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WELCOME

As many of you know, each August I host my annual Human Services Briefings. This year more than 20 City of Columbus-funded agencies attended to inform the public and me of their accomplishments, needs and challenges. Please visit www.columbus.gov/tv to view a schedule of briefing rebroadcasts.

A common theme during this year's briefings was that community demand for agency services continue to rise while resources to support the work of these organizations to serve our residents have declined. I am encouraging Columbus residents, the business community and you to join with the City to support these fine agencies in their work. In addition to monetary contributions, these organizations need everything from volunteers to everyday household items. I encourage you to do what you can to help. A list of social service agencies partially funded by the City is included within this newsletter.

As always, I am honored and privileged to represent all Columbus City residents on Council. I will continue to listen, lead and act to protect tax-payer dollars and seek the greatest return from the services and agencies the City supports. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my aide, James Ragland, at (614) 645-8580 with questions or assistance needed.



Sincerely,
Charleta B. Tavares
Charleta B. Tavares

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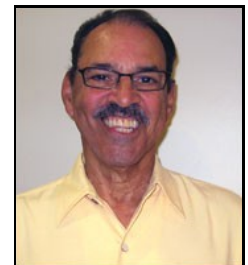
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REMEMBERING JERRY HAMMOND

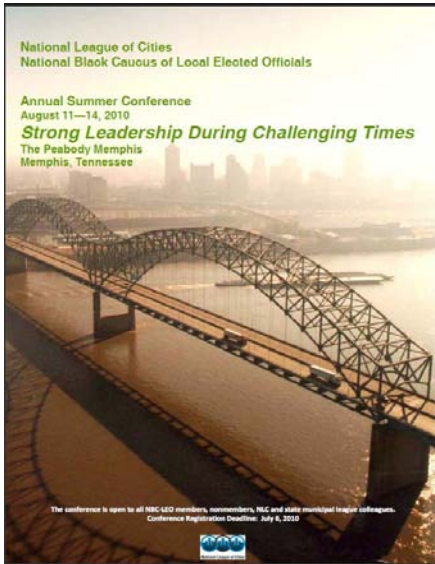
Last week Columbus lost a true public servant and beloved leader of our community. Jerry Hammond, who served on City Council from 1974 to 1990 and became the first African American to serve as Council President (1984 to 1990) passed away after an extended battle with Parkinson's disease.

Jerry was well known throughout Columbus as a personable leader who used his influence to work on issues that impacted those in Columbus who were hurting the most. He leaves a lasting legacy in the creation of the numerous Area Commissions that have provided a voice for residents of our communities for many years. He was also responsible for the formation and development of the King Arts Complex which has served as an arts, entertainment and learning center for residents throughout Columbus, Ohio and the United States.

Councilwoman Tavares expressed these sentiments during the Memorial Services, "Jerry was a "Prince of the people" who opened his heart and his wallet to those in need. As a member of Council he worked to address the needs of those who were homeless, helpless, hungry or poor. His care and commitment went beyond that, which was public, visible or driven by his position as a councilmember and later as President of Council. Jerry gave of himself. He touched many individuals and families through his own selfless contributions of time and money to help those who were hurting or needed money to help them through their challenge. He had a heart that was as big and bountiful as his personality. He loved people and the people loved him." Our hearts go out to his wife, Mary Jo, daughter, Charlene, son, Gerry, Jr. and the family.



TAVARES ADDRESSES NATIONAL BLACK CAUCUS OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (NBC-LEO)



Columbus City Councilwoman Charleta B. Tavares addressed the Annual Conference of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) a constituency group of the National League of Cities (NLC) held at the Historic Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee on August 11-15, 2010. The topic of Councilwoman Tavares's presentation was "The Peoples' Champions Driving to Success: A road map to identifying drivers to navigate state and national policy initiatives to arrive at local solution destinations".

Tavares' presentation focused on identifying champions at the local, state and national levels who would cross-pollinate legislative bodies on behalf of local governments and share successful legislative initiatives and challenges to local government. "We must use who we have at every level of government who has served in local elective office to get what we need for our communities, said Tavares. This is not only necessary but imperative if we are going to address the imbalance of federal and state policies negatively impacting local governments and our constituents."

Councilwoman Tavares, who is currently the President Elect of NBC-LEO, led a delegation of leaders from the City of Columbus to address the needs of residents at the Annual Conference titled, Strong Leadership During

Challenging Times. "I have been privileged to serve my constituents and the Columbus community through my work with the National League of Cities and the NBC-LEO boards. This conference, which brings together local elected officials from around the country, seeks to find solutions to the most pressing issues that face our cities during one of the most difficult times in our country's history. We use this venue annually to highlight successful local economic development models, develop our federal policy agenda and strengthen our relationships with local elected officials throughout the country to work on behalf of our residents and our cities", concluded Tavares.

The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) was created in 1970 to represent the interests of African American elected officials and their constituents within the NLC. NBC-LEO's objectives include increasing African American participation on the NLC's steering and policy committees to ensure that policy and program recommendations reflect African American concerns and benefit their communities.

For more information go to: www.nlc.org

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY—TAKE 5 TO SAVE LIVES

In the United States alone, a person dies by suicide every 16 minutes. September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day and you can make a difference. Suicide is preventable. "Join me and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation www.ohiospf.org and others by taking five minutes to get involved and become informed, you will be a part of a national movement to save lives, stated Councilwoman Tavares. Visit www.Take5ToSaveLives.com for more information.



1. **LEARN THE SIGNS**—take a few minutes to learn the signs of suicide,
2. **JOIN THE MOVEMENT**—use your status updates and tweets to help SAVE lives. Visit www.Take5ToSaveLives.com to find out how,
3. **SPREAD THE WORD**—make a commitment to tell five people about World Suicide Prevention Day and what you've learned,
4. **SUPPORT A FRIEND**—if you know someone who is struggling, learn how to help, and
5. **REACH OUT**—if you are concerned about your thoughts or feelings, talk to a friend or family member. For help now, call 800-273-8255.

SOCIAL SERVICE CONTACT DIRECTORY

Many of the following City-supported agencies updated the community and Council during the annual Human Service Briefings that took place on August 17 and 18. A common message repeated by agencies during testimony was the significant rise in service demand combined with decreasing revenue has created a strain on their budgets and ability to serve residents. Please consider making a monetary, time or resource commitment to any of the partner organizations listed below. More information on the specific organizations can be found by calling the telephone number listed below.

Agencies
Child Care
YWCA Safe & Sound - (614) 224-9121
Central Community House - (614) 252-3157
South Side Learn & Development Center - (614) 444-1529
Columbus Early Learning Center - (614) 221-6102
Neighborhood House - (614) 252-4941
Godman Guild - (614) 294-5476
Conflict Resolution/Crime Prevention
Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio - (614) 228-7191
Columbus Housing Partnership - (614) 221-8889
Legal Aid Society - (614) 224-8374
Columbus Urban League - (614) 257-6300
Basic Emergency Needs - Food
St. Stephens Community House - (614) 294-6347
Mid-Ohio Food Bank (Operation Feed) - (614) 317-9410
Gladden Community House - (614) 227-1600
Community Kitchen - (614) 252-6428
Catholic Diocese of Ohio (JOIN) - (614) 241-2530
Information & Referral
Action for Children - (614) 224-0222
Hands On Central Ohio (formerly FirstLink) - (614) 224-6866
Refugee/Immigrants
Community Refugee and Immigration Services - (614) 235-5747
Somali Association - (614) 262-4068
Cambodian Mutual Assistance - (614) 428-8899
Asian American Community Services - (614) 220-4023
Seniors
Catholic Social Services (Sr. Care) - (614) 274-0095
Hands On (R.S.V.P.) - (614) 224-6866
Catholic Social Services (Sr. Companion) - (614) 274-0095
Support Services for Disabled Persons
Lifecare Alliance - (614) 278-3145
Voice Corps - (614) 274-7650

Support Services for Disabled Persons - CONTINUED
M.O.B.I.L.E. - (614) 443-5936
Heritage Day Health Center - (614) 236-0586
Substance Abuse (Intervention/Prevention)
ADAMH Board - (614) 224-1057
Maryhaven (Adult Inpatient -Detox) - (614) 445-7808
Maryhaven (Adolescent Services) - (614) 445-7808
Maryhaven (Adult Male Outpatient) - (614) 445-7808
Amethyst - (614) 242-1284
Workforce Development
IMPACT/CAO - (614)
New Directions Career Center - (614) 252-2799
St. John Learning Center (G & CD) - (614) 258-4308
Enterprise Works - (614) 228-1043
Adult Literacy
Columbus Literacy Council (CD) - (614) 221-5013
Other
Community Research Partners - (614) 224-5917
Youth Programs
Huckleberry House (Youth Outreach) - (614) 294-5553
Directions for Youth - (614) 251-0103
St. Stephens (Unruly Youth) - (614) 294-6347
City Year Whole School/Whole Child - (614) 586-4520
Strategies Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) - (614) 228-5400
Huck House (Crisis Counseling) - (614) 294-5553
City Year Young Heroes - (614) 586-4520
Communities In Schools - (614) 268-2472
Race/Diversity
Columbus Urban League - (614) 257-6300
Stonewall Community Agency - (614) 299-7764
Columbus Historical - (614) 224-0822



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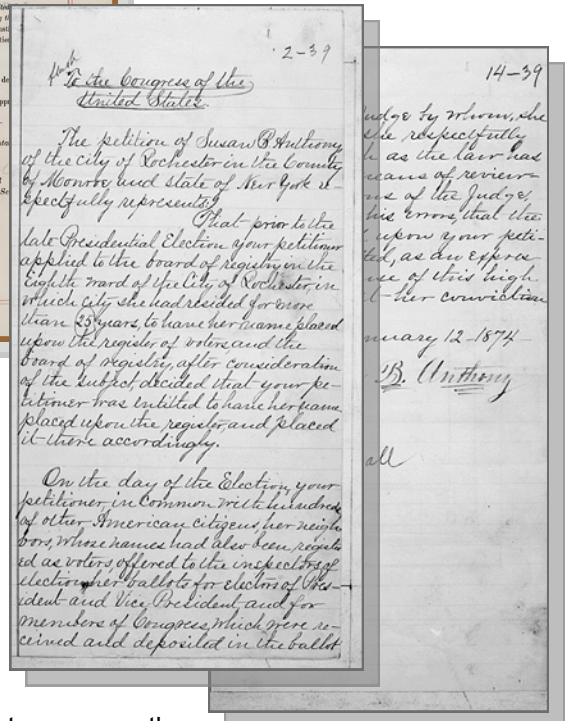
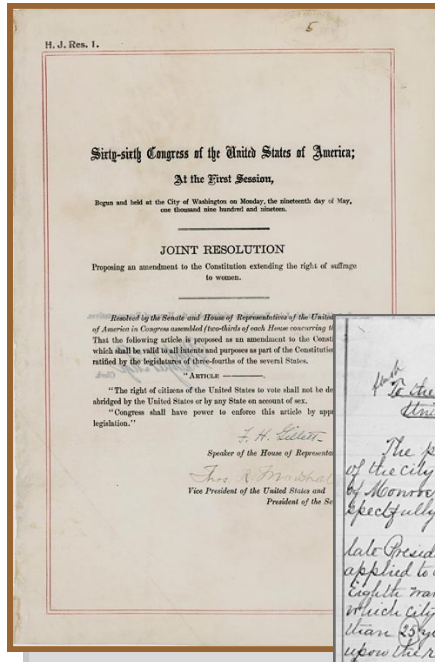
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CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
19TH AMENDMENT



The 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote, was ratified on August 18, 1920, but the women’s suffrage movement began in 1848 well before even the Civil War. Through legislative action or state amendments, suffragists had some success. In the 1916 election, women could vote for presidential electors in 11 states. By 1920, even without the amendment, women could vote for presidential electors in 30 states.

Thirty years after first being introduced to Congress, the 19th amendment passed and was sent to the states for ratification. By August 1920, 35 states approved it. With one additional state needed to approve, the focus was on Tennessee. The state Senate approved it, but after several votes in the House, the issue was deadlocked, 48 to 48. As the debate continued, Rep. Harry Burn opened a letter from his mother who asked for her son’s support, despite the fact that he was counted among the opponents. When the next vote was taken, Rep. Burn voted in favor of the amendment, and ratification was approved. The 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote, was approved in time for women in all states to vote for President.

Rep. Burn explained his vote: "I believe in full suffrage as a right. I believe we had a moral and legal right to ratify. I know that a mother's advice is always safest for her boy to follow, and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification."

Today, as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Councilmember Charleta Tavares agrees with Rep. Burn, "It is not just our right to vote, but our civic duty." She goes on to note that "Franklin County Board of Elections recently mailed absentee/early vote ballot applications to all registered voters, men and women. Voting by mail is an easy way to exercise your right that was fought for and approved for women just 90 years ago."

If you did not receive an early vote mail application, you can download one at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>.

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