

**SEIU LOCAL 521
AFRAM Fresno Caucus
ACTIVITY REPORT
Jan- March 2015**

AFRAM Central Valley (CV) was finally able to be titled AFRAM Fresno effective April 2014.

AFRAM Fresno kept up meeting monthly meeting, SEJ meetings and Budget & Finance and Executive board meetings for January. We were also able to attend other Caucus' & COPE meetings.

AFRAM Fresno has been displaying their new banner in the Unity Hall in Fresno's Local 521 office with a sign out/in when taken from the Hall.

AFRAM co-hosted with the other caucuses a great Wrap-Up Event in Dec 2014. It was well attended by our members and their families.

AFRAM Fresno attended Leadership training in January 2015 to help build a Stronger Together Framework.

AFRAM Fresno also attended activities in Fresno for the Martin Luther King weekend starting with Garlanding Ceremony for the head statue of MLK Friday the 16th. Saturday the 17th we attended the MLK Breakfast at Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg. On Monday the 19th we attended the MLK March through downtown Fresno and attended the program at Fresno Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

AFRAM hosted their 2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration on Feb 28, 2015. The Guest Speaker was Marilyn Moore, Retired Fresno Unified School District Counselor for High School Students. Our theme this year: Celebrating Our Greatness. We had the dialogue that our Local Black Business should be mentoring to our youth as young an 8 year old to Senior High Schoolers who need someone to show them the way after high school and into their chosen careers. The children were linked up with their mentors and there will be follow-up with both the mentees & mentors. The food was potluck style with Fresno AFRAM paying for the fried and baked chicken. Trivia games in relation to Black History which was awarded by gift cards (Starbucks, Chick-fil-let & Movies), figurines and Black inventions items.

AFRAM Fresno members and leadership are now participating in the phone banking for member listening circles for chapters as well as conversations with our members on ongoing local SEIU commitment pledges and activities.

AFRAM Fresno is working on building relationships with other California Caucuses and other AFRAMs to be developed in California so that we can support one another. We are working with our Western Leadership on upcoming events, i.e. National AFRAM Convention taking place this year in Detroit, MI. We are able to send: Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, Pres; Barigye McCoy, Sec & Treasurer; Alysia Bonner, Sgt of Arms; Patricia Strattman Clay & Darlynn Qualls to the convention.

AFRAM Fresno is working on doing road trips to further our awareness and sponsor a positive Community-oriented reputation and also to be a fundraiser to increase our opportunities to work our Community.

AFRAM Fresno is looking into working with our local Parks to do Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Highway and work with the Westside Boys & Girls Club in one of their activities.

AFRAM Fresno will be working on attending the Western AFRAM meetings with San Jose AFRAM so that we can continue on building a strong relationship among our brothers and sisters in the Western Region. To also develop our Leadership skills by working with our International/National AFRAM for membership, Immigration Reform and a fair budget with great health coverage.

AFRAM Fresno will be purchasing SEIU Purple materials to use in meetings and events as gifts and raffles.