



Black El Paso Democrats

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BLACK EL PASO DEMOCRATS REPORT TO THE EL PASO DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The BEPD allocated funds to member delegates/alternates to the State Democratic Convention to defray expenses as they journey to elect the first Black President of the United States of America (ea. Delegate was allocated \$300 and each alternate \$150).
2. The Organization acknowledged and awarded certificates to those who served honorably, respectfully and courageously against unfavorable odds and circumstances at the El Paso County Democratic Convention (Mike Torres, Lilly Ruiz, Tim Harvey on the Credentials Committee and Isela Castanon-Williams, John Chatman, Carlos Rivera and Don Williams on the Nominations Committee.)
3. John Padalino & Mike Torres were acknowledged for co-authoring and assisting on the Delegate Challenge that was filed.
4. It (BEPD) donated \$100.00 to the local Chapter of the NAACP to assist in hosting a reception for El Paso's first Black Police Chief, Greg Allen; and, approved subsidizing at least one Table (\$250.00) and a full-page Ad (\$100.00) for the NAACP Banquet in August 2008.
5. The Organization approved a \$1,000.00 donation to the McCalls Neighborhood Center Fundraising campaign.
6. A \$500.00 donation was made to the UTEP Multicultural Graduation Program and Reception held on May 9, 2008 where two of our student members attended and graduated. The Chair gave closing remarks.
7. A total of \$300.00 was allocated among the SDEC Committeewoman, Yoli Clay, the SDEC Committeeman, Michael Apodaca; and, the DNC Representative, Norma Fisher-Flores as a token of our appreciation and to help defray some of the personal expenses they incur in representing our interests at the state and national levels.
8. A committee was appointed to conduct a feasibility study to form another democratic organization or coalition to transcend the local divisions among the existing democratic clubs and to develop a more progressive, inclusive, effective coalition of democrats to lead in the future.

The last meeting welcomed the most impressive "non-candidate" joining of regular and associate members in any one meeting in our history.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Williams
Chair