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Dear Colleague,

The Saving Our Legacy, African Americans for Smoke-Free Safe Places Project (also known as the SOL Project) is pleased and excited to invite you to attend the Strategies to Improve Health Equity Where African Americans Live, Work, Learn, Worship and Play Social Determinants of Health Implementation Symposium on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Highway, Sacramento, California.

This Symposium is intended for executives in education, employment, social justice, policy, transportation, housing, healthcare, public service, safety, health and other sectors that influence the health and well-being of African Americans in Sacramento County. Participants can plan to collaboratively implement strategies and best practices that improve health. Organizations will share their current activities and begin to plan pilot projects to improve the social determinants of educational attainment, economic development, racial discrimination and social justice.

Participants of the symposium will be the first to receive a *free* copy of the newly released community action plan (CAP), titled, "*Strategies to Improve Health Equity Where African Americans Live, Work, Learn, Play and Worship.*" (A copy of the Executive Summary is enclosed with this invitation). The symposium will host keynote presenter Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH, CPH, Professor and Associate Dean for Health Equity and Community Engagement, University of South Florida. Dr. Troutman identifies himself through his commitment to social justice, human rights, community activism, health equity and national and global health. His experience includes special consultancies with the World Health Organization in Thailand and Japan, health assessment missions in Angola, Jamaica and Zaire and training in India and Austria. His commitment to justice has evolved into his nationally recognized efforts to create health equity and the supremacy of the social determinants of health, the founding of the first Center for Health Equity at a local health department and the creation of the Mayor's Healthy Hometown Movement. He is also credited with the passage of one of the strongest anti-smoking ordinances in the country. Dr. Troutman has had multiple publications including "*What if We Were Equal*", co-authored with former Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health, Dr. David Satcher; and he is featured in the nationally televised PBS series; *Unnatural Causes*; *Is Inequality Making Us Sick?*

An invitation to attend this symposium is extended to executives of all organizations that serve Sacramento County's African American population. For more information, to register and reserve your free copy of the CAP, please visit www.theSOLproject.com, contact Twlia Laster via email at twlia@thesolproject.com or call 1-888-774-7685, ext.100.

We look forward to your attendance!

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