**PRESS RELEASE**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS RELEASED**

Los Angeles, CA (January 31, 2022)) —The Our Authors Study Club, Inc of Los Angeles (OASC), Mayor Eric Garcetti, and the City of Los Angeles have released their events schedule for Black History Month in 2022. Since 1950, OASC has worked with the Mayor's office to bring significant city-wide recognition of Black History and extraordinary programming for all residents to enjoy during Black History Month. It is meaningful for several reasons. Dr, Carted G. Woodson founded Black History Week, which grew into Black History Month in February and Vassie Wright founded OASC in February 1945.

Under the Chairmanship of Mike Davis, Commissioner of Public Works, the City of Los Angeles has a group that plans the events each year. Among those who participate in the planning process are a diverse group of civic and community leaders and city staff. All of the events are streamed online and free to the public. So plan to experience new and familiar works of arts, authors, academicians, and much more in this month-long celebration intended to stimulate your further interest in Black history throughout the year. You can see the entire schedule below.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE BLACK FAMILY: BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**zoomgov.com/j/1603718617** **-** Meeting ID: 160 371 8617 Passcode: 528716

Participate in an engaging Round Table Discussion with moderator Marc Brown, co-anchor of

ABC7 Eyewitness News, and local scholars: **Dr. Maulana Karenga,** Chair, Africana Studies, CSULB;

**Dr. Julianne Malveaux,** Dean, College of Ethnic Studies, California State LA; **Dr. Donna Nicol,** Chair, Africana Studies, CSUDH; **Dr. Boris Ricks,** Director, Center for Southern California Studies, CSUN; and

**Dr. Francille Rusan Wilson,** American Studies & Ethnicity, History, Gender & Sexuality Studies, USC, will discuss the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's 2022 national theme for African American Heritage Month: The Black Family: Black Health and Wellness.

**Friday, February 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m**.

**OPENING CEREMONY AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610517666 - Meeting ID# 161 051 7666 | Passcode: 996560

Mayor Eric Garcetti; Actor/Director **William Allen Young**, **Honorary Chairperson**; Our Authors Study Club President Lura Daniels-Ball; Nury Martinez, Los Angeles City Council President, and Councilwoman, Sixth District; the Los Angeles City Council; Board of Public Works President Pro Tem Mike Davis and the Board of Public Works; the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA); and the 2022 African American Heritage Month Committee officially Opens the African American Heritage Month in the City of Los Angeles. Hosted by ABC7 Morning Show co-anchor **Leslie Sykes and** featuring gospel artist **Cece Winans, the event honors** **The Whispers** and **Thelma Houston** with the **Living Legends Awards**, and to the **Hall of Fame Awardees**: **Government Honoree**, **Honorable Dr. Shirley N. Weber**, **California Secretary of State**; **Law Honoree,** **Honorable Eric C. Taylor**, **California Superior Court**; and **Health Honoree, Dr. John Griffith, Ph.D., President and CEO**, **KEDREN Community Health**. In addition, This year's Association for the Study of African American Life and History's national theme is ***The Black Family: Black Health and Wellness***. Finally, the 2022 45th Black history stamp depicting Edmonia Lewis, an artist who shattered expectations of gender and races as the orphaned child of a black father and a Native-American mother, is unveiled at this ceremony. Lewis rewrote the 19th-century definition of a sculptor. Our Authors Study Club salutes the present and past members who first partnered with the City over 70 years ago in 1950 to celebrate our heritage.

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**Sunday, February 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m**.

**VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join us online at: www.famechurchla.org

Rev. "J" Edgar Boyd, Senior Pastor, First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles and

Mayor Eric Garcetti invite you to the 2022 African American Heritage Virtual Worship Service.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**AN EVENING WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS**

at <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1619033411> - Meeting ID #: 161 903 3411 - Passcode: 826835

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Our Authors Study Club cordially invite you to a virtual Evening with African American Authors. Join us for an evening of thoughtful conversation with authors **Kimberley Baker** **Guillemet,** "Black Prep: Life Lessons of a Perpetual Outsider"; **Renee Daniel Flagler**, "Society Wives"; **Dr. La-Doris McClaney,** "God, I Listened Too," and **Wanda M. Morris,** "All Her Little Secrets."

**2022 AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH VIRTUAL MATCHMAKING EVENT**

**Webinar: Thursday, February 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Pre-Assigned Matchmaking: Thursday, February 24, 2022, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Apply before February 4, 2022, 12:00 p.m. (PST) to be considered for a free matchmaking room**

https://bit.ly/2022BuildWithFeb24webinar

The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Contract Administration cordially invite

you to the 6th annual BuildWith event in collaboration with Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Budget and

Innovation and Office of Economic Development. The 2-part virtual BuildWith 2022 event will provide the

opportunity for diverse construction-related businesses to learn about City and Los Angeles metropolitan

area projects and get valuable business resources and information.

**PRIME/GENERAL CONTRACTORS apply at:** https://bit.ly/2022BuildWithPrimeMMRoomApplication

**SUBCONTRACTORS apply at:** https://bit.ly/2022Feb24SubMMapplication

INFO: https://bca.lacity.org/accessingla/ - NOTE: Applicants must have a Zoom account.

**Thursday, February 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**CLOSING RECEPTION 2022 AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609725447> - Passcode: 259284

The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel, Inc. (LAABP) invites you to the 2022 African American

Heritage Month Virtual Closing Reception to acknowledge the collaborative efforts between Honorable

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles African American residents and city employees. Several outstanding

African American City of Los Angeles employees will be honored for their exceptional service to the City

of Los Angeles and the African American community.

This year, the committee has chosen to complete the celebration with special recognition in appreciation for the groundbreaking achievements of Charles "Charlie" Luther Sifford. Known as the "Jackie Robinson of Golf," Charlie was the first African American to play the PGA Tour, winning the Greater Hartford Open in 1967 and the Los Angeles Open in 1969. laabp.org - laabp.org@gmail.com

All events are virtual and free to the public. In addition to the events listed above, an online directory of events celebrating Black History from various organizations across the southland is available to use, enjoy, and share broadly. It is packed with original art from local artists and detailed information. Log on to oascla.org for more details. Also, check out the [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org) Black History festival online.

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