

# RESOURCE CENTER

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"Our goal for Nevada is to promote economic development of the state's communities, to encourage and support minority-owned businesses, to work for affordable housing initiatives, and to educate people about their financial rights and responsibilities," Gibson said. "The CDRC, in coordination with U.S. Bank and its products and services, will meet those goals, and more."

U.S. Bank of Nevada is honored to be selected by the NAACP in their first CDRC in the Western United States, according to Pete Landis, president and chief executive officer of U.S. Bank of Nevada.

"U.S. Bank's alliance with the NAACP provides an extraordinary opportunity for both of us to meet the needs of our diverse community, work actively together to aid the state's eco-



**NAACP Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., stressed the importance of the CDRC's presence in Nevada's communities.**

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omic development efforts, and educate consumers and business-people," said Landis.

"We strongly believe that this affiliation is the right thing to do for Nevada, and that with the CDRC in place, we have additional resources in our efforts to assess and meet community needs.

The CDRC will focus on consumer advocacy and education, offering assistance with:

- \* **Affordable housing**, including homes and commercial properties, as well as multi-family rehabilitation and construction.

- \* **Consumer lending**, from auto loans to home mortgages, with an emphasis on loans to consumers in low to moderate income neighborhoods.

- \* **Small businesses**, targeted to minority-owned business.

- \* **Economic development**, through projects that improve the quality of life in cooperation with local agencies that focus on underserved areas.

- \* **Public and private partnerships**, including participation in housing construction and community development lending partnerships.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., stressed the importance of the CDRC's presence in Nevada's communities. "The CDRC will reach out to businesses with direct, hands-on assistance, aggressive advertising, and personal contact with a wide variety of Nevadans," Chavis said.

The CDRC will employ three full-time individuals, who will work directly for the NAACP. These employees will have the task of carrying out the goals of the NAACP, U.S. Bank, and the CDRC, on a statewide basis,

according to Chavis.

In addition to assisting people with the U.S. Bank loan application process, the CDRC will offer credit and financial counseling for consumers and businesses.

Congressman Jim Bilbray praised the establishment of the CDRC in his congressional District. "The development of economic opportunities in our cities will only thrive through programs such as these," said Rep. Bilbray. "I commend U.S. Bank and the NAACP for their faith in Nevada and their commitment (See Resource Center, Pg 21)

## KING

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Also, two single mothers will be given \$500 awards to use toward a college education or vocational training.

Like his father, Martin Luther King III is a human rights advocate, community activist and political leader. He has been actively involved in world-wide humanitarian efforts to eliminate poverty and starvation, essential programs to nurture the personal, educational and skill development of youth and significant police initiatives to maintain the fair and equitable treatment of all citizens.

In 1986, Mr. King was elected to the seven member Fulton County Commission as an at-large representative. As a Commissioner, King drafted legislation which created the Contract Compliance/Equal Employment Opportunity Department. The Department regulates minority business participation in county contracts and ensures equal employment opportunities for all Fulton County employees. In 1990, Commissioner King was re-elected to the Fulton County Board. Later, his colleagues elected him to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. As Vice-Chair, King's initiatives included strengthening the personal income disclosure provision for County Commissioners, and restricting county employees and elected officials from soliciting business with the County for at least six months after the end of their tenure.

King received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta. He is a member of numerous civic, community and human rights organizations such as the

NAACP, National Association of County Officials and National Association of Black County Officials. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change. In addition, he has received numerous awards and commendations.

Martin L. King III, is the second oldest of the four children of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and played a major role in the successful lobbying effort to make his father's birthday a national holiday. He is a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia where he resides.

Proceeds from the \$20 luncheon fee will go to the scholarship fund.

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## HERB BROWN

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sets seized by federal law enforcement agencies.

Brown, 52, was the second person Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) selected for the 4-year post. Reid had also nominated 30 year-old Tony Ray Shaw, a Reno police officer, but Shaw withdrew from consideration for the position amid allegations of misconduct.

Brown succeeds U.S. Marshal John Robinson, 64, Las Vegas, who was appointed by former President Bush. From 1987 to 1993, Brown served as director of the Community Relations/Crime Prevention Bureau of the North Las Vegas Police Department.



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