

February 20, 2011

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa,

One might have thought that I was no longer interested in the proposal for Black and Hispanic "RE" Unification, having taken this long to respond, but I had two bouts with the flu, having to go to work, anyway. I was so happy to receive your response to the possibility of evaluation the situation, understanding the plight and successes of both groups to create a legacy that Los Angeles can be proud of.

February 27, 2011

I have not felt like writing, I guess I was still recovering from my illness of last week. Unlike a political person who runs for an office, addressing large numbers of people, I tend to be a "loner," helping, if I can, people on a one to one basis, or perhaps small groups (as with the small groups, such as in the GROW lobby.) But, I will be happy to lend my thoughts and enthusiasm to any program that will promote better understanding and communication between our two groups.

I wish that we each had all of the answers, as to how to get started. Perhaps, a meeting between us, or a small group, to whom you have contact with or who I presently write, could start the ball rolling. Perhaps there were people that you could contact again, who were part of your campaign. Please don't leave our efforts for me only. What you and I are planning will affect the whole LEGACY of LOS ANGELES, a model for the rest of the country. I have lived in Los Angeles since 1957, and though we all were divided by neighborhood, there was a general appreciation among us.

We have to start somewhere, so let's begin! From your campaign, I got the impression that you do know the various organizations or people, where the progress can start, I have great faith in your ability to get us started!

I am including my last letter to President Obama. Thank you for all your hard work. (Even the fires and rainy weather would be too much for me)!

By the way, what is the difference between pruning a tree, and destroying it – with cutting all the branches that will never grow leaves?

Always keeping the Faith,
Through Christ, Jesus,

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Dear President Obama,

It seems like ages since I've written you: there was just too much happening on the International level in Egypt, Lybia and all across northern Africa that I felt I had nothing to add. When Kadafi was here in the States last year, he appeared to have an aura about him that anticipated hope for the future, one based on dreams, rather than reality. I looked at him closely on TV, the only way I can see any of you in Washington. And then, a year later, there he is struggling to keep control of his country. I have no idea about the politics in his country, or his oil situation with the rest of the world; but I do generally like Kadafi, because I know of the struggle, generally, that most African countries witness, in the light of Western needs for resources.

I've had Bronchitis and the Flu, since I last wrote you and have not written Mayor Villaraigosa on our project here in LA. I've been thinking how to resolve the rift between Blacks and Hispanics, here. The more we think about closing the divide, the more possibilities arise that need major work. Just where do we start?

Do we look at the areas that we have in common—music and arts?

Do we start with the knowledge of gangs and drive bys, and get those atrocities out of our systems?

Do we encourage sharing our different family, education goals, in addition to the learning of Spanish in the Black Community? There already is a push for assisting Spanish speakers to learn English.

Do we start with organizing our plans by beginning with a small organizing committee with a few people planning for the future, or do we hold a rally to address large numbers of people?

April 19, 2011

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa,

Not long ago, I arrived home to catch the ending of your speech on television. It was so impassioned, that I had wished I had seen the whole thing. The speech was full of Spirit and Direction; I think your best speech to date!

I am including the last couple of letters from President Obama, and a new one from me, encouraging those to whom I've written, to contribute to the President's resources to deal with the chaos in the world.

My best to you and your family,

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P.S. I am still "on" for our project in Los Angeles, to integrate and assimilate the BEST for our city.

April 26, 2011

Dear Friends, Family and Associates,

For the past nineteen years, I have been sharing my thoughts, visions and experiences about a number of events, important in our lives. I have to be in a certain mood, but I always enjoy writing and "putting my two cents in." I have developed a certain view of the world, have studied some parts of it, but know that I am lacking in the mastery that you, my Friends, and others have developed.

I have been writing President Obama since just before he became President. And what you may not know, President Obama has answered seven times, several times in the form of an acknowledgement card, but three times in letter form. The President would like for me to go on the web, at www.WhiteHouse.gov, But I am not computer literate, (a phobia that started when I was taking an Education class at Cal State, in the early '90's when the professor said that computers were going to take over the world, even leaving the existence and manipulation of/by people out; It seemed wrong to me and over the years, I have developed a fear that, even I admit, has to be overcome). In any event, I am computer illiterate. Thank God that I can write a letter.

So, You of nimble computer fingers, I'm counting on you. Every one of you that I write, I personally know that you have strong thoughts about the situation at home and in all parts of the world, and I am calling on you to express those ideas to President Obama, if you have not already done so.

For many of us, the complexities of the issues seem beyond our understanding, but I know most you whom I write, possess a wealth of knowledge, as well as its practicality of implementation to get the job done.

Please e-mail President Obama with your thoughts and ideas. We must make this country and the world better.

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Through Christ Jesus,

