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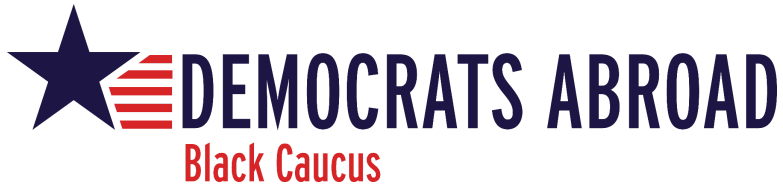
GBC Chair: Leedonal 'Jazz' Moore

- **Meetings:**

- Beverle and Adrienne -> Library
- Twanna -> fundraising event Portugal
- Lisa Wiedemann
- Karen Frankenstein
- Michele O'Brien -> Legal Counsel team
- Candice -> Status Quo GBC
- James
- Several meetings with members Congressional Black Caucus
- Court Jeanpierre / South Africa

- **Recent activities:**

- Participated in DNC Townhall meeting
- Participated in EMEA Regional Call
- Participated in Voter Protection Officer call
- Participated in 9/11 Call / Disability Caucus
- Participated in Ballot Drop Marathon Day
- Uploading resources to the library - ongoing
- Provided GOTV Toolkit
- Participated in Reproductive Rights event / GWC / received great talking points
- Participated in multiple Comms Guidance Calls
- Participated Caucus Leaders meeting
- Sent out GBC newsletter
- Sent out various social media posts



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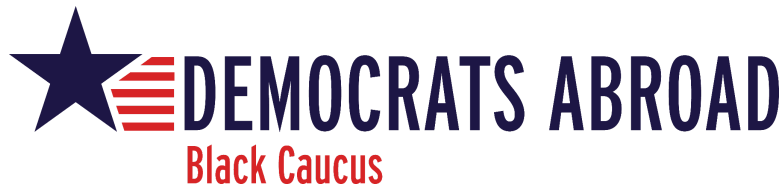
- **Upcoming projects:**
  - Fundraiser event Nov. 12, 2022 Lisbon
  - Fundraiser Event October 29, 2022 Austin TX
- **Events held:**
  - Held -Connect the dots - event
  - Actively participated in Co-Sponsored South Africa event
  - Actively participated in Co-Sponsored Maryland Meet the candidate event.
- **Events planned:**
  - Co-Sponsoring and actively participating in Florida Meet the candidate event
- **Issues/Themes:**
  - Black Vote and Voice is still being dismissed within DA
- **Asks from Global:**
  - Requested the GOTV team too include the caucuses in their efforts for the next cycle

GBC Vice-Chair: James Lockett

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GBC Secretary: Starla Goggins

GBC Secretary: Deputy: Laura Allen:



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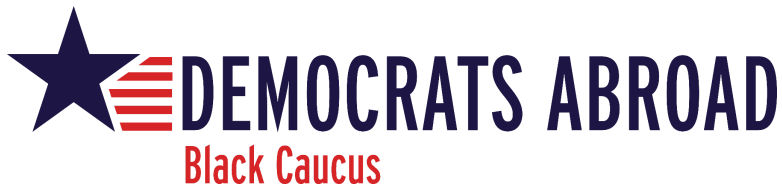
- The Canada Black Caucus held its first post-launch event on Sunday September 25th. The event centered on Voter Suppression stories with an eye toward information that voters abroad need to be mindful of as we prepare to send in our ballots for midterm elections. We are planning a part two of this event for late October.
- I met with Karen Frankenstein in September to discuss becoming an IT Liaison. I completed the application for the IT team recently and will hopefully start training soon.

GBC DNC - Black Caucus Representative: Adrienne George

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GBC Advisory Liaison: Adrienne Johnson

- The theme of this year's Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference was "Advancing Our Purpose. Elevating Our Power". We need to align our work over the next 30 days and beyond to meet the challenge.
- Among this year's programs were : "Leveraging the Power of Black Women's Leadership In The Fight For Our Rights, Freedoms, Safety, Justice & Democracy." the session addressed how Black women drive Black political power and discussed findings from this year's BWR/ESSENCE [Power of the Sister Vote Poll](#), which measures Black women's perspectives on policies that affect us.



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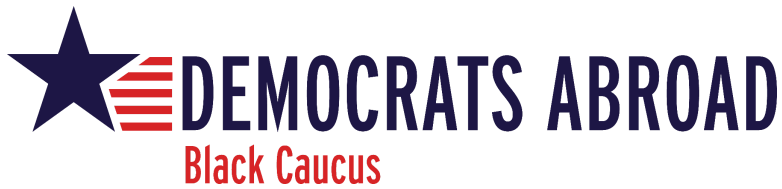
- The 2022 Town Hall focused on carrying on the legacy and journey of Black political progress, lessons learned, and strategic partnerships to advance Black liberation
- Research published this year under the auspices of the CBCF covers issues such as AI and how it affects you (unintended consequences), the history of reparations in the U.S. - Evanston, IL case study looking at how a current proposal there to enact restorative justice via housing assistance , the impact of the Dobbs decision on the Black maternal health crisis, and why student loan debt cancellation matters for our community (Black alumni endure the most negative impacts of student loan debt. While the average borrower owes almost \$40,000 in debt, Black borrowers owe an average of \$25,000 more than white borrowers.)
- Are there any other issues the GBC wants to highlight?

GBC Comms: Malaika Kusumi

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GBC Comms - Deputy: Evelyn Riera

- DA GBC Facebook page administration including sharing from and to other pages/groups of interest e.g.RTF, VFA, state groups, DA or non-affiliated groups.  
Answering incoming mail if possible



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- Admin: DAG Black Caucus (group)

### GBC Reparations: Antar Keith

- Meetings:
  - Monthly meetings near end of month
  - Educational activities:
    - Living Library
    - Developing compendium of arguments
  - Correspondence with DA Caucus chairs, leaders of DA (Candice Kerestan), and national and international leaders in reparative justice.
  - Recent activities: (see below)
  - Minutes from previous RTF meeting: **Antar Keith:**

Mentioned working with organizations to amplify the message of reparations via letter, as well as ongoing human rights abuses within the US.

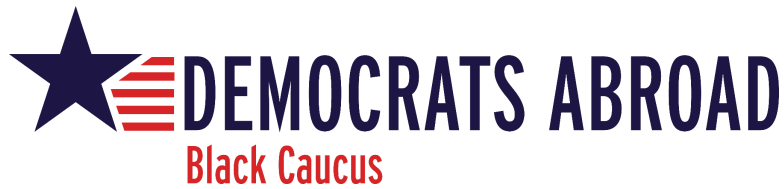
Requesting contacts from CARICOM and Japanese Latin American organizations/activists who would like to sign on to an international letter in support of US reparations.

Discussed future Dr. Darity and Prof. Taiwo panel event.

- **K. Kennedy (absent):** Idea for publishing an international letter to put pressure on Biden Administration re: HR 40 executive order enactment.
- **F. Breedlove:** Mentioned ideas/strategies for educational outreach to white conservative voters as well as Black conservatives within the Republican Party. (We've been discussing ideas already via email).

In contact with Black members of the Log Cabin Republicans who are in support of reparatory justice.

Idea to sent an email to VP for a quick 5-minute-meeting.



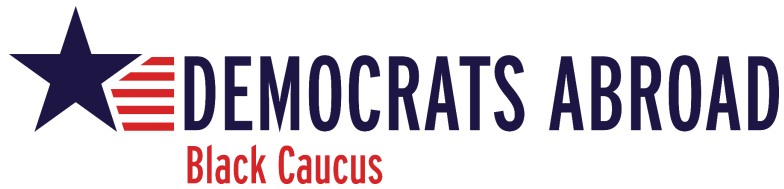
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Need for internal Republican (and Democrat) educational briefing. We must educate them that it is NOT about “money” but healing.

- **Malaika Kusumi:** outreach strategy to convey the message of reparative justice and reparations advocacy to DA's Global Black membership. Suggests making an “emotional revolution.”
- **A. Kohler:** Discussed feasible ways our task force can apply a lobbying effort which combines public awareness, raising awareness of the issue with PACs, grassroots organizations, and lobbying elected officials.

Also recommends working with Congress members and Pelosi to have them champion this measure in Congress, such as Sheila Jackson Lee, Steny Hoyer and Jim Clyburn.

- **M. Delaney (absent):** developing a book club book in collaboration with ProDA that members of the RTF and GBC could read which touches on parallels of progressive politics and reparative justice.
- - Recommends putting together a reading list, some solutions against common arguments against reparations and pull models of dollars and cents impacts.
- - Use resources which constantly reinforce harm eras (slavery, Jim Crow, modern-day disparities) as often as possible in our educational efforts and, again, associating financial impact models.
- **G. Shimizu:** Recommends advocating for executive order and Congressional legislative power to pass it. Utilizing HR 40's 215 confirmed yes votes, we can still claim popular support for HR 40.
- Build a unified book club with other organizations in HR 40 Coalition.



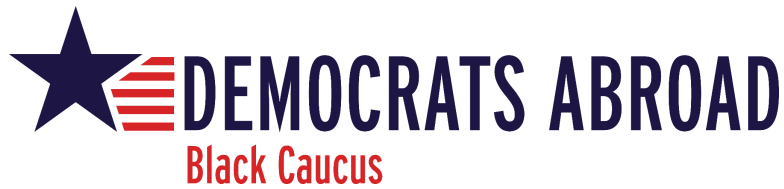
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- Mentioned how comfort women movement is having a hard time right now with rightwing Japanese government. We don't have enough leverage at this point in time. We can use the electoral arena to improve our leverage. However, that is limited at the moment. Available strategy: Education. A sophisticated strategy of education will ideally be tied to the electoral and legislative arena, and it must be strong in the face of concerted rightwing fascism. A coordinated approach with other groups is key.

We need to get the messages out there instead of hiding in the shadows. Noted that there is the need to change the mindset and give back with emotional attachment and emotional resolution.

- **B. Murray:** Midterms are key. Depending on outcome of midterms, Biden may or may not consider running for re-election. We must keep the alliance strong and keep building it. The coalition should be party to any meeting with VP. House holds 215 to 220 votes for HR40. Need to lobby to hold the House for election.
- **J. Dunnemann:** Suggested that Biden needs to be looking at interfaith, interconnected, multiracial advocacy and coalition. Must be a united front of people that believe in the sacredness of all of humanity. Suggests that now is the opportunity. He shared a number of people he thinks would be good to contact.
- **Natalie Bachiri:** Has contacts with the African continent, incl. ministers, UN, humanitarian organizations.
- **Isa:** Noted connections between slavery, the Jim Crow Era and modern-day disparities. Also noted the shadow of the past. Should share info about the people from years ago. Social movements work from the bottom up, not top-down. Reflected how Howard Dean gave the money to the local Democratic State Parties, unlike Clinton who took that money away. Grassroots advocacy takes money, and requires investment. Works for climate change and is needed for reparations advocacy. Republican-run school boards are proving a problem. Suggests working with faith and religious groups also for this journey.

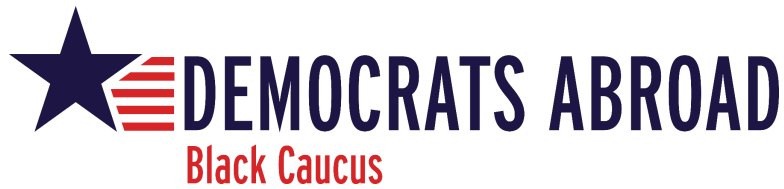


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- **Upcoming projects:**
  - Debate with reparations scholars, call storm/email storm, international letter for advocacy, meeting with Democratic leaders in support of executive order and House legislation.
- **Events held:**
  - Monthly meetings
  - Work with ProDA to mainstream reparations advocacy
  - Participated in numerous extraorganizational reparative justice strategy meetings
  - Convened study group with NY Reparations Activists
  - Organized meeting with top US reparations researcher Dr. Sandy Darity
  - Kaitlyn Kennedy (RTF) attended and networked with reparative justice leaders at UN Conference to End Racial Discrimination (Geneva, Switzerland)
  - Monitoring transition of RTF from political education into issue advocacy entity.
- **Events planned:**
  - See "upcoming projects" above – will be finalizing these projects as they become concretized.
- **Issues/Themes:**
  - HR 40 advocacy
  - Direct lobbying of representatives to support reparative justice
  - Joining other organizations to strengthen their advocacy efforts with global American voter potential.

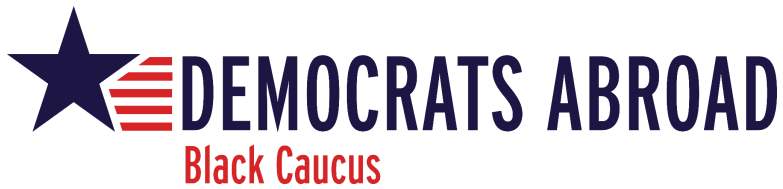




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- **Asks from Global:**
  - We need a survey of GBC members willing to engage in mass call storms and email storms for reparations advocacy. Can the GBC engage in such a project?
  - We need to have a unified book club with the GBC, ProDA, and RTF. Can the GBC do that?
  - We need more Black support and people power. To do that, we've identified critical asks to boost Black voter participation in reparations advocacy.
    - Go ahead for automatic cross-posting for all future RTF events. Asking slows down GBC-RTF outreach and adds additional communications in already highly-involved advocacy. Automatic crossposting approval will expedite communication. (The Progressive Caucus has very early on in the RTF's existence given the greenlight for automatic cross-posting. Can the GBC provide this, too?)
    - Greater assistance to Malaika Kusumi to create voter information and outreach in support of reparations. We would like to see her ideas to boost voter awareness of reparative justice given support in people power, resources, and outreach by the GBC.
    - A series of robust reparations-themed GOTV messaging targeting Black voters.



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- I will share and convey certain aspects of the Reparations September 2022 Report listed here by Antar Keith as he will not be available for this meeting. You can read this ahead of the meeting to see all that we are working on with Reparations. We look forward to doing more with the Reparations Task Force.

GBC Press / Media: Traci Möller

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GBC Press / Media - Deputy: Cedric Sumo

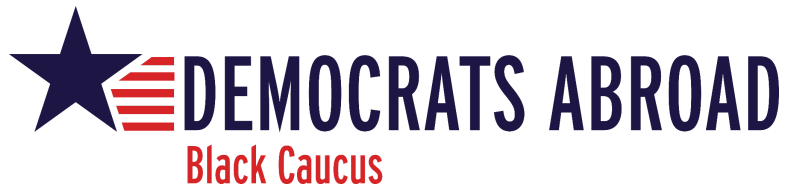
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GBC Legal Counsel: Michele O'Brien

- Statement re impact of recent Supreme Court decisions – ongoing collaboration with Andrew and Adrienne

GBC Legal Counsel - Deputy: Andrew Morgan

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GBC Network: Kenton Barnes

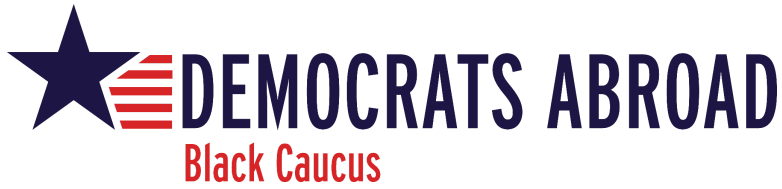
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GBC Network - Deputy: Renee Rousseau

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GBC Library: Beverle Lax

- **Our last meeting was September 25, 2022. My task to fill in the spreadsheet designed by Jazz with the resources already identified and listed in a previous list was not met. However, Adrienne continued to collect resources and did attempt to fill in the spreadsheet. Since then I have attempted to fill in the spreadsheet with resources already identified, an exercise from which several questions concerning the process have arisen. In September's meeting we decided to continue with our tasks as we can, and we will have a meeting after the midterm elections.**
- **Meanwhile, I attended the EMEA Regional Meeting on 6th October at which a DA Kenya (DAKE) member and volunteer presented on our GOTV activities for the month of September. I prepared the visuals of our activities in a slide deck for the meeting.**



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- I also attended DA's California Congressional District event. This event was informative and inspirational.

GBC Engagement: Evelyn Riera

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GBC Engagement - Deputy: Joy Notoma

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GBC Health Equity: Twanna A. Hines

**“ Democrats have been fighting to secure universal health care for the American people for generations, and we are proud to be the party that passed Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act.”**

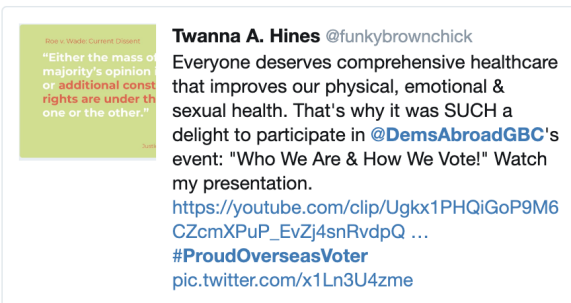
DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

- In September 2022, GBC added Global Health Equity to address the discrimination, stereotyping, and prejudice that causes significant health disparities, barriers to

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access to care, and more for Black Americans. As a new team member, I'm proud to lead these efforts and proud to be part of GBC.

- I spoke at the Who We Are & Why We Vote -Connect The Dots! event (with Michael Blake and Brencia Berry) on September 25, 2022. I presented about connecting the dots on the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision that overturned Roe vs. Wade. When I shared info about the presentation on social media, Democrats Abroad, DA Global Black Caucus, DA Canada, and DA Belgium signal boosted it on their social media channels by liking and/or retweeting my [tweet](#). Analytics are below.



**Twanna A. Hines** @funkybrownchick  
 Everyone deserves comprehensive healthcare that improves our physical, emotional & sexual health. That's why it was SUCH a delight to participate in @DemsAbroadGBC's event: "Who We Are & How We Vote!" Watch my presentation.  
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Likes	5
Retweets	3
Profile clicks	2
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Media engagements	1
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