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UPDATE

NUBIAN SQUARE/NUBIAN STATION FOREVER!!!!

Habari gani (greetings):

This communication is meant to serve as an update as it pertains to the historic campaign by our community to have Dudley Square and Dudley Station renamed NUBIAN SQUARE and NUBIAN STATION respectively. This over three year endeavor/campaign was begun by the Black Community Information Center Inc. However due to the high level of community enthusiasm for the proposed name change, there has been significant numbers of groups/individuals to endorse the effort and that led to the formation of the Nubian Square Coalition!!

Much progress has been made as several presentations have been made to organizations throughout our community along with public informational sessions that have been very well attended. In addition preliminary meetings have been held with the City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission and Roxbury Neighborhood Services Department. We presently are awaiting a response from State Representative Chynah Tyler regarding our very urgent request that her office arrange a meeting with representatives from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Once the meeting is concluded, we would move towards the final strategy stages of our campaign.

That would involve the declaration and notification of an "official" community meeting by the City Of Boston that would be convened by the Roxbury Neighborhood Services Department. That meeting would then be followed with a "public hearing" sponsored by the Public Improvement Commission for consideration and final decision on the proposed name change. It is critical that we have full community attendance and "pack the house" for testimony in support of and endorsement of the name change campaign at both meetings to demonstrate our Umoja (Unity) on the issue.

Surely all would agree this is a much needed campaign as it makes no sense to have the primary commercial shopping district in our Black/Brown community to be named in honor of the slave owning Dudley family. Ironically the Boston Globe has called for the Devotion (slave owners) School in Brookline, Mass. to be renamed due to the slavery factor. Also you have the controversy surrounding the Boston Red Sox and Yawkey Way which is a street named after the racist former team owner Tom Yawkey and the effort to take his name down. Clearly our campaign for Dudley Square/Dudley Station be renamed Nubian Square/Nubian Station respectively is based on human rights logic as we are talking about the Dudley family being documented and certified participants in the brutal and inhumane slave trade.

In closing you will find two attachments. One is a list of supporters/endorsers of the name change campaign while the other is a copy of the petition that has been circulated and to this point gotten over 2000 signatures and growing. All are encouraged to take the petition and collect more signatures. Those filled out can be turned into the Rotisserie Restaurant located at 651 Warren Street (Grove Hall) in Dorchester, MA.

Continuing the quest for NUBIAN SQUARE/NUBIAN STATION!!!

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