**PRESS RELEASE**

**OPEN CALL FOR 2023 AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE GUIDE BY OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB, INC &**

**THE CITY OF LA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

*Our Authors Study Club, Inc. continues in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Cultural Affairs to add a comprehensive and inclusive keepsake guide to the annual city-wide Black History celebration.*

Los Angeles, CA (October 24, 2022) —The Our Authors Study Club, Inc. of Los Angeles (OASC), and the City of Los Angeles The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) announce today the planning for the **2023 African American Heritage Guide.** An annual periodical that is a favorite periodical highly anticipated each year will officially begin in February in honor of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and will conclude at the end of March during National Women’s Month. The cultural guide is significant in that it continues to document, promote and encourage an awareness of the significant contributions made by our City’s African Americans in culture, education, politics, business, technology, and the arts.

The AAHM Guide is a companion to the now Seventy-three-year-old OASC City-wide Black History celebration hosted by every mayor since 1950. This guide is a comprehensive calendar and cultural guide that will list the numerous in-person and online activities, events, exhibitions, lectures, and programming related to this annual celebration of African American culture. It will continue to expose Angelenos to the great works of our local visual and literary artists, and encourage their appreciation of LA’s African American past artistic traditions and today’s modern, contemporary styles. Our goals are to inform Angelenos across the southland of these exciting cultural activities and programming, and encourage them to participate in the celebration and experience the art and literary contributions.

To elevate this opportunity and amplify our desire for the inclusion of organizations and artists OASC and DCA are issuing this “OPEN CALL”. We invite you to do the following:

***For information on any activities and programming***:

 Events and or activities your organization is hosting between February 1, 2023, and March 31, 2023. Please log on to our website at [www.oascla.org/events](http://www.oascla.org/events) download and complete the programming form and forward it via email to **mwharris@whitleycompany.com**

***For images of your visual or literary works of art:***

Please send via email to **mwharris@whitleycompany.com**. Please only send high-resolution images

(300 DPI or larger) and short works of poetry appropriate for publication. Include all credit information works submitted. Your work may also appear on DCA's website at [culturela.org](http://cultuerla.org/) and in other DCA publications.

**The deadline for ALL SUBMISSIONS is November 28, 2022** *Note: for a look at 2022 log on to* [*https://oascla.org/media-downloads*](https://oascla.org/media-downloads)

**About OASC**

OASC is a nonprofit organization founded by Mrs. Vassie D. Wright on February 14, 1945, to study the biographies of African American authors, review their books, and learn the true history of African people throughout the diaspora. That same year, Mrs. Wright worked with Dr. Carter G. Woodson to charter Our Authors Study Club, Inc. as the Los Angeles branch of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History,

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Inc. (now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc.

www.asalh.org).  In 1950, The Mayor of Los Angeles joined OASC to establish official month-long celebrations at LA City Hall. That practice continues today. Making OASC the founders of Black History Celebrations in Los Angeles and the originators of all of the Mayors,s.city-wide diverse celebration

November 1, OASC will launch its 2023 Membership Campaign, ***Preserving Our Future Past***. OASC invites all who have an interest and or passion for the promotion and study of and preservation of African American life, culture, and history to join us. Membership can be very rewarding. Learn more at [www.oascla.org.](http://www.oascla.org.) Our national theme this year is ***Black Resistance***. Read more about it on our national site at [www.asalh.org.](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clurab%5CDocuments%5C2022%20OASC%5CPR%20Media%5CPR%5Cwww.asalh.org)

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