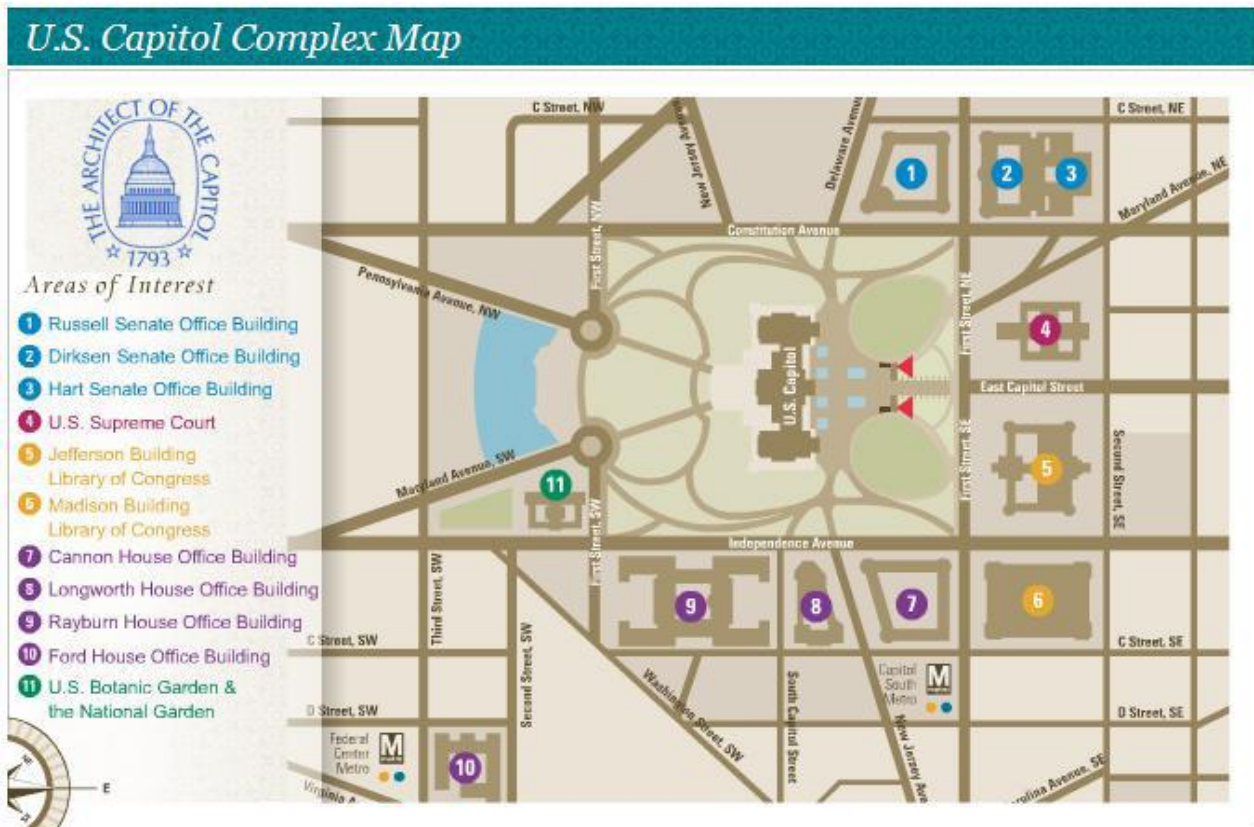
**The following items are strictly prohibited in most Capitol buildings:** aerosol containers; pointed objects (knitting needles, letter openers, etc); large bags, backpacks & luggage; cans and bottles; perfumes; electric stun guns; martial arts weapons and devices; food and beverages; guns, replica guns and fireworks; knives of any size; mace and pepper spray; non-aerosol spray; razors and box cutters. **We recommend that all of the above items are left in your hotel room as there will not be opportunity to store them once on Capitol grounds.** For a complete listing of Visitor Safety and Policies, please visit: <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

### ACCESSIBILITY

Information for visitors with disabilities can be found at <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>. For more information, please call the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services at 202-224-4048.

### FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND CAPITOL HILL

Below is a map of the Capitol grounds. Senate Office Buildings are located on Constitution Avenue. House Office Buildings are located on Independence Avenue. The Capitol Building (which includes the Capitol Visitors Center) sits between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue. The entrance to the Capitol Visitors Center is located on First Street SE/NW & East Capitol Street (across from the Supreme Court at Library of Congress Jefferson Building).



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