

# African American Communication and Collaboration Council (AACCC)

*if one fails ... the community fails*

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Greetings, Floyd.

## Score Card for Elected Officials

Question: Are elected and appointed officials really trying to assist the African American community, or are they just providing conversation? In a town where everyone knows what to say, it is very difficult to measure fact from perception.

The needs of our community are great.

Obviously, government is not the sole answer to the problems facing the African American community, but make no mistake, elected and appointed government officials are either part of the solution or part of the problem. And by nature of the political process, government officials must work on behalf of **all** of their constituents.

To that end, a score card (an evaluation) will be created by the African American Communication and Collaboration Council to measure the effectiveness of elected officials as they work or don't work on behalf of our community.

Stay tuned!



## Pending Legislation - Assembly Bill 286



Assembly Bill 286 (AB 286) is an act to repeal statutes relating to permitting an employer to refuse to employ or bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

The current state fair employment law prohibits discrimination in employment based on arrest or conviction record. AB 286 specifies that it is not employment discrimination for an employer to refuse to employ or to bar or terminate employment of an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony, whether

## Calendar of Events

[Click here](#) to view the entire AACCC Calendar of Events.

### December 2011

**9-11 December 2011**  
African American Black Business Association (AABBA)  
2nd Black Business Bootcamp

**10 December 2011**  
2nd Annual Links Community Recognition Luncheon

**17 December 2011**  
St. Paul AME Church  
Christmas Celebration

**20 December 2011**  
Adoption of Orchard Ridge Elementary School - Reading Program

**21 December 2011**  
Bridge Lake Point Mobile Pantry

**25 December 2011**  
St. Paul AME Church  
Christmas Service

**31 December 2011**  
St. Paul AME Church Watch Night Services

**31 December 2011**  
The Community Kwanzaa Celebration and US Bank Eve

## MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually beneficial relationships between African American organizations of Greater Madison, Wisconsin; and

or not the circumstances of the felony substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular job.

Also under Assembly Bill 286, home rule or the ability for cities or villages to determine its own local affairs, such as compliance or rejection of this law, will not apply. As such, this Bill prohibits any county, city, town or village from adopting any provision that conflicts with this law.

Note, many troubled African American youth, who are charged with an offense and have no money for an attorney nor parental support, plead to a lesser offense to avoid jail time and become felons before they turn twenty years old.

This Bill, if passed in its current form, would deny many of those youth an opportunity for legitimate employment for the rest of their lives.

At this time, this AB 286 will probably come up for vote in mid January. Good people, we cannot sit this one out. Please contact your State Senator and State Representative and share your opinion about this proposed legislation.

To establish ongoing dialogue concerning common issues of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin.

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## Get Ready - Voting Laws Have Changed

Starting in 2012, Wisconsin state law will require voters to show a photo ID before voting. A Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin ID card, military ID card, or U.S. passport will suffice, as long as the expiration date of those forms of identification is after the 2 November 2010 election. For the purposes of voting, your ID does not need to show a current address. If you do not have a Wisconsin ID, you may obtain one (free of charge) from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For more information about the new voting laws, visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/election> or call (608) 266-4601.

The known election schedule is as follows:

- 21 February 2012 - Spring Primary
- 3 April 2012 - Spring Election
- 11 September 2012 - Fall Primary
- 6 November 2012 - Presidential Election



Many died to provide us the opportunity to vote. Please do everything in your power to ensure that they did not die in vain.

## Where Campus Meets Community - Celebrating the Life of LaMarr Billups



A celebration of the life of LaMarr Billups will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 11 December 2011, at St. Joseph Chapel, Edgewood College, 1000 Edgewood College Drive, Madison, Wisconsin.

In addition, a memorial fund has been set up at the Urban League of Greater Madison. Checks can be made payable to "Urban League of Greater Madison - LaMarr Billups Memorial" and sent to Urban League of Greater Madison, 2222 S. Park Street, #220, Madison, Wisconsin 53713.

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