



COMMUNITY ALERT

Marketplace 2014
Pre-Conference

Thursday, October 2
8:30 AM– 1:00 PM

Milwaukee Urban League:
435 W. North Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Creating, Developing and
Growing New Business
Opportunities

Pre-Conference to the
Marketplace Conference
(10/22-10/23, 2014)

PRESIDENT OBAMA OUTPERFORMS REAGAN ON ECONOMY



In a recent article published by Forbes, it was announced that President Barack Obama has outperformed President Ronald Reagan on private sector job growth, economic growth, and investing. President Reagan has long been considered the best modern economic President. They compared his performance dealing with the oil-induced recession of the 1980s with that of President Obama and his performance during this “Great Recession”. When they crunched the numbers, they found that President Obama has achieved a 6.1% unemployment rate in his sixth year, one year faster than President Reagan did. The article forecasted that by the summer of 2015, unemployment will fall to 5.4%- a number Reagan was never able to achieve. The stock market has converted the long-term growth in jobs and GDP into additional gains for investors. Recently the S&P has crested at 2,000 – reaching new all time highs. Gains made by investors earlier in the Obama administration have further grown, helping businesses raise capital and improving the nest eggs of almost all Americans.

DIVERSITY NEEDED: POLICE & FIRE RECRUITMENT

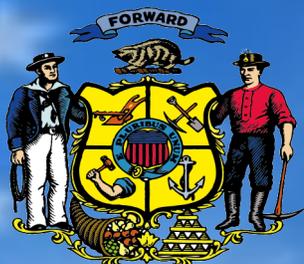
Last Thursday the Milwaukee Police Department, along with the Mayor and Common Council, announced openings in the Milwaukee Police Department. The recruitment phase is starting for police officers, police aides and fire cadets in the City of Milwaukee. The recruitment period for police officers is Friday September 19th – Friday October 17th, 2014. The recruitment period for police aides and fire cadets is Friday September 19th – Friday December 5th, 2014. Please share this with people of diverse backgrounds who you think may be interested in joining the police force or fire cadets. If you are in need of further information, please contact your local alderperson. Applicants may apply at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/fpc/Job-Opportunities.htm#.VCHoaPMo4dV>.



Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm
Here to Serve!





**NAACP
FREEDOM FUND DINNER**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Michelle Alexander

New York Times bestselling author and Ohio State University law professor!

Friday, September 26

The Pfister Hotel
424 East Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
5:30 pm– Reception
6:30 pm– Dinner & Program,
Book signing to follow
Program

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LITERACY: READING IS FUNDAMENTAL



This past week I had an awesome opportunity to visit Silver Spring School in Milwaukee. I was able to share with the students who I am and what I do, as well as hear about their interests and career goals. I believe literacy is so important, especially considering 85% of the kids in Milwaukee cannot read at their grade level. I was able to read Will Allen's book to the kids. The students were very interested in farming and learning more about the food they eat. They were so excited, they convinced their principal and teachers to start a gardening and compost project while I was there! I look forward to returning and having a chance to taste what they grow.

LEADING THE WORLD IN THE INCARCERATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

This past Tuesday, my office sponsored a dinner discussion around Michelle Alexander's book The New Jim Crow. We engaged in a dialogue centered around the many different mechanisms used to sweep minorities into the prison system. One of the major contributing factors is mandatory minimums. Mandatory minimums did nothing to stop or even halt the "Wars on Drugs." In fact, the problem worsened and prison populations ballooned. Now, as tax payers, we fund a system that incentivizes drug arrests and convictions that do not solve the drug problem. We pay to house all the new people who are imprisoned as a result. We need to learn from history, and we cannot repeat the same mistakes. Wisconsin is leading the WORLD in the incarceration of African American men. This mass incarceration is effecting families, communities, and our state. We will do better!



Wise Words of the Week!

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**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."

– Pericles

