

# State of the Milwaukeean People Statement – Black History Month 2014



February 2, 2014

The State of the Milwaukeean People Statement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February in 2014 is given by Mary Glass, Chair/CEO, Milwaukee Professionals Association LLC.

The 2014 Theme is: **NOW is the Time.**

Ladies, gentlemen, boys, girls, seniors, elders, non-immigrants with visa and immigrant nationals with visas; this statement is to address how going forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in the City of Milwaukee must document and resonate in historic and economic engagement with the bodyprint and endorsement of the will of Milwaukeeans, especially African American, other People of Color and the Work Challenged (**un-, under-skilled; un-, under-employed; un-, under-financed** neighborhood-level businesses; **disabled**; and **re-entry** - Re-entry represents those returning from **WAR, INCARCERATION, homelessness, boomerang employment, boomerang retirement** and **college-certificated graduates unemployed**) that removes barriers that are racist, fraudulent, adverse to our Constitution and impedes the pursuit of happiness for Milwaukee citizens. Milwaukee citizens that live-in, grow-families send their children to public and other schools-of-choice, donate time to their fellowmen, invest in taxes, land and businesses, pay debt to society, support the growth of the neighborhoods and go to destination of worship while waiting for their just-do demands exclusivity. **We need all to survive. We need all to be complete.**

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**Milwaukee Professionals Association LLC** (CN-CFNBA CAMPAIGN NEIGHBORHOOD – CFNBA) first published its assessment of what the quality of life and economic development picture for the City of Milwaukee was in an [Open Letter to Mayor Tom Barrett](#), city of Milwaukee, in 2008, called, [“An Exposé - Hog Wild Institutional Racism in Milwaukee by Elected Officials”](#).

The 25-page Exposé was prior to the completion of *MPA LLC Smart Growth Signature Plan* observation (2005-2010). An observation conducted by Mary Glass, that revealed the “**by design**” Enduring Concentrated Poverty led and conducted by elected-appointed-hired-volunteered and donor-for-hire self-invested power-players with/by unauthorized proxy (i.e., Milwaukee 7, Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce, Greater Milwaukee Committee, Interfaith, Goodwill Industries, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA, Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation, and various appointed boards and committees). The true decision makers, African American and other People of Color were/are glaringly absent in conducting business of the People of Milwaukee. In fact, the long lines in the morning to Milwaukee and late afternoon long lines out of Milwaukee on I-43, I-94 and I-894 tells the story of who has the jobs in Milwaukee and many who are making decisions about quality of life and economic development for true Milwaukeeans.

It is important to note, that hand-picked African Americans were/are selected/appointed/recommended as “fronts” and “photo opts” as long as they consented (verbally or otherwise) to be “Gatekeepers – Spooks by the Door” with “no real input or power”. It is also known that many selected/appointed representatives (irrespective of race) to committees by the mayor and other elected officials have not a clue of their role and responsibility – nor does the mayor and/or other elected officials. The appointments are seen as payoffs, favors and profile/portfolio enhancers.

### **All Hands on Deck, WE CAN**

After completing the 2005-2010 observation, Glass immediately launched the AHOD/**All Hands on Deck, YOU NOT ME (2010-2020)** Initiative on January 23, 2010. It is a 10-year Action Initiative with projects and programs for reform, change, competitiveness, innovation, and dynamism in the Infrastructure of the stakeholders-shareholders-voters-taxpayers-beneficiaries-customers of the City of Milwaukee at the census tract and neighborhood level. The AHOD name has been modified to **All Hands on Deck; WE CAN** Initiative (2010-2020) – its present name. AHOD recognized the wealth and the Economic Oasis of hidden talent and vetted businesses at the census tract and neighborhood level that are majority People of Color - African American and other People of Color.

**AHOD** seeks the inclusion of ALL and diversity of Caucasians of various ethnic backgrounds (i.e., German, English, Polish, Irish, Italian, and French) are sought and seen in Milwaukee's Work Challenged pool.

Creating "missing history" of African American and other People of Color is an immediate focus and pressure will be placed on historic sites in Milwaukee funded by public dollars, such as the Milwaukee Public Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Milwaukee County Historic Society, to show "due diligence" in the creation and preservation projects with People of Color.

Milwaukee Public Library is presently being sought for information and engagement of African Americans to ensure that the collection that was maintained for years in the drawers and room at Martin Luther King Library be a point of pride and neighborhood engagement. As of now, Milwaukee Public Library has chosen to be unresponsive and lacking in direction.

Milwaukee Public Library under the leadership of Paula Kiely, Library Director, appointed by Tom Barrett, Mayor, has failed to be forthcoming in innovations that include input regarding African Americans and the uses of the public library system – employment and engagement of activities.

Lack of engagement and discrimination is also seen with the Department of City Development under the leadership of Rocky Marcoux. Failure to re-build and revitalize the Tower area, Bronzeville Project and his most recent flap was with the Dollar Tree on the corner of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and North Avenue.

However, there is BOOM in Menomonee Fall and Old Third World District that respects and work with the entrepreneurial aspects of start-up and expanding businesses. We also noted in the observation, Commissioner Marcoux came in saying one thing and has taken the 360 degree with the good ole boys of the Hog Wild Expose and the present mayor of Milwaukee. Commissioner Marcoux and Deputy Commissioner Martha Brown go back in double and triple standards when it comes to African American.

Some of the same comments can be said for the Department of City Works in contracting projects on the streets of Milwaukee and leveraging projects with taxes to the taxpayers that is excessive. Also, conflict of interest is a possibility with the business closeness between Diggers and We Energies.

The Department of Neighborhood Services has its “roadblocks” for African American contractors and has a convenient liaison with the BOZA – Board of Zoning and Appeals that can and is a nightmare to property owners and business owners. Reform and innovative changes that extend into customer care to ALL Milwaukeeans are where pressure will be applied for these departments that soak-up huge funding in the city of Milwaukee budget.

The Milwaukee Police Department has an “edgy”, bias, brutalizing and “criminalizing” image in the city of Milwaukee with African American and People of Color that dates back to when the Police Chief was Harold Breier and mayor Henry Maier. The brigade line-up of horses, cars and rows of Caucasian police in the African American neighborhood is not – is not the image that generate tourism, economic expansion, pride, intervention or leadership that perpetuate customer safety and image change at the neighborhood level in African American neighborhoods. We must have a “working with the citizenry” profile. The present line-up sends the OK to long-term disconnect of the races and law enforcement. It brands in the negative with NO reprieve. It is throwing the baby out with bathwater. Then, there is the brutality that is ONLY seen in the African American and People of Color neighborhoods. The killing of an African American man calling for oxygen – regular murder of African Americans claiming “pointing of object” - the placing of hands in the private parts of African American men and women (anus and vagina). This is not done to Caucasians when they are stopped, even though they are using drugs - harder drugs. There must be address. Negative behavior just described prevents the necessary level of respect and further creates discontent and injustices. Why aren’t there more African American and other People of Color law enforcement officers? Why aren’t all law enforcement officers trained and encouraged to respect ALL the citizenry?

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## **Urban Population**

According to the 2010 Census, 44.8% of the population was White (37.0% non-Hispanic white), 40.0% was Black or African American, 0.8% American Indian and Alaska Native, 3.5% Asian, 3.4% from two or more races. 17.3% of Milwaukee's population was of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (they may be of any race).

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The largest population is 40.0% - African American. So, what's up with the bodyprint, decision makers and economic development of African American and other People of Color (64.2%) being left-out and trapped in by-design Enduring Concentrated Poverty?

## **NOW is the Time**

NOW is the time for African American, other People of Color and Caucasian to seek competitiveness and completeness for Infrastructure sustainability that garners a higher gross national product and linking ALL Milwaukeeans to the gateway of the world.

We feel that the urban assessment of Milwaukee is a working template for MPA LLC and can be for African Americans and others in/across the United States.

## **February 2, 2014**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date selected for the *Annual Statement of the Union Statement* of African American by Milwaukee Professionals Association in Milwaukee, according to Mary Glass, Chair. It is the second day of Black (African American) History month. It is also the date that represents the acknowledgement of Ground Hog Day – a proposition of a Ground Hog viewing his/her shadow or not viewing his/his shadow, with a 6-week consequence.

## **Mission**

MPA LLC subscribes to the **Re-defining**, **Re-branding** and **UN-trapping** hidden talent and vetted businesses at the census tract and neighborhood level. It fosters an innovation proposition that first and foremost seeks LIKE-MIND Milwaukeeans who see the dynamism in supporting and maximizing our economy by leveraging strength, stability and upward mobility of the citizenry with the lowest concentration of wealth and wealth-building opportunities geared for

energizing entrepreneurship with economic expansion to eliminate Enduring Concentrated Poverty and the barriers that breed low and no growth.

A high-consistent-disproportionate percentage of Milwaukeeans are report-after-report and for decades have been African American and other People of Color who have been repeatedly been denied education attainment, profiled, discriminated and criminalized, denied access to entrepreneurship capital, gainful employment and health care options. AHOD seek exposure of human and otherwise culprits with removal/replacement with expediency – 2014 and 2016.

### **Ownership-Stewardship-Entrepreneurship-/Citizenship**

It is the residential, commercial and light industrial base of Milwaukee at the census tract and neighborhood level, standing link-to-link in “no-matter-what” solidarity of GROWTH goals of the People that is necessary. GROWTH goals priorities are:

- Access to ongoing joint federal-private-public-citizenry financial pools.
  - **Co-Location collaboration.**
  - **EB-5 Investors.**
  - **Neighborhood Revitalization.**
  - **Means Testing of Projects implemented with and on behalf of resources of the City of Milwaukee.**
- Accountability – Oath of Office, transparency, best practices and removal.
  - **Federal Congressional Committees and Federal agency Reporting.**
  - [MPA LLC Journal Newsletter](#)
  - **Voters Caucus Group**
- Education attainment – birth to death.
- Endorsement and body-print of the stakeholder-taxpayer-beneficiaries-customer in all 15 Aldermanic districts.
- Health Care – primary, urgent, emergency and death.
  - **Affordable Health Care 10-Neighborhood Demonstration for 2014.**
  - **PULSE Preparedness Forums and Events**
  - **Born Frees/Millennials Case Learning**
- Information technology – access, literacy, regular use and networks.
- Ongoing training hubs – seminars, webinars, conferences, and e-classes.
- Open-door innovation-competition in engagement of the marketplace and remembering the goals for existence on/in the Earth’s universe.

- Voting – informed and without fail – inclusive of ALL who can vote.

It is also how we, Milwaukeeans, especially African American and other People of Color choose to REMOVE the “Hog-Wild” strangle-hold of the Caucasian “**monopoly-oligopoly**” cartel that “***pit-the have-nots***”, who by right of resources, race, income and the Constitution are the haves; but are hoodwinked and their ownership, stewardship, citizenship, entrepreneurship are reduced to disparity.

The pitting-fragmenting methods used by the members of the **monopoly-oligopoly cartel** include fraud-exploitation-discrimination, criminalizing, lack of due process, demonizing, too big to fail, intimidation, and disregard for violations of human-civil-legal laws.

Bottom line, Milwaukeeans, especially African American and other People of Color must institute ownership, stewardship, entrepreneurship, citizenship and **accountability**.

Milwaukeeans must adopt the **Now is the Time** wave of Upscalability and Grandiosity of All Hand on Deck; WE CAN (WE MUST) leadership in Stewardship and Citizenship for their survival – now and in the future.

### **Affordable Health Care Law**

The reality of All Hands on Deck, WE CAN is a juggernaut opportunity for change, reform, recovery, stability, growth of the city-state-county gross national product. MPA LLC is a premier supporter of the **Affordable Health Care law** and uses it as the catalyst for Milwaukeeans in health and economic expansion.

President Obama has recently named support of his office for ideas to link opportunities in education attainment and gainful employment; we see nothing but huge expansion and will seek LIKE-MINDS to see that next February 2, 2015 show massive improvements going forward. It is called progress.

We welcome your Membership, Sponsorship and Partnership; and Open mind.

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