

Western Region Summit
April 25-27, 2014
Quarterly Meeting Summary
Los Angeles, Ca

SEIU AFRAM Caucus Western Region hosted the Voices of the People Awards Dinner honoring: Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Linda Dent (SEIU 721 Vice President) and Dr Maulana Karenga (CSLUB Chair & Prof of African American Studies) with Keynote Speaker Dr Julianne Malveaux which was at California African American Museum – Courtyard Room located at 600 State St – Exposition Park, Los Angeles, Ca on Friday April 25, 2014. Fresno AFRAM was able to send Alysia Bonner and Barigye McCoy for the entire weekend with gas, parking and food reimbursement approved by the leadership board. Leadership agreed upon rearranging our approved budget to afford this awesome opportunity to exchange ideas and uplift ourselves during our trying times.

Summit was held at Los Angeles Trade Tech College. SEIU AFRAM Western Region Summit themed “The State of the Black Worker – Labor, Community and Our youth Accepting the Mantle” held for the weekend on Saturday and Sunday. We enjoyed 4 sessions of discussions titled: State of the Black Worker; Politics, Labor and the Black Community; Cutting Through the School to Prison Pipeline; and Dialogue on Diversity, Equity and Racial Justice on Saturday. On Sunday we had Sunday service, Keynote Speaker Dr Julianne Malveaux, discussion on Our youth: Accepting the Mantle with 3 Graduate students who are actively out there organizing and asking the question of “Where do we go from here?”

Our dignitaries were: Patricia A Ford (founding president of AFRAM), Bill Fletcher Jr, Lola Smallwood Cuevas: LA Black Workers Center, Linda Dent: VP of SEIU 721, Donald Wilson, Greg Akili, Bob Farrell, Dr Alpha Curry and Guess, Dr Maulana Karenga: Prof & Chair of Africana Studies, CSLUB, Rev William Smart, Rev Thembekila Smart: Christ Liberation Ministries, Captain Reginald K Seabrook: US Army Corps of Engineers and Dr Julianne Malveaux.