

Representative Allen West (R-FL) invites you to be part of a dynamic discussion:

The Conservative Black Forum will discuss issues regarding unemployment in the black community, conservative values, and the social disparity in urban communities. The forum will be an intimate and in-depth dialogue on the black conservative voice in the United States.

What: Conservative Black Forum

When: Monday, January 23, 2012

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: United States Capitol, House Small Business Committee, Rayburn 2360

"The conservative voice in the black community remains mostly unacknowledged by politicians and the public alike," West said. "While the conservative black voice has always existed, it is more important than ever that it be recognized and encouraged. More than 95 percent of black voters voted Democrat in the last election. I am hoping this forum will begin to shed light on how we can change this status quo."

In addition to Rep. West, distinguished members of the panel include:

- Tim Scott (Congressman, South Carolina)
- Jim Jordan (Congressman, Ohio)
- Michael Steele (Former RNC Chairman, Maryland)
- J.C. Watts (Former Congressman, Oklahoma)
- Emanuel Cleaver (Congressman and Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus, Missouri)
- Octavia Johnson (Sherriff, Roanoke, Virginia)
- William Cleveland (City Councilman, Virginia)
- Gow B. Fields (Mayor, Lakeland, Florida)
- Fred Solomon (Community Activist, Alabama)
- Cleon Bryant (Pastor, Louisiana)
- Dr. Christine Brooks (Community Activist, Washington, D.C.)
- KCarl Smith (Founder, Fredrick Douglas Republicans, Alabama)
- Dr. Karnie C. Smith, Sr. (Fredrick Douglas Republicans, Alabama)
- David Clarke, Jr. (Sheriff, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin)

Topics include:

Perception vs. reality when it comes to Black Conservatism
Urban issues in the 21st Century
The black church and state
The true history of civil rights
Conservative principles in the black community
GOP outreach

Media interested in attending this event, please contact Communications Director Angela Melvin at 202-226-2149

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