



Washington State Commission On

# African American Affairs

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## Max Robinson

Maxie "Max" Robinson served as co-anchor on ABC *World News Tonight* from 1978 until 1983. He is considered the first African American broadcast network news anchor in the U.S. He was also a founder of the National Association of Black Journalists.

His career began in 1959 when hired by a television station in Portsmouth, Virginia and assigned to read the news behind a screen displaying the station's logo so viewers would not discover he was Black. One night, Robinson had the screen removed during a broadcast and was fired the next day.

Robinson began working for Washington D.C.'s WRC-TV in 1967. He became a favorite of viewers; during a hostage situation, the captors would only communicate with him. His work won him six journalism awards for his coverage of civil-rights events. He left the station in 1978 to join a new three-anchor format for ABC's *World News Tonight*: Robinson anchored national news from Chicago while Peter Jennings and Frank Reynolds covered London and Washington D.C., respectively. The format was a ratings success as the three would pitch coverage to each other. Robinson became the first Black man to anchor a nightly network news broadcast. He sported three-piece suit, a close-cropped Afro and his good looks could have easily made him a male fashion model. However, behind the scenes, things weren't so rosy: Robinson often criticized ABC management's negative portrayal of Black America in the news. He and another journalist founded a mentoring program for young black youth interested in communications. Robinson left ABC in 1983 and retired two years later in 1985.

# VOTE

Tuesday,  
August 4, 2020

## Be an Agent for Change

Tuesday's State Primary will determine the two candidates who will qualify for the November 3rd General Election in races all across the state. Please do your civic duty and vote.

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email to schedule an appointment



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**AHANA has been contracted by the Washington State Department of Commerce Small Business Resiliency Assistance Program to assist and provide technical support for small businesses in underserved and underrepresented communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Technical support and assistance may include:**

- **Navigational and technical assistance with contracts and applications**
  - **Translating and distributing information**
  - **Mentorship, education and/or training**
- **Planning for recovery and reopening and support of their workforce**

**These services are available through August 31, 2020.**

**Contact:**

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# Knowledge is Power

Children's Book  
Giveaway Program



**Black Lives Matter. Black Books Matter. As we strive to have a more just society, books that celebrate Black children and Black lives are more important than ever. And with continued school and library closures due to Covid, literacy and educational empowerment programs are needed more than ever.**

**Each month, NAAM will give away books to local K-12 children through family friendly and school-based youth events within the community. We've curated books that will teach children the rich history of Black Americans. These books center, reflect, and affirm Black children, and are written and illustrated by Black authors and artists, with amazing learning within. Give the gift of knowledge and make a powerful impact on a child's life.**

**Saturday, August 8 10am - 2pm  
with Clean Greens Farm & Market  
New Hope Missionary Baptist  
Church (Outdoors!)  
124 21st Ave. Seattle Central  
District**

The City of Kent's Equity and Inclusion Speaker Series presents Erin Jones: Critical Terminology  
Recognized by the White House as a "Champion of Change" in 2013, Erin Jones has been a leading voice on educational equity and inclusion  
Her presentation will help deepen understanding of terms like "diversity," "equality vs. equity," "race vs. ethnicity vs. culture" and other terms relevant to conversations on race and equity



CITY OF KENT

# Equity & Inclusion

SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, August 13 @ 7 PM  
This event is FREE and for the public  
Please click on the following link to register

# Let the STRINGS Speak UJIMA

## Together Restoring Hope

LIVE STREAM

Saturday, August 22, 2020 | 4:00 PM PST

Ujima, pronounced oo-JEE-mah means "collective work and responsibility."

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humanity, the  
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### SCHEDULED TO APPEAR

Mona Terry-Harp, Lesa Terry-Violin, Munyungo Jackson-Percussion, Karen Briggs-Violin  
Kelle J. Brown-Griot, Josephine Howell-Vocals, Evan Flory-Barnes-Bass, AJ Fanning-Cello  
Lanny Hartley-Piano, Reginald Goodjoin-Bass, Otieno Terry-Vocals  
Nyla Goodjoin-Vocals, Brooklyn Briggs-Vocals, Keon Price-Dancer

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# EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

To see the full announcement, click on the links.  
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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Constituent Services Representative. Recruitment will be used to fill multiple positions. Apply now!

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES openings

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE openings

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS openings

Executive Management, Assistant Secretary of Health Services Division. Tumwater, WA. Open until filled  
Chief of Psychiatry. Tumwater, WA. Open continuous

## WASHINGTON STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT openings

Director of Budget, Olympia, WA. Open continuous

## WASHINGTON STATE FISH & WILDLIFE openings

## OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Policy Analyst, Health Care Focus. Olympia, WA. First review of applications 8/9/2020

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES openings

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES openings

## WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

Various career options. Learn more at [wsp.wa.gov](http://wsp.wa.gov)

## WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Welder. Seattle, WA. Closing 8/9/2020

## COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES (Pierce and Thurston Counties) current openings

## KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Senior Housing Specialist. Tukwila, WA. Closing 8/6/2020

## CITY OF SEATTLE openings

Citywide Benefits Leader. Seattle, WA. Closing 8/18/2020

## CITY OF BELLEVUE openings

## CITY OF TACOMA openings

## CITY OF LAKEWOOD openings

## CITY OF OLYMPIA - Public Records Specialist. Olympia, WA. Open continuous

## KING COUNTY openings

Clerk Administrative Specialist, Multiple locations in King County, WA. Closing 8/12/2020

## PIERCE COUNTY openings

## SPOKANE COUNTY openings

## CLARK COUNTY openings

## SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE openings

## OLYMPIC COLLEGE openings

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE openings