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**In The Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO)
Announces**

**The Shirley Chisholm-Carol Moseley Braun-Fannie Lou Hamer-
P.B.S. Pinchback -Hiram Revels-Medgar Evers Spiritual /Political
Initiative**

Rationale

Given the fact that according to the most recent United States Census Black people are at least 13-14% of the total United States population.

Given the fact that there are over 511,000 publicly elected positions in the United States and Black elected officials hold no more than 4% of that number.

Given the fact that as of this year 2021, there are 100 United States Senators and there are only three Blacks along with the fact there are no Black Female Senators.

Given the fact that as of this year 2021, there are 50 State Governors, and none are Black.

Given the fact that in the year 2022 there will be 34 United States Senator seats up for election and 36 Governor seats up for election.

Given the fact that Black people are taxpayers on the local, state and national levels of government. Therefore, we should have our fair share of political representation at each level of government.

And

Given the fact that the Universal African Peoples Organization has consistently advocated over the years for the implementation of the

concept of “Proportionate Political Representation.” This concept simply means that whatever percentage Black people are on the national, state and local levels of government; we should have that percentage of political representative power. Therefore, instead of having only three Black United States Senators, we should have at least thirteen and instead of no Black Governors, we should have at least seven.

Accordingly

To address the above political realities, the UAPO is launching the Shirley Chisholm-Carol Moseley Braun-Fannie Lou Hamer-P.B.S. Pinchback-Hiram Revels-Medgar Evers Spiritual/Political Initiative. We will be making a National Call to Black elected officials, organizations, faith and civic leaders to encourage our people to become candidates for the United States Senate and Governor positions in 2022.

It will be the UAPO’s humble objective to have at least 14 Black candidates for the United States Senate in the respective states where elections will be held in 2022. For the positions of Governorships, it will be our objective of having at least 14 Black candidates in the respective states where the elections will be held in 2022.

We will also seek candidates who will agree to the following:

1. To endorse the concept of “Proportionate Political Representation.”
2. To seek at least 144,000 **PLUS** votes in their election bid.
3. To Support Criminal Justice Reform that addresses black mass incarceration including changes to parole, mandatory minimums and voting rights for ex-offenders.
4. To support any city, state or federal legislation that abolishes Qualified Immunity as a legal defense for bad policing.
5. To support the (For the People Act-H.R.1) in the House of Representatives and S.1 in the Senate or any federal or state protection against voter suppression.
6. To support the abolishment of the Filibuster rule in Congress.
7. To be a member/supporter of the Universal African Peoples Organization. www.uapo.org

8. To endorse the Black Is Back Coalition's 19 Points of Self-Determination.
(<https://blackisbackcoalition.org/>)

9. To endorse the Black Alliance for Peace's Call to Make War and Militarism Central Topics of 2022 Elections

***To support** efforts to cut the military budget by 50% as a first step in reducing military spending, and to reallocate government spending to fully fund socially uplifting and progressive programs that realize individual and collective human rights in the areas of housing, education, healthcare, green jobs and public transportation.

***To oppose** the militarization of the police and specifically the Department of Defense's 1033 program that transfers, donates and or sell millions of dollars of military equipment to local police forces.

*** To promote** the closing of more than 800 U.S. foreign military bases and the ending of U.S. participation in NATO's white supremacist military structure.

*** To call for and work** towards abolishing the U.S. African Command (AFRICOM), including the removal of all military bases and the withdrawal of all U.S. military personnel from the Continent of Africa.

*** To demand** that the Department of Justice document and investigate all instances of lethal force used by domestic police officers and other agencies against non-white populations as demanded by various United Nations human rights treaty monitoring bodies.

*** To commit** to passing resolutions at every level of government that pressure the U.S. to uphold international law according to the United Nations Charter, and to oppose all military, economic (including sanctions and blockades that are acts of war) and political interventions in the internal affairs of sovereign nations regardless of the political party controlling the office of the presidency.

*** To sponsor** legislation and/or resolutions at every level of government calling on the U.S. to support the United Nations resolution on the complete

global abolishment of nuclear weapons as passed by 122 nations in July 2017.

Facts About The Political Figures and Activists Who Our Spiritual/Political Initiative Is Named After

Shirley Chisholm – First Black female elected to the United States House of Representatives from the 12th District of New York. First black person to run for President on a major party ticket (Democrat/1972).

Carol Moseley Braun – First Black female elected to the United States Senate in 1992 representing the State of Illinois.

Fannie Lou Hamer – Voting and Women’s Right Activist, Community Organizer and leader in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1960’s and a force within the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Hiram Revels – First Black to serve in the United States Senate in 1870 representing the State of Mississippi.

P.B.S. Pinchback – First Black (however very short) to serve as Governor of the State of Louisiana from December 9, 1872 to January 13, 1873.

Medgar Evers – Civil and Voting Rights activist in Mississippi. He was the Field Secretary for the NAACP. He was murdered by a racist Klansman in 1963.

States Where Governor Positions Are Up or Election In 2022

Red represents Republican held seats.

Blue represents Democratic held seats.

1. Alabama – Red
2. Alaska – Red
3. Arizona – Red
4. Arkansas – Red
5. California – Blue
6. Colorado – Blue
7. Connecticut – Blue
8. Florida – Red
9. Georgia – Red
10. Hawaii – Blue
11. Idaho – Red
12. Illinois – Blue
13. Iowa – Red
- 14.. Kansas- Blue
15. Maine- Blue
16. Maryland – Red
17. Massachusetts – Red
18. Michigan – Blue
19. Minnesota – Blue
20. Nebraska – Red
21. Nevada – Blue
22. New Hampshire - Red
23. New Mexico - Blue
24. New York - Blue
25. Ohio - Red
26. Oklahoma - Red
27. Oregon - Blue
28. Pennsylvania - Blue
29. Rhode Island - Blue
30. South Carolina - Red
31. South Dakota - Red
32. Tennessee - Red
33. Texas - Red
34. Vermont - Red
35. Wisconsin - Blue
36. Wyoming – Red

States Where 34 United States Senate Seats Up For Elections in 2022

Red represents Republican held seats.

Blue represents Democratic held seats.

1. Alabama – Red
2. Alaska – Red
3. Arizona – Red
4. Arkansas – Red
5. California – Blue
7. Connecticut – Blue
8. Florida – Red
9. Georgia – Blue
10. Hawaii- Blue
11. Idaho – Red
12. Illinois – Blue
13. Indiana- Red
14. Iowa – Red
15. Kansas – Red
16. Kentucky – Red
17. Louisiana – Red
18. Maryland – Blue
19. Missouri – Red
20. Nevada – Blue
21. New Hampshire – Blue
22. New York – Blue
23. North Carolina - Red
24. North Dakota - Red
25. Ohio - Red
26. Oklahoma - Red
27. Oregon - Blue
28. Pennsylvania - Red
29. South Carolina - Red
30. South Dakota -Red
31. Utah - Red
32. Vermont - Blue
33. Washington - Blue
34. Wisconsin – Red

Political Facts

- The United States Federal government is based on three branches of government: (1) Executive Branch- the President, the Vice President and 15 Cabinet Members-(2) Judicial Branch- the Court System (a) District Courts (b) Court of Appeals (c) Supreme Court and (3) Legislative Branch called Congress which is composed of the House of Representatives (435 members of which 53 (12%) are Black) and the House of Senate which has 100 members with only 3 (3%) that are Black.
- From the very first Congress in 1789 through the 116th Congress in 2020 there have been a total of 12,348 members and of that number only 152 blacks have served in the House of Representatives.
- As of January 2021, there have been a total of 1,994 United States Senators and of that number only 11 have been Black.
- According to an article written in the Washington Post on October 14, 2014 in the aftermath of the murder of Mike Brown, white men are 31% of the U.S. population, but hold 65% of all elected offices.
- Today, there are 50 Governors-42 Males-8 Females-None are Black.
- The United States Senate has 100 members; 76 Males-24 Females. Of that number, there are 3 Black males and no Black females.
- Historically, there have been only four Blacks who have served as Governors:
 - P.B. S. Pinchback – Louisiana – December 9, 1872-January 13, 1873
 - Douglas Wilder – Virginia- January 13, 1990-January 13, 1994

- Deval Patrick – Massachusetts -January 4, 2007 – January 8, 2011
- David Patterson -New York-March 17, 2008-December 31, 2010

- Historically there have only been 11 Black United States Senators

Senator	State	Term of Office
Hiram Revels	MS.	Feb. 29, 1870-March 3, 1871
Blanche Bruce	MS.	March 4, 1875-March 3, 1881
Edward Brooke	MA.	Jan. 3, 1967-Jan. 3, 1979
Carol Moseley Braun	IL.	Jan. 3, 1993-Jan. 3, 1998
Barack Obama	IL.	Jan. 3, 2005-Nov. 16, 2008
Roland Burris	IL.	Jan. 15, 2009-Nov. 29, 2010
Tim Scott	SC.	Jan. 2, 2013-Present
Mo Cowan	MA	Feb. 1, 2013-July 16, 2013
Corey Booker	NJ	Oct.31, 2013-Present
Kamala Harris	CA	Jan. 3, 2017-Jan. 18, 2021
Raphael Warnock	GA	Jan. 20, 2021-Present

Please note: P.B.S. Pinchback was elected in 1873 in the State of Louisiana but was denied a seat in the Senate.

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