

Susan Taylor, Vivica Fox, Melanie Campbell & Rev. Marcia Dyson rally support for Ambassador Susan Rice



Black Women's Roundtable
discussion at CBCF
Legislative Week

Black Women's Roundtable discussion at CBCF Legislative Week Washington, DC – A diverse group of women leaders and organizations have joined forces with the Black Women's Roundtable (BWR) to launch a campaign to express their unequivocal support of United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice and to encourage senate and congressional leaders to treat the esteemed public servant with respect. In addition to signing on to an open letter to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, nearly 100 women from across the country are promoting an online petition in support of Ambassador Rice via personal and organizational networks as well as online social media.

The letter sent to Senate intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and committee ranking member Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) said Ambassador Rice has been a role model to all women. "She has excelled throughout her career both in the public and private sector. Her commitment to international peace and the equality of all people should be heralded, not summarily dismissed for political gain and expedience. Hence, we urge all U. S. Senators to afford Ambassador Rice the proper respect appropriate for any other Cabinet-level member of a sitting Administration."

The letter continues, "We feel it necessary to remind the Senate of Ambassador Rice's impeccable credentials because of the failure of some to respect her role as the United States Ambassador and leader in foreign policy. While some members of the Senate have pushed back on their rush to judgment in the press regarding Ambassador Rice's prepared remarks on the attack in Benghazi, we feel that the public integrity and reputation of this brilliant woman, who serves our country with great dignity, has been unfairly and unnecessarily attacked."

The Black Women's Roundtable comprises an intergenerational membership of Black women civic leaders of international, national, regional and state-based organizations and institutions that works collectively to advance policies and strategic initiatives that help to improve the lives of underserved women and girls.

The range of Women who signed on to the letter include: Melanie L. Campbell, President & CEO and Convener, Black Women's Roundtable, NCBCP; Rev. Marcia Dyson, Partner, M & M Dyson, LLC; Ingrid Saunders Jones, Chair, National Council of Negro Women; Susan L. Taylor, CEO and Founder, National CARES Mentoring Movement, Susan Scanlan, Chair, National Council of Women's Organizations & President, Women's Research & Education Institute; Vivica A. Fox, President, Foxy Brown Productions; and Dr. Natalia A. Francisco, Founder/Executive Director, Women of Worth & Worship, LLC. For a full list go to: www.ncbcp.org/news/releases/susan_rice_letter_copy/.

A full list of women supporting the letter, a copy of the letter to the Senate, a link to the petition, and a widget to post the petition to websites and social media are located at www.ncbcp.org/news/releases/susan_rice and Petition2Congress.com (<http://tinyurl.com/c3oazfb>). The twitter hashtag is #SUPPORTAMBASSADORRICE.

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Vivica Fox Voter Protection Message & 7 Things to Prepare Your Family to Vote

[youtube]fJSD3hP5KFI[/youtube]

Vivica A. Fox National Get Out the Vote PSA for Unity '12 Campaign

State specific PSA's:

Philadelphia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfJImKCn3xA>

Florida: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yl1Yd4HqdnU>

Alabama: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg_bxzRPuXo

Michigan: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pg3067Px-3A>

Ohio: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyoU4lh0dqs>

Virginia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2vD7QUt0Dk>

Louisiana: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewrAt0PMPAg>

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO
PREPARE THE FAMILY TO VOTE IN 2012!

1. VERIFY your Registration Status & Your Poll Location BEFORE Election Day by calling your Board of Elections, 1-866-MYVOTE1 or visit www.unityvoterempowermentcampaign.org.

2. Be sure to TAKE PROPER ID TO VOTE. Check ID requirements for your state in advance at www.costoffreedom.info.

3. VOTE EARLY or Absentee Ballot if you know you will be out of town on Election Day.

4. DON'T BE AFRAID TO REQUEST HELP from poll workers they are there to help YOU.

5. YOU HAVE A RIGHT to file a complaint if your rights have been violated. For legal assistance call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

6. STAND YOUR GROUND – if there is a problem at the polls you have a right to cast a provisional ballot if you are certain you are a registered voter.

7. VOLUNTEER to be a poll worker or monitor in your community at www.ncbcp.org.

About The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation's (NCBCP) Unity '12 Campaign

The NCBCP Unity '12 Campaign, in partnership with A. Philip Randolph Institute and 40 other national and state-based organizations and affiliates, is leading its non-partisan voter empowerment efforts in fourteen states through its Black Youth Vote iThink 2012, Black Women's Roundtable Power of the Sister Vote and Foot Soldiers for Democracy initiatives.

The Unity Campaign will have coordinators on the ground on Election Day and will also host a command center in Washington DC offering updates on ground operations. States include: AL, FL, GA, IL, IN, LA, MD, MI, MS, NC, OH, PA, VA, WI.

For more information on the Unity '12 Campaign visit www.unityvoterempowermentcampaign.org or www.ncbcp.org. To interview state coordinators email: edmedia@dogonvillage.com.

Vivica Fox to host as Michael Baisden, Al Dotson & Shawn

Dove get Spirit of Democracy Awards



Washington, DC – Melanie L. Campbell, president and CEO of The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (The National Coalition), today announced the recipients of the prestigious 2012 Spirit of Democracy Awards which will be presented during the 15th annual Spirit of Democracy Awards Gala hosted by actress and producer, Vivica A. Fox (Set It Off, Kill Bill, Soul Food), on Thursday May 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. For ticket information call (202) 659-4929 or email events@ncbcp.org.

Honorees are Michael Baisden, nationally syndicated radio personality, author, philanthropist, and social activist instrumental in exposing the Trayvon Martin case; Al Dotson, chairman of the board, 100 Black Men of America; Shawn Dove, campaign manager, Campaign for Black Male Achievement, Open Society Foundations; Gerald Hudson, executive vice president, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and David Honig, founder and president, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council.

“This year we are proud to be ‘Celebrating Our Brothers.’ The leadership of these men in their respective fields helps to empower underserved communities across the country” said Campbell. “These strong, positive men also set an example of excellence in achievement for young brothers across the country.”

There will also be a special tribute to the late Ruby Campbell Pulliam who was a servant leader in civil rights and women’s rights.

The Spirit of Democracy Awards are presented to individuals and organizations who have demonstrated a consistent commitment to creating balance in the democratic process and support The Nation Coalition's mission and vision of making civic participation a cultural responsibility and tradition. Sponsors include AT&T and Verizon, among others. The event is open to the public. Individual ticket prices are \$175. For tickets or more information call 202 659-4929 or visit www.ncbcp.org to purchase online.

Vivica Fox Chair Chats with Dr. Boogie



Dr. Boogie

"I always ask what I think my readers would want to ask if they were given the opportunity," relates Dr. Boogie. "The other bloggers can speculate, but when it comes to "Chair Chat" we give it to you straight from the source. With regard to Vivica, not only do I love her dearly, but she is among the most beautiful of women in Hollywood. I sat with her without makeup and she is no less than stunning. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to clear up some of the terrible rumors circulating the internet."

DrBoogieSecrets.blogspot.com has featured "Chair Chats" with Tichina Arnold, Melyssa Ford, reality star Goldie, Claudia Jordan and B. Scott. He has also blogged about his behind the scene escapades while taping BET's "Hair and Make Up" special which he co-hosted. Christina Milian is scheduled to visit "Chair Chat" soon and the blog has plans to expand into live video tapings as well.

Step into Dr. Boogie's online salon at <http://www.BoogieSecrets.com> and get your dose of Chair Chat at <http://www.DrBoogieSecrets.blogspot.com>. You can also visit with the doctor at <http://www.MySpace.com/BoogiesHair> .