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**Black American Political Association of California Announces  
Thirty-First Annual Convention & Religious and Political  
Hall of Fame Awards Banquet**

*"Unity, Brotherhood and Progress"*

**Los Angeles, CA — October 2, 2009** — On October 2-4, 2009, over 700 people attended BAPAC's 31st Annual Convention, which was held at the beautiful Millennium Biltmore Hotel at 506 Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA.

By far, it was the most successful convention held in the thirty one historic years of the organization. In attendance were elected officials, clergy members, business leaders, civil rights organizations, human rights organizations, community organizations, community leaders, labor leaders, youth organizations, and members of the entertainment community.

Some of the attendees were Congresswoman Diane Watson, former Governor and Attorney General Jerry Brown, State Controller John Chang, Jerome Horton of the California State Board of Equalization, Mayor Jim Dear of the City of Carson, NAACP State President Alice Huffman, Sweet Alice Harris of the Parents of Watts of Los Angeles, Councilmember Mike Gibson of Carson, Mayor Pro Tem Lula Davis-Holmes of Carson, Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr. of the 14th Episcopal District of African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bill Duke of Duke Media.

The convention included a BAPAC leadership reception, and two lectures on health and education and economic development. The health and education lecture covered prominent healthcare disparities, the mental health epidemic, and the "Providence Effect." The economic development session analyzed the housing crises, the greening of our economy, and the utilization of public resources.

Keynote Speakers were actor Danny Glover and Bishop T.Larry Kirkland.

The night's honorees included Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Attorney General Jerry Brown, Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Former Assemblywoman Gwen Moore, and attorney Thomasina Reed. All of the honorees thanked the organization for their awards. Former Governor Jerry Brown said that "he was proud to be a part of this organization that has served the community for 31 years."

The highlight of the convention was actor Danny Glover's remarks concerning world affairs. Currently making a film in Detroit, Glover's dedication, love, and commitment was unquestionable when he appeared and stated, "BAPAC is one of the finest and most influential organizations in the country. We should all give a little bit to keep it strong and help it to grow."

Congresswoman Diane Watson acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies. In addition to awarding the honorees, she gave an update on national legislative issues and asked everybody to support the healthcare plan President Barack Obama's agrees with.

Bishop T. Larry Kirkland thanked the audience for honoring him on this occasion, expressed how proud he is to be a part of BAPAC, and pledged his full support locally and to bring this organization to national attention.

The morning's prayer for breakfast was eloquently provided by Rev. Robert Holt with the help of Rev. Lee P. James. Together they delivered a fantastic sermon to begin the day off right. Entertainment was wonderfully provided by the young, beautiful, and dynamic Brittney Nicole.

Percy Pinkney, State President of BAPAC, thanked everybody in attendance including the honorees, sponsors, and guests. He is proud to be the State President and was overjoyed with the success of this convention and the political hall of fame.

Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit public benefit organized under the Nonprofit Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. The purpose of the Association is to identify, document, and develop the resources necessary to achieve the educational, economic, and cultural goals of African-Americans in the State of California.

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