## SEIU LOCAL 521 AFRAM Central Valley (CV) Caucus ACTIVITY REPORT Jan 2014 - March 2014

AFRAM Central Valley kept up meeting monthly meetings, SEJ meetings and Budget & Finance and Executive board meetings for Jan – March 2014

AFRAM Central Valley got their new banner after the original went missing and then when it was found, discovered that it had irreparable damage and would be replaced. Leaders and member voted in May 2013 to replace said banner and it will be hung in the Unity Hall in Fresno's Local 521 office with a sign out/in when taken from the Hall.

AFRAM members and leadership participated in the Martin Luther King Activities in Fresno, Ca Jan 17-20th: Garland Ceremony at Fresno County Court yard, MLK breakfast held at Clovis Veterans' Auditorium, Prayer Vigil at Fresno City College and MLK March from St John's Cathedral to Fresno Veterans' Auditorium and MLK program at Fresno Veteran's Auditorium.

AFRAM hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> Black History Celebration on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Unity Hall. Our Keynote Speaker was Rogenia Cox-Jackson. Our food was catered by Barney's Catering. Our entertainment was Tabia from San Jose, Ca. This event was with San Jose AFRAM. We had a low turnout due to not advertising earlier than the week of the event. We will have Tabia to perform for us next year's Black History Celebration on the last Saturday of February 2015. We gave purple SEIU items to Tabia: tote bags, pens, key chains, travel mugs, badge holders and penlight key chains. There were five members present. We gave Certificate of Appreciation to both the caterer and Tabia.

AFRAM Central Valley is working on building relationships with other California Caucuses and other AFRAMs to be developed in California so that we can support one another.

AFRAM Central Valley 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 Central Valley 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 Central Valley will be purchasing SEIU materials to use in meetings and events as gifts from raffles.