



BLACK CAUCUS AT THE 19TH ANNUAL TASTE OF SOUL LA | OCTOBER 19, 2024

On Saturday, October 19th, the Commission on HIV's Black Caucus proudly joined the 19th Annual Taste of Soul in Los Angeles for a second year in a row. With over 500,000 attendees last year and an even larger crowd anticipated this year, the Black Caucus made a significant impact, promoting its goals and the overarching mission of the Commission.

Expanding Outreach Through Partnerships

Partnering with AMAAD, Inc., and W. King Health Care Group, the Caucus expanded its outreach by offering free HIV and Hepatitis C testing to the community. Thanks to Caucus members Lilieth Conolly and Arlene Frames, attendees were connected to Dr. King's medical tent for testing, with HIV tests incentivized by \$10 Vons gift cards. Seven HIV tests and five Hep C tests were administered, with all results returning negative. The youngest individual tested was just 18, highlighting the importance of youth outreach.

Community Engagement and Education

The Black Caucus engaged well over 500 attendees, distributing more than 200 sexual health wellness bags in exchange for participating in HIV and sexual health trivia. The trivia sparked meaningful discussions and helped dispel common misconceptions about HIV.

Recognizing the Team's Hard Work

We owe the success of this event to the dedication of our Black Caucus team. Special thanks to Leon Maulsby, Danielle Campbell, Bridget and Nina Gordon, Roxanne Lewis, Dee Saunders, Dr. William King, and DonDei Dean, along with the AMAAD team, who held it down and represented! We thank Commission Co-Chair Joseph Green and Consumer Caucus Co-Chair Damone Thomas for coming out and showing their support. A huge thank you to Leon, Sonja Wright, Dee, and Roxanne for assembling over 200 sexual health wellness bags, with special recognition to Dee and Roxanne for their donations on behalf of the City of West Hollywood and JWCH Institute.

Looking Ahead

This year's Taste of Soul was a tremendous success. We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue our mission to improve health equity and empower our communities.

If you missed us, check us out here!

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