



The Hampton Roads Black Caucus is open to all people interested in helping make our country, and our commonwealth a better place to live for all people.

NEWSLETTER

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What is the Hampton Road Black Caucus and What Does it Do?

The Hampton Roads Black Caucus (HRBC) grassroots was established in 2012 for the purpose of promoting the political initiatives of the Black Community in the Hampton Roads area.

We are a non-partisan organization, governed by a board of community and business leaders; and supported by a diverse membership base.

The Hampton Roads Black Caucus provide a platform to the membership and community via various caucus connections and forums; provide support to black owned business and endorses political candidates (regardless of party affiliation) who support the ideas, values and mission on the Black Community through economic, education, and political initiatives.

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Some things about the HRBC upon which you can rely:

- You will have a voice in what we do at HRBC.
- You will have a vote on who HRBC supports for office in upcoming elections.
- You will get a chance to meet the candidates that are running for office and ask them questions about their platform.

How can you help the HRBC and it's goals?

Join the Hampton Roads Black Caucus. We are actively engaged in the communities of Hampton Roads and you can feel confident that the HRBC will support worthy and impactful issues.

As a member of HRBC we also need committees to help with events such as planning our Breakfast of Champions. Committee members can research and give input on optimal places to have events. We also need committees to keep us informed of issues in the various communities.

In addition, HRBC also supports black-owned restaurants by having meetings and events at these establishments and thereby giving our black-owned businesses the support they need.

What is the HRBC doing in the near future?

For details of upcoming events, go to our website:

<https://hamptonroadsblackcaucus.com/>

(We are also on Facebook}

Breakfast of Champions:

The Breakfast of Champions is an annual event and showcases programs and initiatives of the HRBC. In addition to its informative value, the “Breakfast” also is the award platform where the HRBC recognizes individuals in Hampton Roads who have given exceptional service to the principals of the HRBC in their work and activities.

For details on the upcoming Breakfast of Champions, visit our website.

The Caucus Connection

The HRBC sponsors Caucus Connections at which politicians running for local, state, and national offices are invited to address the community and explain their plans and purposes for running. This is also an opportunity for the community members to ask the hard questions of our candidates. These events are typically held in various communities of Hampton Roads to give each locality the opportunity to be a part of the process. Usually we hold these events at black-owned businesses.

Podcast

HRBC sponsors a series of podcast called “Let’s Talk” in which subjects related to HRBC’s purpose are discussed. Recent topics include: Demetrica Jefferies (Financial Literacy), Tanya Gould (Human Trafficking survivor), Black History month, Redistricting, candidates, etc.

The POD cast conversations are led by Vice President Shenina Francis, who explores a wide variety of issues in depth.

HRBC Past Events:

- HRBC conducted several gun buy back in the Hampton Roads Areas. HRBC took over 60 unwanted guns off the street.
- HRBC held its annual Breakfast of Champions in September 2022 where we honored: Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia Kay Coles James; Pastor of Friendship Cathedral COGIC Bishop Joseph Chase Jr and Journalist Ashley Smith.
- HRBC held its political endorsement process and endorsed candidate on both sides of the aisle with 83% of our candidates winning. Congratulations to all of them!!!
- HRBC conducted and sponsored seven (7) city candidate forum partnering with the South Hampton Black Bar Association, Hampton Roads Asian Business Association and Hampton Urban League that was held at THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (MOCA) in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- HRBC conducted many interviews on our podcast “Let Talk” hosted by our Vice President Shenina Francis. She interviewed doctors, authors, politicians, business owners, pastors, and etc.
- HRBC hosted couple of Caucus Connections before the election in black owned restaurants.
- Hampton Roads Black Caucus 2023 Breakfast of Champions will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in September 2023. Date and place TBA. Watch our Website/Social media for specifics.

HRBC Past Events:

- HRBC strongly encourages everyone to stay engaged in your community affairs. All Virginia State senate, delegate seats and one U.S. Senate seat are up in November 2023. The HRBC Caucus Connections are another opportunity to meet our candidates in person and ask them questions.
- More gun buy backs coming in 2023 to help reduce the violence in our Communities.
- Follow HRBC on our social media and watch our podcast show “Let’s Talk” to get more information.

You are welcome to become a member.

Get involved!