

MAYOR DENIS LAW



"The purpose of this pastoral group is to facilitate a frank and open dialogue about how we can encourage and improve communication, involvement, understanding, trust and respect in the Renton community in general, and more specifically between the Renton Police Department and the African-American community in Renton."

City of Renton Mayor

REV. DR. LINDA SMITH



"We are very pleased to join with the City of Renton to be the change we want to see in our community. We believe that change will mirror what 'justice for all' looks like to the world.

Our goal is to engage our community, educate our youth, strengthen relationships with law enforcement, and review and revise policies and practices to promote equity."

Executive Director & Pastor at SKY Urban Empowerment Center, RAAP Team Lead

CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH



"As law enforcement leaders, each of us has an essential obligation and unique opportunity to ensure fairness, eliminate bias, and build community engagement. Our partnership with the

African-American pastors and other major faith community leaders in Renton allows us to build on the pioneering work we are already doing to emphasize inclusion and equity in our city."

City of Renton Police Chief, RAAP Team Lead

MEMBERS

- R. Marthel Barlow** MLK Memorial Baptist Church
- Toni Booker** MLK Memorial Baptist Church
- Michael Booker** MLK Memorial Baptist Church
- Jay Covington** Mayor's Office, Team Support
- William Crockett** MLK Memorial Baptist Church
- Ken Curl** MLK Memorial Baptist Church
- Benita Horn** Benita R. Horn & Associates, Facilitator
- George Houston** Living Hope Christian Fellowship
- Sheila Houston** Living Hope Christian Fellowship
- Harry Johnson** Kingdom Christian Center
- Kevin Keyes** Renton Police Department
- Lyndon McKinney** SKY Urban Empowerment Center
- Kevin Milosevich** Renton Police Department, Team Lead
- Gail Mullen** Victorious Life Christian Center
- Helen Orme** Shekinah Glory Tabernacle
- Joe Palmer** Follow the Light Koinonia Church
- Jon Schuldt** Renton Police Department
- Preeti Shridhar** Mayor's Office, Team Support
- Dr. Linda Smith** SKY Urban Empowerment Center, Team Lead
- Michael Thomas** Radiant Church
- Ed VanValey** Renton Police Department
- Carl Vinson** MLK Memorial Baptist Church

REAL ISSUES, REAL SOLUTIONS

The Reverend Dr. Linda Smith
425-221-1504

Renton Police Department
425-430-7500

City of Renton Mayor's Office
425-430-6500



RAAP

A Partnership between
the City of Renton and the
Renton African-American
Pastoral Group



REAL ISSUES REAL SOLUTIONS



Workshops on Education, Social Issues, Law & Justice, and Employment



Cops, Kids and Teens Youth Day

MISSION

- » Conduct a series of regular face-to-face discussions to strategize and identify barriers and opportunities within the City of Renton.
- » Develop and/or host workshops, trainings and open houses to educate and empower the community to work in collaboration with each other.
- » Develop an ongoing forum for improving communication, understanding, trust and mutual respect.
- » Be a visible presence in the community to work to resolve conflicts in a meaningful and respectful manner.
- » Solicit ideas and means to aid the city in its efforts to recruit and hire a more diverse workforce.

VISION

Create a community of trust through collaborative efforts and partnerships with African-American Pastoral leaders, Police Department and Mayor's office.

PURPOSE

Identify barriers and opportunities that will aid the city in achieving both the short-term and long-term goal of becoming an informed, inclusive city with opportunities for all.



Workshops on Education, Social Issues, Law & Justice, and Employment

ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015

JANUARY 19: Living Hope Christian Fellowship: Martin Luther King Jr. Event

MARCH 16: First meeting; Charter adopted

APRIL 20: RPD procedures; Use of Force clarification; draft letter explaining purpose of group

JUNE 20: Community Dialogue: "Focus on Youth"

JUNE 24: Renton Reporter article: Community Dialogue

SEPTEMBER 21: Q&A from Community Dialogue emailed to participants and posted on City of Renton website

OCTOBER 19: First prayer to provide visibility and support

NOVEMBER 11: Community Dialogue: "Focus on Parents"

DECEMBER 1: Summary of Action Items

DECEMBER 21: Holiday Social Event

2016

FEBRUARY 15: Community Dialogue: "Real Issues, Real Solutions: Workshops on Education, Social Issues, Law & Justice, and Employment"

FEBRUARY 17: Renton Reporter article: Community Dialogue

FEBRUARY 21: SKY Church, Black History Month program: "Let's Talk" involving Renton Police officers

MARCH: MLK Memorial Baptist Church forum: Commander Kevin Keyes and Officer Corey Jacobs

APRIL 9: Cops, Kids and Teens Youth Day

JULY 4: City of Renton 4th of July Celebration information table