Dear Executives’ Alliance colleagues:

Power. It’s not a word we often use in reference to our work. But its impact is inescapable. Power is the soundtrack of the political theater that dominates the news headlines these days. Building power is the aspiration of young protesters who have nothing to lose but their chains. Inherent power dynamics underlie the fundamental, yet delicate, relationship between funders and grantees that defines philanthropy. As we move through a year like none other in recent memory, power is on my mind.

In a recent speech, Executives’ Alliance co-founder Dr. Bob Ross spoke of his bi-cultural upbringing and identity, born to Puerto Rican and African-American parents. As much as he embraced the beauty and joy of the two cultures, he also challenged the audience by saying it’s time for those communities (and others) to come together to build power. While the issues we face may change from time to time he noted, building power for communities of color will sustain us from one battleground to the next.

As a network Executives’ Alliance members agreed to link arms and climb the metaphorical mountain towards full inclusion and opportunity for all boys and men of color, their families, and their communities. But the conditions on that mountain have changed—the shifting political climate and toxic public discourse will demand even more of us than ever before.

At our Spring 2017 convening, BMOC N.O.W. – No Opportunity Wasted, it’s appropriate that we reflect on what power has meant to us thus far on our journey and how what it can mean on the path ahead. We cannot afford to waste any opportunity to advance our collective agenda. We also cannot tinker at the political climate and toxic public discourse will demand even more of us than ever before.

If not, there is no better time to start than NOW.

This week we will engage in a conversation not about what we did in the past or what we might do in the distant future, but about what we can do, and are doing, to shift power for boys and men of color NOW.

We invite you to join us in this conversation, today and going forward. And you will not be alone, for there is power in the collective that is the Executives’ Alliance.

Damon T. Hewitt
Executive Director
Executives’ Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
### THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

**BREAKFAST**
8:00am – 9:00am  
Terrace, Second Floor

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL UPDATES**
9:00am – 9:30am  
Great Room B-C, Second Floor

**MEETING FACILITATOR**  
Greg Hodge, Owner and Principal Consultant, Khepera Consulting  
@gregoryehodge

**CO-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Tonya Allen, President and CEO, The Skillman Foundation  
@allen_tonya

Dr. Robert Ross, President and CEO, The California Endowment  
@CalEndow

Damon Hewitt, Executive Director, Executives’ Alliance  
@DamonTHewitt

**THE PRICE AND POSTURE OF WINNING: NAVIGATING THE NOISE, NAMING THE FIGHTS, AND POSITIONING BMOC TO WIN**
9:30am – 10:30am  
Great Room B-C, Second Floor

**MODERATOR**  
Kisha Bird, Director of Youth Policy, CLASP  
@CLASPKisha

**PRESENTERS**  
Kathy Ko Chin, President and CEO, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
@KathyKoChin

Abraham Medina, Community Organizer, Sons & Brothers  
@sosandbros

Roy L. Austin, Partner, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP  
@hwglaw

Derrick Johnson, Executive Director, One Voice  
@DJohnsonMSNAACP

Sen. Kevin Killer, South Dakota State Senate  
@kevinck04

**LIVE POLLING AND BREAK**
10:30am – 10:45am  
Great Room B-C, Second Floor

**IT’S OUR MOVE: SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ON MOVING POLICY, POLITICS AND POWER**
10:45am – 11:30am  
Great Room B-C, Second Floor

In small groups, participants will discuss how they are navigating this moment of challenge and opportunity, as individual leaders and as organizations

**UPDATES ON COLLABORATIONS IN ACTION**
11:30am – 12:30pm  
Great Room B-C, Second Floor

**RISE FOR BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR**  
@risebmoc

Shaun Harper, Executive Director, RISE for Boys and Men of Color  
@DrShaunHarper

Shawn Mooring, Consultant, Equal Measure  
@shawn_mooring

**NATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR BMOC**  
@nyabmoc

Jamal Jones, Co-Executive Director, Baltimore Algebra Project  
@AlgebraProject @410blackman

Antonio Travis, Youth Organizer, Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children  
@fflicla @tonystory50

**POLICE REFORM HUB + POOLED FUND FOR LOCAL CAMPAIGNS**
Leonard Noisette, Program Director, Justice Fund, Open Society Foundations  
@OpenSociety

Tanya Coke, Senior Program Officer, Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice, Ford Foundation  
@tanyacoke

**PLACES OF OPPORTUNITY**
Antoinette Malveaux, Managing Director, Casey Family Programs  
@CaseyPrograms

Felicia R. Beard, Director, Racial Equity Initiatives, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
@Paper_Trails

**CLOSING YOUTH PRISONS – YOUTHFIRST**  
@NoKidsInPrison

Leticia Peguero, Executive Director, Andrus Family Fund  
@LetiPeguero

Katayoon Majd, Program Director for Juvenile Justice, Public Welfare Foundation  
@PublicWelfare

**LUNCH & SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS**
12:30pm – 1:30pm  
Great Room B-C, Second Floor

**CITIES UNITED**  
@CitiesUnited

Anthony Smith, CEO, Cities United  
@ants012369

**CHANGE PHILANTHROPY**  
@CHANGEPhil

Carly Hare, Coalition Catalyst/National Director, Change Philanthropy

**MBKA @MBK_Alliance + THE OBAMA FOUNDATION**  
@ObamaFoundation

Marisa Lee, Managing Director, My Brother’s Keeper Alliance  
@MarisaReneeLee

Michael Smith, Strategic Advisor, Obama Foundation  
@msmithDC

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**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**FORWARD PROMISE NPO**
Maisha E. Simmons, Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
@mzsimmons
Howard C. Stevenson, PhD, Director, Forward Promise @DrHoward_Recast
Rhonda Tsoi-A-Fatt Bryant, Deputy Director, Forward Promise @RTsoiBryant

**NATIVE MALES LIFE COURSE**
Toya Randall, Senior Director of Community Initiatives, Casey Family Programs @CaseyPrograms
Sarah Eagle Heart, CEO, Native Americans in Philanthropy @Ms_EagleHeart
Arnold Chandler, Principal, Forward Change

**EQUITY INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM (DATA FOR BMOC)**
Niilobi Armah, Associate, Bloomberg Associates @niilobi4
David A. Harris, President & CEO, Urban Strategies Council @urbanstratoak

**BREAK**

**OUR COMMITMENT TO THE WORK**
Greg Hodge, Owner and Principal Consultant, Khepera Consulting @gregoryhodge
Voices from the Executives’ Alliance Network

**CLOSING**

**FOUNDATION PRESIDENT/CEO DINNER AND MEETING**
Invitation-only meeting for Presidents/CEOs of EA Member Foundations and Invited Guests

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Jason Killinger Design & Direction
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Quincy Bates
Khaya Deans
Nicole Lisberg

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Leticia Peguero, Andrus Family Fund
Bob Ross, The California Endowment
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