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Message from the Chairman

Hello Members and Friends,

The Chaos or Community? Conference was a tremendous success! We learned from each other and assessed our chaotic realities. We unveiled five interest based caucuses and were inspired by commentary, presentations and performances by Dr. Ricky Jones, Jessie Laine Powell, Devine Carama, State Representative Attica Scott and many others. And all who were in attendance clearly answered, in a resounding way, that community is the only way forward! So needless to say, I am already looking



forward to the next Chaos or Community? Conference on August 11, 2018, back at The Lyric!

In the meantime, there is much work to do! If you are in the Lexington area, please join us on September 30th for our next Meetup to Move Brunch at MiMi's at 126 E. New Circle Road, Lexington, KY, 40505. The focus of our program will be based on our slogan, "Let's Win Some Elections." More specifically, Christian Motley of New Leaders Council will be leading a discussion addressing the challenges, opportunities and preparation associated with community wins in elective politics. There will be an opportunity to learn more about our caucuses at this meeting, as well.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Service,

L. Clark Williams

Chairman



"Chaos or Community" Conference Recap

This past month, The People's Campaign hosted its first ever "Chaos or Community" Conference, on Saturday, August 12th at the Lyric Theatre. The all-day event was attended by many in the community, including local and state elected officials, civic leaders and activists, engaged members of the community, along with representatives from various social justice-oriented organizations, all coming together to discuss ways we can push a "people-focused" agenda throughout the Commonwealth. Hosted by Councilwoman Angela Evans and Valeria Cummings-Swope, the event featured panels discussing a range of issues including healthcare, education, community safety, and increasing political engagement.

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The Real Problem with Black on Black Crime

By: Sunny Spears

“Black on Black Crime” is an issue. Headline after headline, there are seemingly increasing tragedies of “Black on Black Crimes” in cities like Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Houston, Louisville, St. Louis, and Lexington. It is an issue recognized daily by millions of Americans every time someone reads the news. It is also recognized by millions of Black Americans every time someone learns of the death of a son or cousin who was killed by a classmate or neighbor. “Black on Black Crime” is the term used to label violent crimes in Black neighborhoods, with Black victims, committed by Black people. The term gained prevalence in the 1960’s during the War on Drugs. However, the use of the term “Black on Black Crime” creates an entirely separate issue than the very issue it intends to label. Since the 1960’s, the term “Black on Black Crime” has been creating false narratives for both the violence occurring and the communities in which they occur, ultimately creating the stigma that most Black people in poor neighborhoods are dangerous. A stigma the majority of people inside and outside of the community genuinely believe. From Black neighborhood activists to white political figures, “Black on Black Crime” has unfortunately once again become an everyday term, masking the socio-economic conditions of the Black communities in which they take place, consequently preventing proper solutions. [READ MORE](#)



You're Invited! Meetup To Move Brunch

When: Saturday, September 30th,
1130AM-130PM

Where: MiMi's Southern Style Cooking,
126 E. New Circle Rd.

Tickets: FREE; Meals available for
purchase!

The People's Campaign is excited to host our September Meetup To Move Brunch on Saturday, September 30th, at MiMi's Southern Style Cooking in Lexington.

This month, we are pleased to welcome our host for the Brunch, Christian Motley, who will lead a panel with 6th District Councilwoman Angela Evans, Commissioner Chris Ford and others.

Tickets are free for the event, and meals will be available for purchase!

To see pictures from the March Meetup to Move Brunch, check out our Facebook page [HERE!](#)

Come on out and bring a friend!



Women Offender's Pathway to the Criminal Justice System And Its Implications for Treatment

It is important to understand the woman offenders' pathway to involvement in the justice system. Understanding their pathway to offending behavior assists the correctional professional in providing treatment for their successful reentry to the community and for success as parents. This is how I depict the pathway for as much as 90% of justice involved women. Think of the pathway as a linear continuum from home to jail or prison:

A girl is physically, sexually, emotionally abused at home > the girl runs away > the girl is alone and scared on the street > as a means of survival she turns to some type of sex work (stripping, prostitution) either on her own or at the urging of a pimp > the stress and trauma inherent in leading this life leads to mental health deterioration and substance use/abuse > once the woman is addicted, she has difficulty making enough money to support her habit, or attracting men

who will provide drugs to her > she becomes involved in petty thefts or low-level drug dealing >leading to involvement in the criminal justice system. [READ MORE](#)

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