**Kings Bay Area Chapter of Blacks In Government Regional Council**

Reporting Period August, 2023 to January 2024

**Kings Bay Area Reporting Information**

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1. **Action Items:**

The Kings Bay Area Chapter is composed of BIG members in Coastal Georgia, Charleston, SC Area, and Fayetteville, NC. The chapter has been active in all areas represented. The chapter focus was on recruiting and retaining members, community support, and training.

2. **Issues/Concerns: None**

3. **Initiatives/Accomplishments:**

***Membership Recruiting and Retention***

The chapter aggressively recruited former BIG members by inviting them to participate on monthly teleconference calls and activities. The chapter leadership stays in constant contact with current members in order to retain them.

***Community Support***

The Kings Bay Area Chapter members have been actively involved in Coastal Georgia, Charleston, SC, and Fayetteville, NC communities. The members have supported holiday events, MLK celebrations, tutoring at elementary schools, college fairs, driving voters to the polls, donating funds to three nonprofit community organizations. and volunteering.

* HBCU College and Career Fair- Fayetteville, NC
* NAACP North Carolina State Conference Chairman
* Fayetteville Branch hosted the NC State Conference for the 100 counties in NC
* Served as the Fayetteville NAACP Branch Freedom Fund Banquet
* Chair Fayetteville NAACP Branch Life Membership Banquet Chairman.
* Serves on the Branch Education Committee.
* Participate with several Social Justice Committees with the National Counselor of Negro Women (NCNW) as the Civic Engagement Chairman.
* Participates in the candidate's forum committees sponsored during election year.

**Employment and Social Justice**

* The Kings Bay Area Chapter leadership has been actively involved with the NAACP addressing the inequities is hiring by local government entities. Kings Bay Area Chapter members serve on key committees with the NAACP that met with government leaders and provided recommendation to improve their hiring practices.
* Members of the Kings Bay Area Chapter stood with members of the NAACP, churches, and other community organizations to address and bring awareness to the unfair treatment of incarcerated individuals at the Camden County Sherrif Department.

**Voters Registration and Education**

* The Kings Bay Area Chapter members have be actively involve in joint efforts with the Divine 9 (black fraternities and sororities), NAACP, Women United, and other community groups to get people registered to vote, to check on their registration status, and addressed the issues surrounding their right to vote.

***Training***

The Kings Bay Area did not sponsor training. Four members from the Kings Bay Area Chapter attended the Delegate’s Assembly and NTI in Washington, DC in August 2023.

4. **Invitations/Upcoming**

* December 2023 – Holiday Cruise to Honduras and Mexico
* December 2023 – Donations to three community nonprofit organizations
* January 2024 – Support MLK Programs in Camden County, GA, Charleston, SC, and Fayetteville, NC
* February 2024 – Supported Black History events in all areas
* May 2024 – Fundraising Raffle
* May 2024 – Membership Recruiting
* May 2023 -RIV Council Meeting and RTC
* June 2024 – Support Juneteenth Celebrations in all areas
* August 2024 – Delegates Assembly NTI, Tampa, FL

5. **Membership Information: Total Membership 25**

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| **Regular**  **Members** | **Regular Life Members** | **Gold Plus**  **Members** | **Associate**  **Members** |
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**Regular Membership includes eight Federal Employees, one State Employee and no Local employee.**

**Of the 25 members 16 are retired from Federal, State, and Local Agencies.**