

"The BCC Business Development Forum"



February 21, 2011

Dear Member,

The **Black Chamber of Commerce** of Lake County (BCCLC) would like to announce "**The BCC Business Development Forum**" with the President & CEO, Arthur J. Gass Sr.

To effectively advocate for member businesses, the BCCLC will host "**The BCC Business Development Forum**". A face to face fact-finding hearing for Chamber members who are interested in growing and developing their companies. These hearings are designed for you to share the problems and obstacles you may be encountering as small business owners. The purpose of the forum is so that the President can advocate strategically on behalf of entrepreneurs and small businesses at the local, municipality, state and federal levels.

The Black Chamber of Commerce of Lake County is the catalytic agency that brings together all the forces, both public and private, through which common goals can be resolved.

The basic mission of the BCCLC is to create and promote a climate where African-American and all businesses and industry can operate in a productive and profitable manner to stimulate **economic growth and development** within the community we serve.

The State of Illinois like the rest of the country has struggled with how to reverse the growing crisis among our people. Therefore, the BCCLC was formed to strategically address these and other ills within the communities we live and work.

"**The BCC Business Development Forum**" will launch March 7, 2011. The hearings will take place twice each month to address your concerns, consisting of six (6) members grouped by industry. Concerns will be compiled and delivered as a published document to our **elected officials** and other business and **community leaders** who represent Lake County.

If you would like to be a guest of the Business Development Forum, please contact Lydia Lewis, Director of Small Business Development at (847) 599-9526 or email communication to lydia.lewis@bccoflakecounty.com with your area of interest and contact information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Gass Sr.".

Arthur J. Gass Sr.

President & CEO
Black Chamber of Commerce of Lake County