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Dear Members of the TABCCM and Black Local Elected Officials:

The Mission Statement of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) is as follows: *a membership organization that Facilitates, Advocates and Educates for its membership, communities and Texas Municipal League (TML).*

In order to carry out our mission we will be moving forward to improve communication with our members and other Black City Council Members through our Board and Membership Meetings, Workshops, Regional Membership Meetings and the TABCCM Quarterly Newsletter.

We will attempt to have workshops that are relevant to the needs of the membership and Black City Council Members.

We have rescheduled our next Board and Membership Meeting for January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Austin at the Texas Municipal League (TML) office. Our goals at the January meeting are:

- Address our Mission Statement and goals for TABCCM organization
- Review and approve the budget
- Identify priority workshop topics for the year
- Provide training for regional directors and set schedule for regional meetings and training sessions.

The workshop in January will be on Ethics for Local Elected Officials and Avoiding Ethics Traps. Most of the members thought this was a topic that many new and seasoned Black City Council Members needed to ensure that they operated on an open and transparent basis. You will be able to get all of the questions addressed that you have asked, but have not received a clear understanding from an expert in the field.

If you are not a member of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, but would like to know more about TABCCM or attend the training session; we would like to encourage you to join us. If you wish to take out a membership; you are welcome to become part of the TABCCM Family. For more information about becoming a member of TABCCM please go to, <http://www.txabccm.org/join.html>.

We look forward to seeing you at the TML office in Austin on January 8<sup>th</sup> and/or 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Sincerely,

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**FRANKLIN D. MOSS, PRESIDENT**

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