



COALITION

OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS

About COAL

COAL is an assembly of concerned African American social and civic organizations who have come together for the purpose of addressing issues that impact on the well-being of the African American community.

COAL is composed of organizations, some of which have been in existence for 100 years, that are exposing new generations to their legacy and traditions. These groups proposed a vigorous response to depressing and challenging conditions facing many African Americans and were encouraged by growing sentiment that successful men should do something about these problems.

These groups represent a large number of African American individuals who are at the highest levels of awareness of quality of opportunity and quality of life issues.

MISSION STATEMENT

The *Coalition* is a concerned assemblage of African American social and civic organizations who have come together for the purpose of addressing issues and concerns that impact on the well being of the African American community. The *Coalition* is composed of groups that have been in existence for decades, representing a large portion of African American individuals who are at the highest level of educational, economic and professional accomplishments.

The goal of The *Coalition* is to be cognizant of and respond to issues pertinent to the African American community of a specific or general nature in the interest of having a positive impact on a particular situation.

What We Believe

The Coalition of African American Leaders believes that it is important to examine the critical issues confronting the African American community where injustice, inequality and the absence of access and opportunity continue to prevail, thereby negatively impacting us as a people. COAL is an assemblage that advocates and organizes for appropriate and responsible public policy change, system behavior change and equality of opportunity. We aim to achieve for **all** of **our** people the fullness of the life experience without any form of racism or exclusion as a deterrent. We believe we must prepare ourselves for the opportunity of this full participation, thereby achieving the necessary education and training to participate.

Organization and Membership

COAL is a non-profit organization of Chicago-area social and civic organizations. Membership is open to other Chicago area social and/or civic organizations.

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