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President Hamilton takes part in West Coast panel discussion on inclusive economic growth

Event in Sacramento part of cooperative initiative involving NBA's Bucks and Kings

Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton took part in a panel discussion today in Sacramento focused on identifying ways for making an economic renaissance in one or more areas have positive "legs" to lift up other challenged areas.

President Hamilton was joined on the panel by **Cassandra Jennings**, President and CEO, Greater Sacramento Urban League and founding member, Build.Black. Coalition. Tabbed "**An Inclusive Economic Renaissance**," the panel was held at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento as part of the daylong "**Team Up for Change**" event hosted by the **Sacramento Kings** and the **Milwaukee Bucks**.

The partnership, led by the Kings, aims to unite, inspire and activate community leaders, law enforcement and youth advocates from Sacramento and Milwaukee by highlighting local and national perspectives from innovators and experts who are advocates for social justice and equality. With a focus on the intersection between sports, race and the pursuit of more equitable communities, "Team Up for Change" seeks to serve as a model for how sports teams can address issues of injustice in their respective cities.

President Hamilton said the panel discussion showed many similarities and some differences in Milwaukee and Sacramento's experience with economic inclusivity, development, and other challenges. "I am very grateful to have been a part of the discussion and the conversation as we addressed the successes, challenges and areas of opportunity to create an inclusive economic renaissance in our communities," he said.

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“It’s no secret that Milwaukee has had an incredible downtown renaissance and boom that needs to spread to historically disinvested neighborhoods, and Sacramento has had some of those same issues,” he said.

“I want to thank the Bucks and the Kings for the opportunity to share and engage with leaders and innovators in this field. I’m looking forward to sharing what I’ve learned with my colleagues and partners upon my return,” President Hamilton said.

A Kings news release notes that the “Team Up for Change” program will include engaging speakers and a “Breaking Bread” luncheon – featuring a keynote conversation with Antwan “Big Boi” Patton (Grammy award-winning rapper, songwriter and producer – best known for being a member of the hip hop duo Outkast) – all designed to lift up voices working toward meaningful outcomes that encourage positive change. Mr. Patton founded the Big Kidz Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing socially conscious youth.