

Policy Statements: The Coalition's First National Organizational Summit

HEALTHCARE

Focus on Improving Healthcare by Increasing Awareness, Innovating Human Excellence, Investing in Community Economic Development, and Integration of Families. Specific issues to be addressed include stroke victim's support, domestic abuse and Protection from violence, restraining orders procedures, and holistic personal development (physical, intellectual, cultural spiritual) Functioning public health infrastructure is a right by which community members should be collective collaborates to improve efforts.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

All government policies must go through discussion and input at the Community/neighborhood level by those most affected by such policies before being approved by City Council, State Representatives, State Senators and Federal elected officials.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

To increase civic engagement; we should utilize the block captains as agents of change and utilize their knowledge of their blocks to form committees. We can also use their knowledge of the community's children to advise them of their rights as citizens. Our neighborhoods' growth is due in large part to other cultures, creating language barriers that need to be addressed with translators and groups sharing learning of each other's languages.

The issue of violence needs to be addressed. Bullying needs to be stopped and discussed as a problem. Are the kids on the corner family, school mates, a clique or gang? Are there enough after school programs in all our communities, and are the programs they offer learning experiences?

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To provide prevention intervention, education and advocacy programs and initiatives, services and resources (that remove/eliminate "red tape" which foments ignorance and apathy) that foster individual paradigm shifts that expand equal access to wealth building resources with a we/us mentality through social entrepreneurship. We must support efforts for sustainable economic development by buying local food and energy supplies. Let us not forget the reparations policy to repair descendants of enslaved Africans in America.

EDUCATION: ADULT AND CHILD

As we look to the future, we must educate parents to teach their children. The present calls for public policies to address issues via direct action for vulnerable American veterans; international forum for the right of minorities; means to redistribute food; provide healthcare; facilitate father engagement in every facet.

Moreover, develop coalitions to defend and support incarcerated people and their families; incorporate emotional and physical health in school curriculum while aligning ourselves with other organizations to establish strong funding resources.

Inspire life literacy through Intel technology (media), education, health awareness, responsible parenting and minor's rights awareness.

More welcoming schools with emphasis on staff development, multicultural accessibility and curriculum clarity for parents. Funding for human needs includes food, education, and shelter, therefore political policies should be implemented to generate democratic solutions to actual community issues.

This will break the school prison cycle creating self sufficient neighborhoods that address human need. Our schools should emphasize family, job, life instruction center and financial literacy education. An overall advocacy to recognize and value human potential.

Is the current school system curriculum viable for the development of our student's future and the growth of our city and country? We have to all come together and devise a plan to stop the desire of our students to see nothing but drop-out of our schools and exist on the streets – hustling. Create investment in children through the Arts starting at the Day Care Level and advancing all the way to High School Graduation and College.

TAX REFORM

Personal and business taxes (and allocation) of funds should be fair, progressive and transparent. Increasing estate taxes and imposes stock transfer tax and exempts all homes from taxation.

COMMUNICATION

It is suggested that there be open communication with members, access to websites/information about services/resources. Also, need to know time availability. We need to clarify what it means to collaborate. We need to be clear on what The Coalition is about.

We should communicate via the internet, websites, and cell phone groups. What are our goals?

We need to address Class Warfare through Information outlets. Eliminate or discourage divisive language and minimize severity of issues in order to avoid unnecessary conflict.
