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Dear IDAAC Member,

Last year IDAAC enjoyed a banner year because of your support. We request your continued support based on the promise of an even more successful year in 2009. Last year we had a number of first which included placing the slate in the Indianapolis Recorder, working with media partners to get Democratic candidates media exposure, as well as a televised public forum on two key issues facing the Indianapolis community, we have also established a weekly e-newsletter which reports happenings within the Democratic community and Indianapolis as a whole reaching hundreds of engaged citizens.

But more than what people could see we engaged in the hard work of community organizing and grassroots engagement when no one was around. An aggressive voter registration campaign throughout Marion County, at Lafayette square mall, the Marion County jail, numerous churches and community events resulted in thousands of registered voters. We hosted forums on child support; meet the candidate events, as well as collaboration with area churches to get out the vote. We walked with candidates and attended fundraisers to show our support. We truly believe Democracy is Not a Noun....It is a Verb!

As the premier grassroots organization within Democratic Party for getting previously apolitical people involved in the party apparatus, we are looking to expand our efforts in the community. We will accomplish this with timely forums on important issues, engagement of the media on behalf of Democratic policy positions, and aggressive recruitment of individuals interested in learning more about advancing positive public policy. The purpose of the organization remains to get African Americans involved in the political process.

I also need to inform the membership that I have asked Myla Eldridge to coordinate our precinct committeemen efforts. As a caucus we want our members to be involved at all levels of the process and there is no more important position within the party than precinct committeemen. As a result of this new assignment we will have an election for Treasurer at our Feb 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you are interested in pursuing the position please email [info@idaacindy.org](mailto:info@idaacindy.org) to request the bylaws which state the position responsibilities.

I have included an outline of some of our activities from last year in hopes that you will find our efforts worthy of support. Please join us in supporting strong Democrats and positive public policy. Membership with the organization is \$25. Checks can be made payable to IDAAC and mailed to P.O Box 2926 Indianapolis, IN 46206. Of course we would love to have you at our next meeting Feb 14, 2009 at the Julia Carson building at 10am for members and 11am for the community at large.

We have enclosed business cards with meeting times and location as well as our website address and other vital information. Feel free to pass these out to friends!

Thanks,

Marshawn Wolley  
President  
IDAAC-Indy

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## IDAAC and the Democratic Party

- Successful Candidates from IDAAC-Indy chapter for County and State Legislature
- Voter registration throughout the county
- IDAAC members worked polls and volunteered on election day
- Represented Democratic perspective and political analysis on *Amos Brown Show*
- IDAAC had an "Obama fellow"
- IDAAC provided logistical and contact information for the Obama campaign

## IDAAC Internal

- Number of Elected Officials joined the caucus
- IDAAC-Indy Chapter members, elected President and Secretary to State IDAAC Executive Board
- Reinstated committee structure within the organization
- Held regular membership and community meetings
- Met or had an event for every month of the 2008 year
- Moved to a new room to accommodate higher attendance
- Sponsored non-political events (Child Support Forum and Education Town Hall Forum)
- 300% increase in revenue

## IDAAC External

- Put the slate in the *Indianapolis Recorder*
- IDAAC candidates on the front page of the *Indianapolis Recorder*
- Aired radio advertisements on the *Amos Brown Show*
- Appeared on *Unity in the Community*
- Appeared on the *Abdul in the Morning Show*
- Provided an interview to *Channel 8*
- Media attended two IDAAC meetings
- Produced weekly newsletter that informs the community about Democratic and community events
- Invited elected officials to the *Indiana Black Expo Elected and Appointed Officials Reception*
- Cosponsored GOTV rally downtown with Indiana Black Expo and local churches

