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## Image Works Presents: Hiring from the Sidelines

### 3-Day Workforce Professional Training Conference

Image Works, a professional development firm, will host its three-day workforce professional training conference, "Hiring from the Sidelines," on October 25-27, 2017. The conference is set to take place at the Thurgood Marshall Center in Washington, DC, located at 1816 Twelfth Street, NW.



Service Trainers, Social Workers, Job Coaches, Grant Writers, Program Managers and those working in a related field are encouraged to attend this informative conference. During the sessions, attendees will learn how to use different methods for providing professional/workforce development training, and learn how to improve connection and methodology to human services, workforce development and the overall development of people – plus so much more.

The purpose of the professional training conference is to assist workforce development and human service providers in creating an inspiring and transforming approach to human service delivery. Case Managers, Program Facilitators, Human

The conference speakers include: Kendra Smith, a Program Monitor and Motivational Speaker; Dr. Thomas Gordon, Founder & Principal of TAGA Consulting; Peter Harris, Artist Director, Inspiration House and Carla Harris, CEO, Image Works. To register, visit [www.isyourimageworking.com](http://www.isyourimageworking.com).



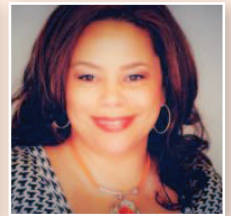
Kendra Smith



Dr. Thomas Gordon



Peter J. Harris



Carla Harris

## 7th Annual Women of Color Empowerment Conference

The Seventh Annual Women of Color Empowerment Conference has been rescheduled and is now set to take place October 20-22, 2017 at the Westin Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

The conference will focus on educating and motivating dynamic Women of Color to lead more effectively. In addition, the event will feature a phenomenal lineup of speakers including Congresswoman Maxine Waters, award-winning journalist, Tamron Hall and CNN Political Commentator, Angela Rye, among many others.

In past years, the leadership conference has been standing room only and has drawn federal, state and local leaders from all over the nation.



Tamron Hall



Rear Admiral (RADM)  
Sylvia Trent-Adams



Angela Rye



Bertha Henry



Tonjua Williams

Past speakers have included Trumpet Awards Founder Xernona Clayton; Judy Smith, noted crisis manager and the inspiration behind the hit television show *Scandal*; Africa Channel founder Paula Madison; MSNBC's Joy Reid; Congresswoman Donna Edwards; Judge Glenda Hatchett, African Ancestry Founder Gina Paige; Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince, media mogul Cathy Hughes, and so many other leaders. The conference has included panel discussions comprised of women news anchors; election experts, technology experts, top corporate executives, health experts and legal scholars. To register for the conference, visit [www.southfloridawomenofcolor.com](http://www.southfloridawomenofcolor.com).



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## POWER PROFILER: CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS

Elected in November 2016 to her fourteenth term in the U.S. House of Representatives with more than 76 percent of the vote in the 43rd Congressional District of California, Congresswoman Waters represents a large part of South Central Los Angeles.

Throughout her 37 years of public service, Maxine Waters has been on the cutting edge, tackling difficult and often controversial issues. She has combined her strong legislative and public policy acumen and high visibility in Democratic Party activities with an unusual ability to do grassroots organizing.

Prior to her election to the House of Representatives in 1990, Congresswoman Waters had already attracted national attention for her no-nonsense, no-holds-barred style of politics. During 14 years in the California State Assembly, she rose to the powerful position of Democratic Caucus Chair. She was responsible

for some of the boldest legislation California has ever seen: the largest divestment of state pension funds from South Africa; landmark affirmative action legislation; the nation's first statewide Child Abuse Prevention Training Program; the prohibition of police strip searches for nonviolent misdemeanors; and the introduction of the nation's first plant closure law.

Throughout her career, Congresswoman Waters has been an advocate for international peace, justice, and human rights.

Waters attended California State University at Los Angeles, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She began her career in public service as a teacher and a volunteer coordinator in the Head Start program. She is married to Sidney Williams, the former U.S. Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and is the mother of two adult children, Edward and Karen, and has two grandchildren.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This section is designed to keep you in the know and on the go. Check out some of the latest happenings in Black communities throughout the country this month.

### 16th Annual Florida Black Expo

Jacksonville, FL  
October 7, 2017  
Blackexposouth.com



Marvin Sapp



### Black Enterprise TechConneXt Summit

October 9-10, 2017  
Burlingame, CA  
Blackenterprise.com/techconnect



Brian Brackeen



Stefan Grant

Tristan Walker

Ryan Leslie

### SZA Live



SZA

October 12, 2017  
Charlotte, NC  
Ticketmaster.com

### HOT 105's Annual R&B Groove

October 14, 2017  
Miramar, FL  
Ticketmaster.com



Guy feat. Teddy Riley



Monica



Ginuwine



Jagged Edge



Jagged Edge

### Taste of Soul

October 21, 2017  
Los Angeles, CA  
Tasteofsoul.org



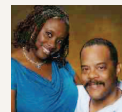
### Power 101.5's Power House NYC

October 26, 2017  
Brooklyn, NY  
Ticketmaster.com



### National Black Book Festival

October 26-28, 2017  
Houston, TX  
nationalblackbookfestival.com



David and Karen Brown



Greg Alan Williams



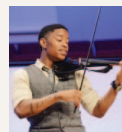
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