



MTA Board Chair and County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke joins with African American Employees Association officers following Black History Month luncheon. From left, Carol Martin, Supervisor Burke, Jerry Kiper, and Naomi Nightingale.

Supervisor Burke Urges Participation in 2000 Census During Speech at Black History Month Luncheon

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(Feb. 17) Warning that the "future of full representation" is at stake, County Supervisor and MTA Board Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, in a speech Wednesday, urged a vigorous participation in the nation's 2000 census.

Burke's remarks were delivered to a standing-room-only crowd at the African-American Employees Association's Black History Month luncheon.

"Allocations of funding are based on population, but more than money is at stake," she said, "So is transportation, the reapportionment of districts and adequate representation in local and national government."

Praised employees' achievements

Supervisor Burke lauded past achievements and contributions of the MTA's African American employees and others in Los Angeles. She said an important part of her mission on the Board is to support training opportunities to help minorities develop expertise and gain access to full upward mobility in transportation agencies across the nation.

The African American Employees Association supports professional development within the MTA. The group sponsors events that celebrate African American culture throughout the year.

For membership information and a schedule of coming events, contact Jerry Kiper at 922-7323 or Carol Martin at 922-3048.

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