

NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN, INC.

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July 2, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

ATTN: Ms. Maggie Williams

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, National Chair & Convening Founder of the **National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NPCBW)**, it is my distinct pleasure to request that you officially welcome the **1993 Biennial Convention** of the NPCBW in our Convention Journal.

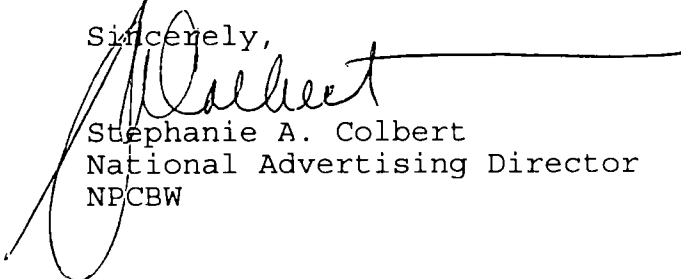
We are requesting that you send a letter of welcome and congratulations with a black and white photograph. Our deadline for printing the journal is July 23rd.

The Convention will be held **July 29-August 1 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.** This year, our theme is **"African American Women: A Time for Political and Economic Parity"**. Our main mission is to address the aspirations and concerns of the African American community, with special attention to the unique needs of African American women.

NPCBW was founded in 1984 as a nonpartisan organization by many notable African American women, including Ms. Alexis Herman, The Honorable Shirley Chisholm, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, Coretta Scott King, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, Ms. Mary Hatwood Futrell, Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote, Dr. Mary Berry, and several others dedicated to involving women of all parties in the political and economic process.

As you know, the African American community has always had strong women as mothers, activists and entrepreneurs. Now, along with our elected and appointed officials, we are working together to devise solutions for the plight of America as it relates to our community. I look forward to receiving your message of inspiration.

Sincerely,


Stephanie A. Colbert
National Advertising Director
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1993 BIENNIAL CONVENTION UPDATE

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1993

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Leadership Roundtable
"Achieving Political/Economic Parity"

10:00 PM

Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1993

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Vendors' Hall (open for business)

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Opening Plenary Session

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Workshops

12:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Luncheon

2:30 PM - 6:15 PM

Workshops

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

New Generation "Youth" Forum

10:00 PM - 12:00 Mid.

Host Chapters' Hospitality

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1993

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Vendors' Hall (open for business)

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Plenary Session

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Workshops

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Chair's Luncheon

"The State of African American Women"

2:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Elections

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Reception & Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1993

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Vendors' Hall (open for business)

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Closing Workshop

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Unity Prayer Brunch

ADJOURNMENT

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION ON REVERSE SIDE

NPCBW CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Theme... "African American Women: A Time for Political and Economic Parity"

Speakers and Special Guests

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1993

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Congresswoman Cardiss Collins
Congresswoman Barbara Rose Collins
Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney
Congresswoman Eva Clayton
Ms. Xernona Clayton (Turner Broadcasting Company)
Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote (Fannie Mae)
Ms. Alexis Herman (The White House)
Ms. Emma Chappell (United Bank of Philadelphia)
Ms. Carol Thompson-Cole (R.J. Reynolds)
Susan Taylor (Essence Magazine)*
Ingrid S. Jones (Coca-Cola)

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1993

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly
The Honorable Shirley Chisholm
Secretary Hazel O'Leary*
Senator Carol Moseley-Braun
Attorney General Janet Reno*

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1993

Dr. Marian Wright Edelman*
Joycelyn Elders, M.D.*
Dr. C. DeLores Tucker
Ms. Melba Moore
Ms. Dionne Warwick

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1993

Dr. Dorothy I. Height
Mrs. Coretta Scott King
Mrs. Myrlie Evers
Dr. Betty Shabazz

...AND MANY MORE!!!

* Denotes Confirmation Pending

1993 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN, I

Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

July 29 - August 1, 1993

REGISTRATION FORM

PRINT OR TYPE

I. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

NAME

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

Title

Chapter

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

DAY

EVENING

CONVENTION PACKAGE

II. FULL REGISTRATION:

	Pre Registration (Before July 1)	After July 1 And (On Site Registration)
() NPCBW Member	\$165.00	\$185.00
() Non-Member Associates	\$185.00	\$200.00
() Students/Senior Citizens	\$125.00	\$135.00
() Corporate	\$225.00	\$250.00

Note: Full registration includes all meals, receptions and workshops

III. DAILY FEES: Tickets to daily functions available daily at registration desk.

Daily Registration

() Members	\$25.00
() Non-Members	\$50.00
() Students	\$15.00

Luncheon

() Friday	\$35.00
() Saturday	\$35.00

Saturday Banquet

() Members/Associates	\$50.00
() General	\$75.00
() Corporate	\$100.00

() Sunday Breakfast \$35.00

AMOUNT DUE \$ _____ Check _____ M.O. _____ Received By: _____ Date Received: _____

Please make checks payable to NPCBW, INC.

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(No Applications Accepted Without Conference Fee)

NPCBW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES...I am excited about the programs and mission of the **National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc.** and have decided to become an active member.

Please accept my annual membership:

☐ General Member @ \$25.00 ☐ Patron Member @ \$100.00 ☐ Life Member @ \$1,000.00

☐ NO...I am unable to join at this time but please include me on your mailing list. Enclosed is a contribution of \$_____.

Name _____ Organization (if any) _____

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Are you registered? _____ ☐ Democrat ☐ Republican ☐ Independent Congressional District _____

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*Organized for political
and
economic
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charting the course
for the 21st century!*

NPCBW

Dear Friend:

We invite you to join the National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW) !

For too long, the political and economic future of the African American woman has been left in the hands of other people and organizations. Within our lifetime, we have witnessed African American women campaign for the Presidency of the United States, succeed as astronauts and as entrepreneurs, elected as a senator, mayors, congressional representatives, and even appointed as cabinet members.

During the 1984 founding meeting of the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. in Washington, D.C., we launched a major political and economic initiative. We founded a nonpartisan, independent political organization with the purpose of encouraging all African American women to participate in the political and economic process as voters, candidates, policy makers, fundraisers and highly visible role models.

Our special focus has been on bringing millions of African American women into leadership positions in American politics. Only with our unique contributions as African American women, can America hope to eliminate poverty, inequality, unemployment and the threat of war. We are very excited about the enthusiasm and overwhelming response we have received from African American women across the nation.

It is time for us to seize this historic opportunity and take our political and economic destiny into our own hands. So that we do not leave the financing of our political future to others, funds and services for our organization are always needed. Won't you join us by sending your membership in today?

Dr. C. DeLores Tucker
Chair and Convening Founder

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The needs of African Americans must be addressed in the arena that controls and governs citizenship and the protection of the rights of citizens. That arena is government. The selective process for political achievement is politics.

The National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. recognizes the need for a nonpartisan political organization that addresses the aspirations and concerns of the African American community, with special attention to the unique and particular needs of African American women.

Inherent in this effort is the recognition that a solution to the problems we face is the responsibility and commitment of all Americans, and all political parties.

Therefore, we seek to serve as a nonpartisan voice and instrument for change that is beneficial to our community and America; and, as a catalyst for the election and appointment of African American women to all levels of government and the political process.

THE NPCBW MISSION

- ◆ Identify, elect and act as a mentor to African American women.
- ◆ Encourage African American women, without regard to party affiliation, to engage in political activities, the first of which is registering to vote.
- ◆ Offer training to African American women in understanding and operating within the political process.
- ◆ Develop, educate and encourage African American women to seek office and encourage the appointment of African American women at all levels of government.
- ◆ Develop and advocate public policy positions, at every level of government. Participate in the development of political parties' policies, platforms and strategies beneficial to the needs and aspirations of African Americans.
- ◆ Prepare females under 18 years of age to enter the political process.



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March 18, 1993

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NATIONAL COORDINATOR

Portia Perry-Dempsey

Dear Ms. Williams:

As the Chairwoman of the National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW), I am writing to request an audience with First Lady Hilary Clinton at the earliest available date, to meet with Dr. Nebiha Gueddana, Secretary of State to the Prime Minister of Tunisia for Women and Family Affairs. She can remain in Washington, D.C. until Monday, March 22, if a meeting can be arranged.

Please be advised that the NPCBW is working closely with the female leadership in Tunisia to develop a sisterhood in economic, health, academic, and cultural sectors of the United States and Tunisia that will improve the quality of life for women.

Dr. Gueddana, who is the only female member of the Tunisian Cabinet and the highest ranking woman in the country, was appointed in August 1992 by President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to her current position.

In this newly-created position, Dr. Gueddana undertook the task of establishing the proper structures to ensure the implementation of national policy for the promotion of women and family; the establishment of communication and information strategies to prevent discrimination against women; and the promotion of women's programs, particularly in education, health and professional training.

She is in Washington this week to meet with officials at the World Bank and the National Institutes of Health on health and development programs for women of African descent. Further, she has taken this unique opportunity to meet with women in the United States to invite them to work with her on two key international initiatives: 1) 1994 International Year of the Woman; and 2) 1994 International Year of the Family.

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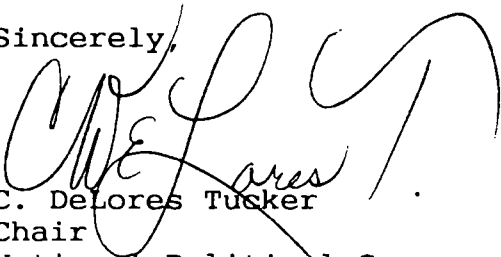
It is our sense that Ms. Clinton could play a major role in these endeavors, particularly if we could incorporate segments of the new and revised women's and children's health care initiatives that she is currently spear-heading, among others, in the new health program for the United States.

Dr. Gueddana is a medical doctor by profession, with degrees in preventive and social pediatrics. In addition, she is a member of the Tunisian Pediatric Society, the Association of African Women, the Arab Demographers Association, and the General Association of the Physically Handicapped.

If additional information is required, please contact me at (202) 625-2900.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this important request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



C. Delores Tucker
Chair
National Political Congress
of Black Women

WOMEN OF TUNISIA

**FACTS
AND
PROSPECTS**

A FEW INDICATORS

WOMEN AND HEALTH

Since independence in 1956, there has been a constant regression in the number of deaths at child birth and an overall improvement of women's health. Other factors include the increased access to pre and post natal maternal care.

Basic health care centers

There are 1568 basic health care centers in Tunisia, which, in 1989, provided 73% of their services to women, versus 50% in 1986. This increase was due to the incorporation of pre and post natal health care, as well as to family planning services, which constitute 20% of all health care centers activities.

National program of mother and infant health care

This program includes pre and post natal health care, vaccination and anti-diarrheal health services. 1989 and 1992 statistics under this program show the following results : 72% of all pregnant women received 4 or more medical examinations. 76% of all child births in 1992 received medical assistance, versus 56% in 1985. 39% of mothers in

1992 received medical attention within the first 3 months following a child birth. In 1991, the rate of contraceptive prevalence by natural and modern methods reached 49.8% versus 52% in 1983.

Maternal mortality

In 1990, 44 maternal deaths were recorded in all the maternities of the public sector, out of 148,847 child births. This gives a hospital death rate of 30 maternal deaths out of 100,000 child births.

Life expectancy

The 1989 census estimated Tunisia's female population at 3,895,326, or 49.3% of the total population.

In 1990, female life expectancy was 72 years, versus 51.5 years in 1966. For men, life expectancy increased from 50.5 in 1966 to 69 years in 1990. From 1966 to 1992, the figures amount to an increase in female life expectancy of 23 years and an increase of 21 years for men. On average, women in Tunisia live 3 years longer than men.

Maternity:

Increasingly, Tunisian women, across the socio-economic spectrum, marry and give birth later in life. The average marriage age for women passed from 19.4 in 1956 to 24 at the end of the 1980s. The average maternity age in 1988 was 24 for the 25 to 29 age bracket.

Family planning :

Tunisia was the first Arab country to implement a national family planning policy. In 1987, Tunisia was awarded the United Nations prize for population.

The National Family Planning and Population Office was created in 1973 to implement the family planning policy. Women's average parity has decreased from 7.4 children in 1975 to 3.45 in 1989. Family planning has become an important dimension in the family's health.

Demographic objectives for the 8th Development plan (1992-96) :

- To increase contraceptive prevalence to 58%.
- To reduce the population growth rate from its current level of 1.9% to 1.7%.
- To reduce women's average parity to 2.65 children.

Female population :

According to the 1989 Population-Employment Census, female population amounted to 3,895,326, i.e. 43.9% of total population.

*"Coalitions & Caucuses"
(Natl. Pol. Congress
of Black Women, Inc.)*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1993

NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN

DATE: June 28, 1993
TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Oval Office
FROM: Alexis Herman

I. PURPOSE

To discuss two primary issues:

- o African-American women appointments; and
- o An African-American as part of the "inner circle" who will focus on the Black agenda.

II. BACKGROUND

The National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW) was founded 1984 by former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm following the Democratic National Convention. C. Delores Tucker was elected chair of the organization last year. She is also serves as chair of the DNC Black Caucus. Last September, NPCBW formed a Commission for Presidential Appointment of African American Women. Its primary focus is to promote African American women for Presidential and other top-level policy making positions in the federal government.

Lead by C. Delores Tucker, the organization's main concern is the lack of African-American women being appointed to visible positions within the administration. This concern has been exacerbated by three recent events. They are:

- o The withdrawal of Lani Guinier.
- o The back-to-back appointment of three white women to highly visible positions. They are: the Supreme Court; the INS Commissioner; and the AIDS Czar appointments.
- o The external perception and the internal reality that white females are in PAS jobs at a ratio of approximately 9 to 1 to African-American females. The perception is aggravated by Harriet Woods, President of National Women's Political Caucus, calling for a time to join hands with women of color to help.

C. Delores Tucker has met with Mack McLarty regarding the appointments. Specifically, the organization would like to have an associate director level African-American woman in personnel. She is coming to tell you that she "does not want to see you fail, but wants you to help us to help you fulfill the vision."

There is still confusion in the African-American community regarding why this administration does not have an African American in the role similar to that held by Louis Martin and Robert Brown. The role of an African American primarily representing African Americans has historically been represented in every administration since Eisenhower.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Vice President

C. Delores Tucker, Chair, National Political Congress of
Black Women

Maya Angelou

Dorothy Height, President, National Council of Negro Women

Jewell Jackson McCabe, President, National Coalition of 100
Black Women

Lottie Shackelford

Staff: Alexis Herman

Maggie Williams

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed press. White House photographer at the beginning.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Informal discussion opening with introductions by Alexis Herman.

VI. REMARKS

None necessary.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S FEMALE AFRICAN-AMERICAN APPOINTEES

- Of the 14 full members of the Clinton Cabinet, 4 are African-American (29%). One is an African-American woman.
- Of the 272 "top 400" PAS jobs filled in the Executive Branch*, one third are filled with women, 15% with African-Americans, and 5% with African-American women.
- Of all the PAS candidates approved so far, 4% have been African-American women.
- 10% of the Clinton Administration's 774 Schedule C appointees are African-American women.
- Nearly half (47%) of the Clinton Administration's total appointments have been women.
- African-American women make up nearly 10% of the senior White House staff.
- Over 200 African-Americans have been appointed in the Clinton Administration; more than half have been women.

Senior female African-American appointees in the Clinton Administration include:

The Secretary of Energy

The Surgeon General-designate

The Ambassador to Kenya-designate

A Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

An Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

An Assistant Secretary of Commerce

An Assistant Secretary of the Interior

An Assistant Secretary of Energy

Two Assistant Secretaries of Education

An Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services

The Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady

The Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison

* "Top 400" jobs include all Senate confirmed positions in Cabinet departments and in the Executive Office of the President.