



The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community - advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The Commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity for African Americans.

June 5, 2017

Next Public Commission Meeting: Friday, July 14, 2017, 1 — 4 PM, Yakima, Washington
Additional details forthcoming

NOW YOU KNOW
Loren Miller

Loren Miller, was a California Superior Court Justice for the county of Los Angeles appointed by former governor Edmund G Brown in 1964. However Miller, largely forgotten, argued some of the most historic civil rights cases ever heard before the U.S. Supreme Court. Alongside Thurgood Marshall, Loren Miller argued two landmark civil rights cases leading to decisions that effectively abolished racially restrictive housing covenants. Both men also played key roles in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. Miller wrote the majority of the appellate briefs in this landmark decision which ended legal segregation in public schools in the United States in 1954.

A Nebraska native born in 1903, Miller's family moved to Kansas where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Law. After practicing for a short time in Kansas, Miller moved to California to pursue his first interest; journalism. During the early 1930s, he moved to Los Angeles, publishing articles in the black weekly newspaper, the *California Eagle*, about blacks hard hit by the depression. His articles earned him much respect in the African American community and possibly spurred his decision to return to the practice of law. Admitted to the California State Bar in 1933, fellow lawyers would postpone their own cases to hear his dynamic and articulate court deliberations.

With the onset of WWII, many rural southern blacks seeking economic opportunity in California, encountered housing bias and discrimination. Restrictive racial covenants were used to keep migrants from purchasing or renting housing in certain areas. Miller won *Fairchild v. Raines*, a decision for a black family that bought a nonrestrictive lot but was sued by white neighbors anyway. He also represented Academy Award Winner Hattie McDaniel, Louise Beavers and Ethel Waters and other stars facing racial covenants when they moved to the "Sugar Hill" section of Los Angeles. The judge threw out the case declaring the covenants denied blacks rights granted to them under the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

Miller, was one of the two lawyers to join the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) legal team to challenge the constitutionality of the evacuation and internment of West Coast Japanese citizens and foreign nationals during WWII. He would later become a board member of the ACLU.

He spent years representing the interests of low-income clients in housing discrimination lawsuits and was openly critical of the Federal Housing Authority declaring they fostered a "Jim Crow" policy that kept blacks confined to ghettos. In 1948, Miller teamed with Thurgood Marshall in *Shelley v. Kraemer* in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared that racial covenants on property cannot be enforced by the courts. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld and expanded upon their previous ruling when Miller argued a similar covenant case in 1953.

Sources: aaregistry.org; BlackPast.org; Wikipedia.org

State Board of Education hosts Multi-Cultural Perspectives on Career Readiness

Join the Washington State Board of Education in Spokane for a forum on July 11 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Spokane Convention Center, Room 401A.

The board has identified closing the opportunity gap for students of color to be one of its ongoing priorities. The goal is to have participants work together to create a shared understanding of what it means for students to be ready for life after high school, identify existing supports and barriers to postsecondary readiness for students of color in the K-12 system and to help the State Board of Education develop equitable policies to support career readiness for all students.

This is the third forum in a series of discussions to be held across the state over the next few months. Translation services are available by contacting SBE@k12.wa.us. To accommodate as many persons as possible, please RSVP [here](#).

If a quorum of Board members are present, this will be a public meeting per RCW 42.30.030

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Festival Sundiata

Saturday June 10 & Sunday June 11, 2017
Seattle Center, Seattle Washington



REGION X

Dr. Charles Horne, President
(253) 861.3969
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- Training Sessions:**
- Financial Literacy
 - Effective Leadership
 - Health and Wellness
 - Effective Oral and Written Communication

ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Annual Training Conference will begin Friday, June 23, 2017, at 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Cost per attendee is \$95.00. Scholarships are available for college students. The cost to attend the luncheon only is \$20.00.

The Region X Council meeting will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:00 AM.

The Governor's House Hotel cost per night is \$103.00. Please contact Karen Robinson or Charles Horne for additional information. Join us!

Governor's House Hotel
621 Capitol Way | Olympia, WA 98501
(360) 352.7700

CALL TO ARTISTS
2017 Summer of Murals



THEME - International District

The Clark County Mural society will partner up with the City of Vancouver and Fourth Plain Forward to celebrate the diverse cultures of the Fourth Plain Corridor "International District." The Fourth Plain Corridor is a socially and economically diverse community, and has long been known as Vancouver's "International District." Diversity is reflected in the residents that live and work nearby, and in the businesses that line the corridor, including restaurants that serve international cuisine, ethnic food markets, and culturally specific service providers. Like the businesses mentioned above, competitive submissions will reflect the diverse culture heritage of the area, and connect with and/or celebrate the international food, culture, music, art, and heritage of Fourth Plain residents.

DETAILS

Compensation - \$3,000 per mural

Time Line - Final Entry Deadline: June 19th. Artist Announced: June 23rd.
Painting to Begin: June 30th. Painting Completed: August 18th.

WALL LOCATIONS

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Wall 1
2516 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. - Anderson Glass
Westside of building | 
Wall 2
2818 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. - Grey Building
Eastside of building | 
Wall 3
2516 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. - Discount Doors
Westside of building | 
Wall 4
5910 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. - International Plaza |
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SUBMISSIONS

Artist wishing to participate to submit a full colored sketch with a minimum of a paragraph explanation of representation of sketch/mural concept. Submission to include artist name, email, and phone number by entry deadline of June 19th, 2017.

Email - info@ccmurals.org

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Strong Hearts, Strong Communities

June 28, 2017
9:00am to 2:30pm
Renton Technical College



RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE **ROBERTS CAMPUS CENTER**
June 28, 2017 9:00am to 2:30pm

A one day workshop to: increase awareness of the impact of heart health issues on diverse populations build capacity among public health professionals to better support diverse communities in the area of heart health.

- Topics:
Atrial Fibrillation
Million Hearts 2022 Initiative
Oral Health and Heart Disease
Panel on Engaging with Diverse Communities on Chronic Disease
Community Nutrition

Free Admission! Lunch will be provided. [Register Here!](#)

ETHNIC FEST 2017 July 29-30, Wright Park, Tacoma



Since 1986 Ethnic Fest has grown to become the largest celebration of culture and community in Tacoma. Voted the best festival of the South Sound; this year Ethnic Fest takes place Saturday-Sunday, July 29-30, from Noon to 7:00pm at historic Wright Park in Tacoma, WA. This family-friendly, free festival has grown in size and hosts Kid's Zones, multiple entertainment stages, as well as numerous specialty arts & crafts, food and informational vendors. You are invited to apply to participate in Ethnic Fest and join us in celebrating 30 years of culture, community and festivities.

Now accepting applications for vendors and performers. For more information, go to EthnicFest.org

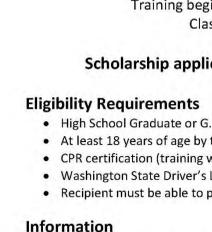
Ethnic Fest 2017
Saturday July 29 — Sunday July 30 2017
Noon to 7:00 PM
Wright Park
S.Yakima & S. 6th Street
Tacoma, WA

Umoja Fest brings the soul to Seafair! Celebrating the best of the African American community and African Diaspora culture in northwest featuring Music, Food, Culture and family fun! Attractions include the Africatown Heritage Parade featuring dance troops and drill teams, Children's Day & Family Fun Village, Soul N The Park, Afrobeat & Roots Stage, Heal The Hood Basketball Tournament & Hip Hop 4 Peace stage and delicious flavors of the African diaspora from restaurants and food trucks, vendor marketplace and community resource Fair and more!

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listed are a few of the newest employment announcements. A more comprehensive list of jobs is available on webpage—www.caa.wa.gov. Resources and job fair information for job seekers available at worksource.wa.com. Click on 'career tools' and 'workshops and hiring events' for timely, state-wide information.

- Washington State Attorney General's Office Communications Director Seattle or Olympia, closing 6/8/2017
- Washington State Department of Corrections www.jobs.doc.wa.gov.
Corrections Officers (ITS 5) keyword Bl. Open continuous; **Keyword CO1**. Open continuous;
Business Intelligence (ITS 5) keyword Bl. Open continuous; **Database Administrator (ITS 5)** open continuous
- Washington State Department of Health **Deputy Secretary for Public Health Operation/Chief Health Equity Officer**
- Washington State Department of Social and Health Services **Community Service Office Administrator**, closing 6/25/2017
- Washington State Department of Transportation **Paralegal** closing 6/25/2017
- City of Tacoma Fire Maintenance Electrician closing 6/12/2017
- South Puget Sound Community College [openings](#)



Public Health
Seattle & King County

Have you ever considered being an
Emergency Medical Technician for a Fire Department or a Private Ambulance company?

The S.T.A.R. Program
(Strategic Training and Recruitment Program)

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training opportunities for individuals who excel at working in diverse communities. We encourage people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, and veterans to apply and help us better represent communities we serve.

Training begins Sept 6th and will last for 14 weeks
Class location to be determined

Scholarship application deadline: Monday, July 31, 2017

Eligibility Requirements

- High School Graduate or G.E.D.
- At least 18 years of age by the first day of class.
- CPR certification (training will be provided prior to start of class).
- Washington State Driver's License.
- Recipient must be able to provide transportation to and from class and clinical site.

Information

- Emergency Medical Services Division will supply needed equipment.
- The selected candidates must have selected immunizations. Arrangements can be made with to acquire these.

For an application or additional information contact
Andrew Burns: (206) 263-8743 or by e-mail: andrew.burns@kingcounty.gov