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Social Justice
Awards**

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October 14, 2016



**Hon. Major R. Owens
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A Letter From The President

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Commission Supporters:

I welcome you to this year's Social Justice Awards Dinner and Celebration of Congressman Major Owens' legacy.

As always, we relish the social justice triumphs and the efforts that make them possible. And, as always, we note with great sadness and determination the failures and tragedies that must be addressed.

We know that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Congressman Owens would be marching with Black Lives Matter, working to provide sanctuary for war-ravaged refugees, pushing government agencies and the private sector to provide assistance to Haiti both now and on an ongoing basis, advocating for a Department of Peace, standing with our Native American family against the destructive pipelines, supporting Alabama prisoners in their strike, and agitating for affordable quality public education for all.

Sadly, we also note that we lose allies to failing health and to our own torments. Just three years ago, diabetes and heart failure took Congressman Owens from us. Just last weekend, cancer took District Attorney Ken Thompson. Dr. King was taken by an assassin's bullet. Crown Heights anti-gun activist Lavon Walker was felled by a bullet — also this past weekend.

So tonight we celebrate the great humanitarian leaders who have left us, the great ones who remain with us, and the great ones yet to come. These are the ever-unfolding legacies that inspire the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission's members and its work.

Thank you for being here and enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,

Chris Owens



**Hon. Major R. Owens
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Program

OPENING

**Brooklyn School for Music & Theatre Advanced Chorus,
Brooklyn School for Music & Theatre**
– Conducted by Ms. Keisha McWhite, Teacher & Choral Director

BROWNSVILLE IN THE HOUSE

Hon. Jesse Hamilton, Member, New York State Senate
Hon. Latrice Walker, Member, New York State Assembly

Poem: "Plantation 2015"
- Ms. Terry-Ann Lawrence, Author

PRESENTATIONS TO HONOREES

Community Leadership Award:
Transport Workers Union LOCAL 100
- Presenter: Hon. Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., Member, New York City Council

Community Education Award:
Ms. Pamela Randazzo
Principal, Brooklyn School for Music & Theatre
- Presenter: Mr. Mark Cannizzaro, Executive Vice President,
Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA)

Community Service Award:
Mr. Asbury Shepard-El
1st Vice President, Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission
- Presenter: Rev. Robert M. Waterman,
Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church



HONORING MAJOR OWENS: THE 80TH BIRTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Musical Selections — *OBB — The Owens Brothers Band*

- Chris Owens, Geoffrey Owens, Mitty Owens,
Wendy Ward, Selah Eric Spruiell, Barry Kornhauser

***"In His Own Words"* by Congressman Major Owens**

- Recited by Members of the
Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission

PRESENTATION OF THE MLK/LINDSAY AWARD

Video Introduction

Hon. Walter Mosley, Member, New York State Assembly

- Presenter: Hon. Yvette Clarke, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

The Legacy of Major Owens

***"THE USE OF POWER TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE POWERLESS
IS THE GREATEST VIRTUE OF ANY LEADER"***

— Congressman Major R. Owens

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Transport Workers Union, Local 100

In the City's subway lines, Local 100 represents virtually all employees including those who operate trains, maintain the trains and tracks, staff the token booths, clean platforms and subway cars, and service and repair mechanical equipment such as elevators and escalators.

Local 100 represents most of the men and women who drive and maintain public buses in New York City under the umbrellas of MaBSTOA in Manhattan and the Bronx, NYC Transit Surface Division in Brooklyn, and MTA Bus in Queens and the Bronx.

Local 100 is also proud to represent workers at other private transportation firms. Among these are members at Liberty Lines, providing commuter transportation in Westchester, Waterways, servicing New York Waterway's ferry passengers, First Transit, where our members schedule paratransit service, and several school bus companies.

Local 100 has about 42,000 members who are actively working at jobs we cover and about 26,000 retirees. These workers are organized in shops, yards, and depots, and the members at each location elect Union Chairs as well as Section and Vice Chairs, who provide leadership, guidance, representation in work disputes and communication with the union's staff and elected officials at the Union Hall.

Apart from the Union's seven major Departments, the Local's staff also includes organizers (the field workers for the union), and other staff in departments like research, grievance and discipline, publications, press, political action, and family assistance.

As the first link in the chain of two-way communications between the rank and file and the Union leadership, Shop Stewards play a key role in contract enforcement and in bringing the concerns of the membership to the Union's leadership.

Born at a time in American history when unions and organized labor were considered enemies of America, TWU Local 100 has endured and maintained a history of progressive advocacy in the New York metropolitan area, particularly during the last five decades.

New Yorkers rely on TWU Local 100 members to keep our City the greatest in the world, and Local 100 has answered the call both through its own work and through its support of other organizations and efforts.

During his life, Congressman Major Owens, like numerous other elected officials, worked closely with TWU Local 100 to promote fair and just policies in New York City and nationwide. Under the leadership of President John Samuelsenn the progressive tradition has continued.

TWU Local 100 has been particularly supportive of the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission and its work.

Thank you, TWU!



COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD

Pamela Randazzo

**Principal,
Brooklyn School for Music & Theatre**

Pam Randazzo, who is in her tenth year as principal of the Brooklyn School for Music and Theatre, prides herself on closing “the achievement gap.” Over the past decade she has worked to increase her high school’s graduation rate from an initial 68% to 90% this past August.

Ms. Randazzo began her career as a music teacher in the Bronx. After completing college she felt very strongly about making sure that students in the inner-city were exposed to the arts on a regular basis. Her platform has always involved providing inner city students with an aesthetic education as a way to build their appreciation for themselves and the world around them.

As a teacher, she watched for a number of years as the music programs she helped initiate in the Bronx and Brooklyn were torn down by the city.

Ms. Randazzo decided if she was going to have a proper impact she needed to change her profession and go into administration where she could have more of a voice in what students were exposed to as part of their education.

She was accepted into an accelerated Principal program at Bank Street College of Education at the age of 24 and soon after became the Assistant Principal of the Brooklyn School for Music and Theatre, where she has spent the last 14 years of her career focused on closing the achievement gap and making sure students receive the best aesthetic education possible.

In her time as the Principal of the Brooklyn School for Music and Theatre, Ms. Randazzo’s main focus has been on making sure that the arts is celebrated daily for all students. She focuses on making sure that all students receive an arts education, not only in their arts classes, but also daily in their academic classes.

She works closely with the Roundabout Theatre Company to train all teachers on using music and theatre as a platform for teaching students in any subject. Her work with Roundabout enables students at the Brooklyn School for Music and Theatre to be encompassed by the arts daily and throughout the day. She attributes the school’s 90% graduation rate to the artistic environment she has been able to create and nourish.

Fourteen years and three children later, Ms. Randazzo will still attest to the fact that the Brooklyn School for Music and Theatre is her first-born child. Her hope is to continue to watch the school develop for decades to come!





COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Asbury Shepard-EI

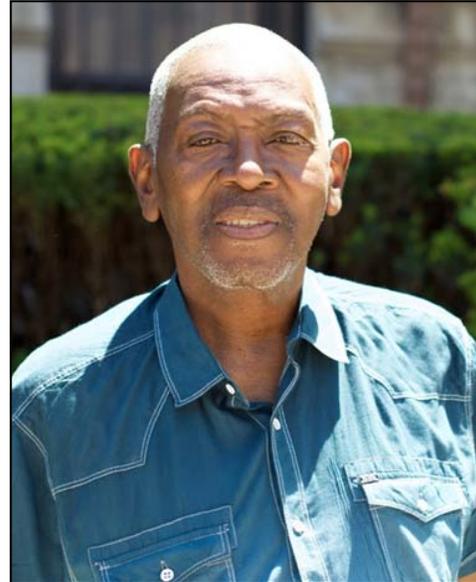
1st Vice President,
Central Brooklyn
Martin Luther King Commission

Asbury Shepard-EI has a long history of being a good friend, mentor to youth, protector of the elderly and community builder; first in Harlem, where as a boy he worked with his dad and now, for many years, in Brooklyn.

He is an invaluable asset to every organization in which he has ever participated. Asbury Shepard-EI is a proud and dedicated retiree of TWU Local 100, a member of the Medgar Evers Community Council, Antioch Baptist Church and 1st VP of the Central Brooklyn MLK Commission.

Before opening his own fix-it shop Asbury's dad was responsible for the maintenance of two apartment buildings. At his dad's side, Asbury learned to "fix" things and take care of his neighbors; he can fix small appliances, furniture – anything that the seniors on the block needed fixed.

Asbury Shepard-EI is not afraid to get dirty "as long as there's soap and water in the house to clean up afterwards". Asbury is still fixing things and serving his neighbors – he stepped up heroically to lead the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission as President after the death of Congressman Owens.



A faithful member of Antioch Baptist Church, where the Rev. Dr. Robert M. Waterman is pastor, Asbury is a member of the men's ministry, which operates a mentoring program for young men ages 14 – 18; He is also a member of the transportation and golden agers ministries – he drives folks to church and on outings.

A devoted family man, Asbury lives in Bed-Stuy with his wife Henrietta. Their blended and extended family includes his son, Steve, from his first marriage, Henrietta's sons and daughters and the grandchildren, as well as his nieces and their children, all of whose lives are made more special because of Asbury Shepard-EI's love and support.

*" The Good Man is the Friend of
All Living Things ... "
- Mahatma Gandhi*



MLK / LINDSAY AWARD

Hon. Walter Mosley **Member, New York State Assembly**

Since taking office, Walter Mosley has focused on tackling economic inequality by strengthening affordable housing laws and programs, improving educational opportunities and after school curricula, and bringing added employment opportunities into the community.

He has introduced legislation that fights public employer discrimination against formerly incarcerated individuals, that provides legal representation for persons facing foreclosure proceedings, and which requires mortgage lenders and brokers to inform potential homeowners of their Mortgage Bill of Rights.

A strong advocate for gun safety legislation, LGBTQ issues, strengthening unions, healthier cities, and multi-cultural, interfaith, multi-race, multi-ethnic coalition building, Assemblyman Mosley can be seen visiting Puerto Rico during the height of its financial crisis, on panels grappling with Black-Asian relations and participating in discussions around race and punishment, as well as supporting his constituents against overzealous landlords, monitoring new construction, and tackling traffic problems.

Walter Mosley mourns with his constituents when a tragedy occurs and celebrates with them on happy occasions. Assemblyman Mosley does not shy away from controversial topics.



He understands that, “whether it’s a silent march, a vigil, or a community meeting, we need to approach these trying times from multiple fronts”.

Assemblyman Mosley entered office with extensive work experience at all three levels of government. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminology, with minors in African Studies and American History from the Pennsylvania State University at University Park and his law degree from historic Howard University.

Assemblyman Mosley was born in Crown Heights and raised in Clinton Hill – where he and his wife live today and are raising their son and daughter.



Major R. Owens

SNAPSHOT OF A PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATOR:
Adapted from OUR TIME PRESS Biography of Major Owens

During his 24 years in the House of Representatives, Congressman Owens focused on legislation and initiatives consistent with his personal philosophy of political and economic empowerment. He served on the House Education Committee and on the House Committee on Government Operations. From 1988 to 1994, he served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Select Education and Civil Rights. Through his committee work and work with the Congressional Black Caucus' Education Brain Trust, Major Owens became known as "The Education Congressman".

With more than 50% of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) under the jurisdiction of his subcommittee, Congressman Owens formed a coalition of advocates, civil rights leaders and elected officials to launch a 50-state campaign to improve and then pass the ADA. These improvements included sections that led to additional legislation such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

An Owens amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance Act Title I program required that a minimum of one percent of the budget be spent on "parent involvement" activities by local education entities. Congressman Owens also pushed through an important change to the Title I Funding formula that re-allocated New York's funding by county. Because of this change, the City's most populous borough, Brooklyn, has received millions of additional dollars for Title I eligible schools.

In 1986, Congressman Owens engineered the passage of a Title IIIB amendment to the Higher Education Assistance Act, which for the first time, created a permanent stream of assistance for more than 100 financially strapped Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Since the first year of passage, these institutions have collectively received more than \$5 billion of federal assistance. Owens fought to further change the law to include "predominantly" Black colleges, a change that passed after he left Congress with the support of then-Senator Barack Obama and Illinois Congressman Danny Davis. This change has provided Medgar Evers College, CUNY, with hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Congressman Owens was an active CBC member. In addition to his leadership of the Education Brain Trust – promoting science and math education as well as reading, Owens led the CBC's Task Force on Haiti. The Task Force was successful in convincing President Bill Clinton to restore the democratically elected administration of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Congressman Owens also prepared the annual Alter-Budget, used to provide a progressive alternative to the regular budget proposals.

In conjunction with the other Congressional Black Caucus members, Congressman Owens worked relentlessly and successfully to achieve the designation of the Martin Luther King Federal Holiday and the imposition of sanctions against the racist South African regime. One of the highlights of his career was attending Nelson Mandela's inauguration as President of the new South Africa. Another highlight was the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Major Owens' activist and political roots, forged out of the Great Depression in rural Mississippi, flowered in Brooklyn. After joining the staff of the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza, he became the Community Coordinator at the Brownsville branch in 1964. While with the library, he became active in local community action and the Civil Rights Movement. As a member of the Congress of Racial Equality's Brooklyn chapter, Owens worked to fight racism within New York City and employment discrimination. The organization used the threat of blocking traffic at the 1964 World's Fair as a political tool, foreshadowing future actions. As Vice President of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, Owens orchestrated a rent strike that included a new tactic — the placement of tenant rents in escrow accounts.

In 1966, Major Owens was asked to assist the nascent Brownsville Community Development Corporation in obtaining funds through President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. Owens was successful and became the corporation's Executive Director. The BCDC became one of New York City's most successful community action programs. BCDC is currently the sponsor of the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center, the first freestanding federally-qualified Community Health Center to secure Joint Commission Accreditation in Brooklyn.

Owens' work was brought to the attention of Mayor John V. Lindsay, who recruited him to serve as Commissioner of the City's Community Development Agency (CDA), overseeing all of the city's anti-poverty programs. Owens was commissioner from 1968 – two weeks after the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – through the end of the Lindsay Administration in 1973. In this position, Major Owens was responsible for 500 grass-roots agencies throughout the city's 26 designated poverty areas. At its peak, the program funding surpassed \$100 million.

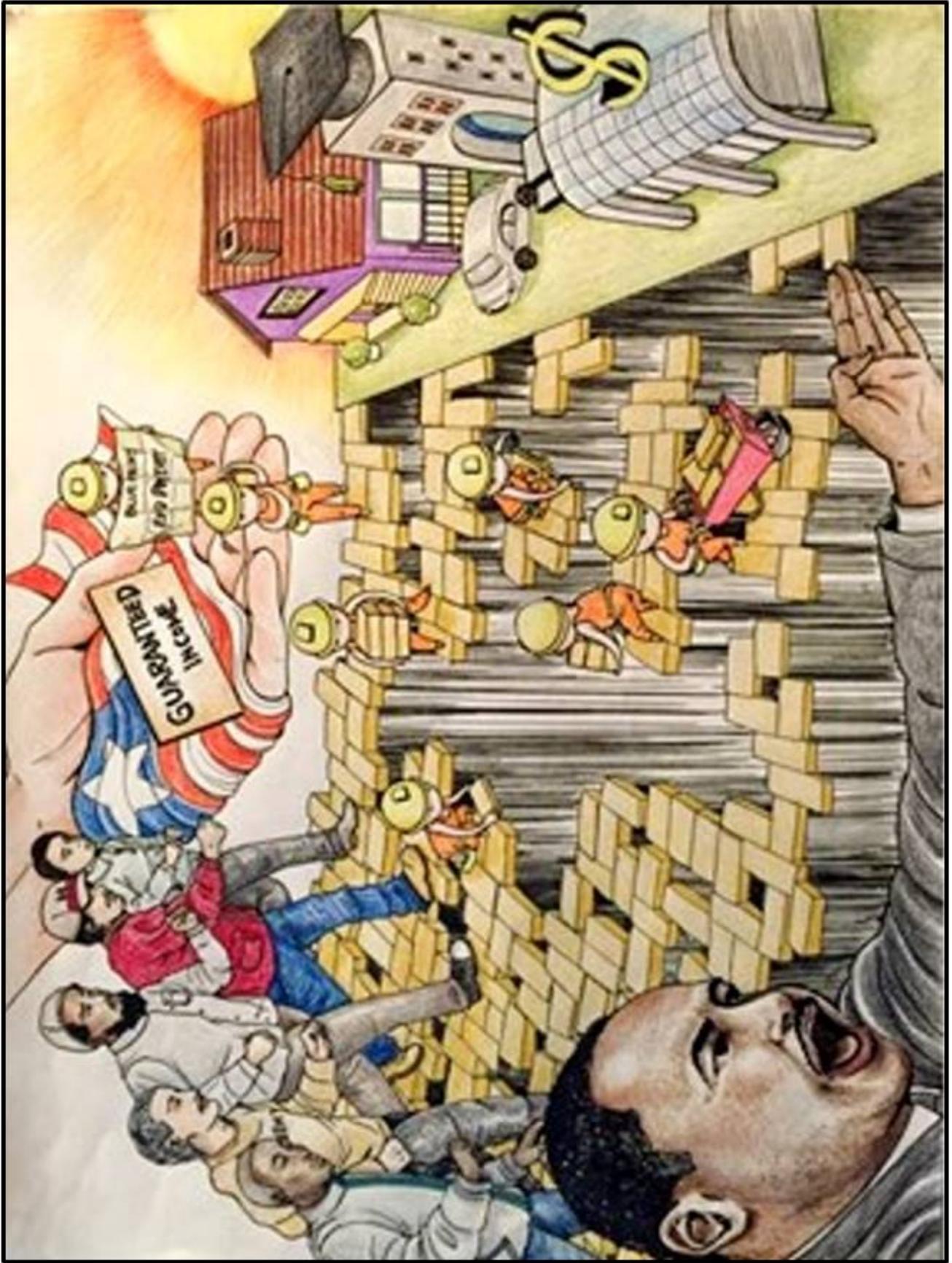
After eight years of service in the New York State Senate, Major Owens was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, taking office in 1983. Congressman Owens' funding assisted in the renovation of the Brownsville Recreation Center and with the expansion of Medgar Evers College. At the BRC, a music studio has been named in his honor, and at Medgar Evers College a science lab sponsored by NASA has been named for him.

A workaholic, Congressman Owens sponsored and passed an enormous amount of legislation. In addition to items mentioned earlier, Owens' sponsorships included legislation that would keep illegal firearms off the streets and legislation that would require a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases — allowing local law enforcement officials to check the background of prospective buyers for a criminal record. Owens also directly sponsored and successfully managed the passage of legislation on child abuse prevention, television decoding for the hearing impaired, assistance to abandoned infants, assistance to children with disabilities including special education, child adoption amendments and domestic violence prevention.

Congressman Owens was a force behind the successful passage of legislation on plant closing notification, extended employment benefits, child care expansion and the very important increase in the minimum wage. He led the crusade for the "right to strike" legislation, which would prohibit employers from hiring permanent striker replacements.

Locally, Congressman Owens and other elected officials formed the Coalition for Community Empowerment in Brooklyn. The CCE became involved with neighborhood and citywide campaigns with significant – sometimes historic — consequences for the future of the City, including support for Elizabeth Holtzman's 1981 election as Kings County District Attorney and David Dinkins' 1989 election as Mayor.

Congressman Owens was also known for his weekly one-hour "Special Order" speeches, made famous by C-SPAN, and for his reading of "Egghead Raps" into the Congressional Record – earning him another label, the "Rapping Congressman".



GUARANTEED INCOME by Luyi Song, Brooklyn Technical HS 1st Place HS Art

MLK Commission Members Presentation **2016 Social Justice Awards Dinner**

From Major's Writings:

(with Recorder accompaniment)

[1st Reader] "Empowerment and community organization are the roots of our mission. Like no other elected official in modern history Mayor John Lindsay was a steadfast proponent of maximum citizen participation and constituent group empowerment. This awards process will bind the bold and creative political pragmatism of John Lindsay with the enduring inspirational power of Martin Luther King."

[2nd Reader] "Mayor John Lindsay dared to fully open the door for outsiders to come in under the big tent of participatory democracy. Against overwhelming odds he fervently pursued his dream to reinvent government with a Grand Progressive Coalition.

What the Barack Obama election campaign accomplished nationally in the general election victory was envisioned decades before by John Lindsay."...

[3rd Reader] "But failing to understand its own power potential the Grand Progressive Coalition surrendered to the escalating American conservative counter attack. The Coalition was temporarily divided and has been outmaneuvered in many elections at many levels for several decades..."

[4th Reader] Demographic changes automatically achieve nothing... [Only] Community organization and empowerment with groups bonding [set us on the path to fulfilling our mission]."

The Full Membership:

[no music]

We, who stood with Major

[chorus #1] For 30 years

[chorus #2] For 15 years

[chorus #3] For 7 years

[chorus #4] And his family

Honor our friends and welcome the newest cohort of Central Brooklyn elected officials to continue the legacy.

[Members raise their right arm in a fist as they recite the last line... Conductor turns to audience; and gestures to them to stand]

We invite you to stand with us.

"The Use of Power to Advocate on Behalf of the Powerless is the Greatest Virtue of Any Leader" Major Owens

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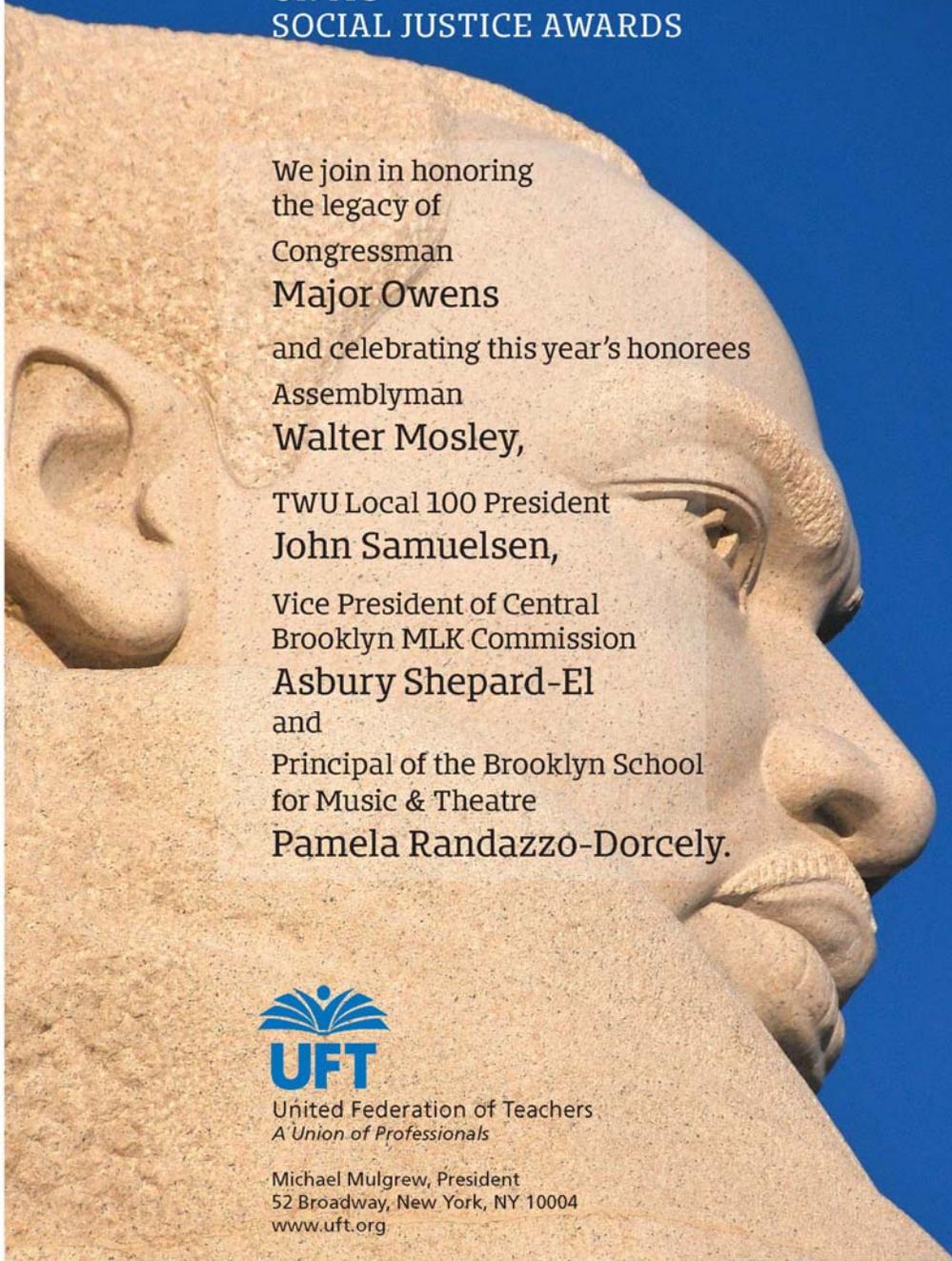


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We join in honoring
the legacy of
Congressman
Major Owens
and celebrating this year's honorees
Assemblyman
Walter Mosley,
TWU Local 100 President
John Samuelsen,
Vice President of Central
Brooklyn MLK Commission
Asbury Shepard-El
and
Principal of the Brooklyn School
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Pamela Randazzo-Dorcely.



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KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

October 14, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to send my greetings to the attendees of the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission's Social Justice Awards Dinner. The work you do honors the memory and mission of a great leader.

Since 1985, this commission has used the passion of its volunteers to educate and enhance the surrounding communities. By encouraging students to participate in essay writing, poetry, and art contests every year, the commission makes education engaging and interesting for Brooklyn's students.

Tonight, we honor Assemblyman Walter Mosley, TWU Local 100 President John Samuelsen, Brooklyn School for Music & Theater Principal Pamela Randazzo-Dorcely, and the commission's own Vice-president, Asbury Shepard-El. I commend your tireless work and passion for social justice, community building, and education.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening and many years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

October 14, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Central Brooklyn MLK Commission's Social Justice Awards.

New York has a long history of championing equal rights, inclusion, and opportunity for all our residents, and these core values are inseparable from the fabric that runs throughout our neighborhoods. As a civil rights activist and advocate for peace, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. shared these values, and organizations like the Central Brooklyn MLK Commission have ensured that his words and legacy will inspire and empower new generations. Since its founding in 1985 by the late Congressman Major R. Owens, the Commission has offered a variety of events, including art, poetry, and essay contests for students and college preparation programs, and also worked to advance social justice in Brooklyn and far beyond. I am proud to join in applauding all those gathered for continuing to honor the life, leadership, and wisdom of Dr. King as we work together to create a city where all can rise together.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to tonight's honorees. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
YVETTE D. CLARKE
9TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK



October 14, 2016

Greetings,

I would like to congratulate the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission as you celebrate the annual Social Justice Awards ceremony, honoring four distinguished individuals who have contributed enormously to the success of our diverse community.

On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, who continue to benefit from your invaluable contributions, I want to commend the honorees: New York State Assemblyman Walter Mosley, Transport Workers Union Local 100 President John Samuelson, Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission Vice President Asbury Shepard-El, and Brooklyn School for Music and Theater Principal Pamela Randazzo-Dorcely.

You have provided critical assistance to the people of Brooklyn, working to secure the rights protected in our Constitution and fulfill the promise of American life that, for many people, remains unfulfilled. Your commitment to civil rights offers an example that activists will continue to follow for generations. I commend you for your service to the public, and share my best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvette D. Clarke".

Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress



**ASSEMBLYMEMBER
JIM BRENNAN
CONGRATULATES**

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**ON YOUR 31ST
ANNIVERSARY**

**AND CELEBRATES THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS
OF THIS YEAR'S HONOREES**

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And We Congratulate All of the Social Justice Awards Honorees

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Salutes

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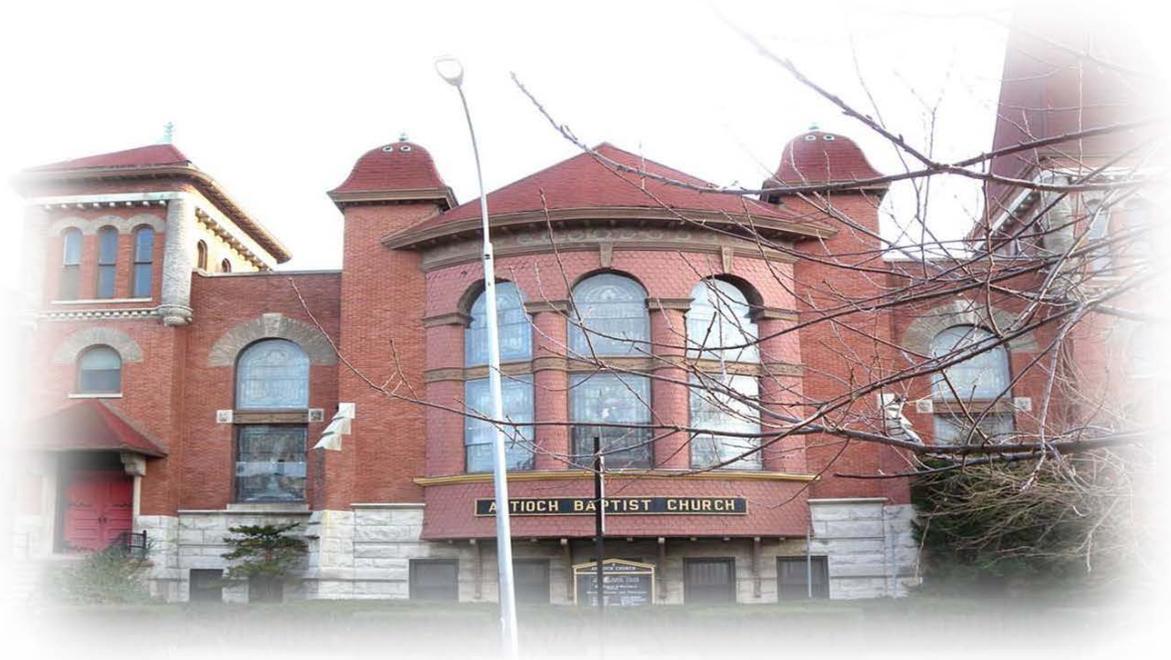
**Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission's
2016 Social Justice Awards**

and extends congratulations to

Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley, III

**Recipient of the
MLK/Lindsay Award for Social Justice**

***Mr. Mosley has demonstrated his strong commitment
to the principles of the
Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission,
which continues the legacy of its founder,
the late Congressman Major Owens.***



The Pastor, Joint Official Boards & The Members of
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Congratulate

BRO. ASBURY SHEPARD-EL

**1st Vice President & Past President of the
Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission**

and support the

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**“As a member of the MLK Commis-
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and the

2016

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**It is an honor and a pleasure to contribute to the legacy of our friend,
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**Asbury Shepard-El
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**Congratulations to
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*We appreciate
your long-standing service
to the late
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and the Central Brooklyn
Martin Luther King Commission.
We wish you
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***Congratulations,
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***Your family and
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**Best Wishes and Continued Success to the
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THE OWENS BROTHERS

The Owens Brothers congratulate the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission on another year of meaningful work with our young people and we congratulate the recipients of the 2016 Social Justice Awards. Thank you all for your service to social justice in Brooklyn and beyond.



We would like to thank, in particular, New York State Assemblymember Walter Mosley for taking an enduring personal interest in sustaining the legacy of our father, Congressman Major Owens.

We encourage everyone to become involved with the Commission's Art, Essay and Poetry contests — the submission deadline is November 4th — as well as the new College Prep program. The Commission may be a small-budget organization powered by volunteers, but it is an organization determined to build a better nation, state, city and borough for our young people.

The struggle continues ...



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