



# Pasadena Sister Cities Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Subcommittee



## Progress Report – September 11, 2023



PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE					
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**Gary L. Moody, Chair**

Dakar-Plateau-Senegal Sub-Committee

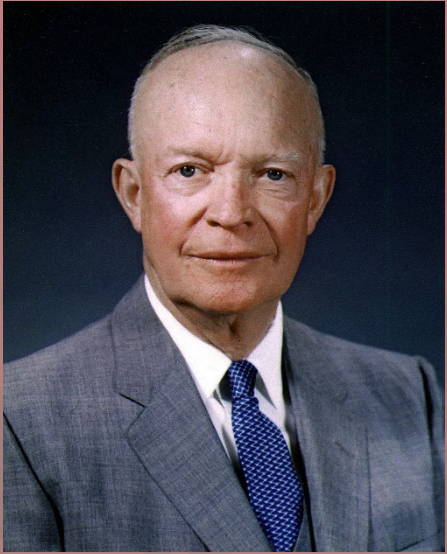
**Boualem Boussaloub**

Immediate Past Chair

Mr. Boussaloub worked alongside the Hon. John J. Kennedy  
to achieve your positive vote in establishing this  
Sister City relationship on the African continent







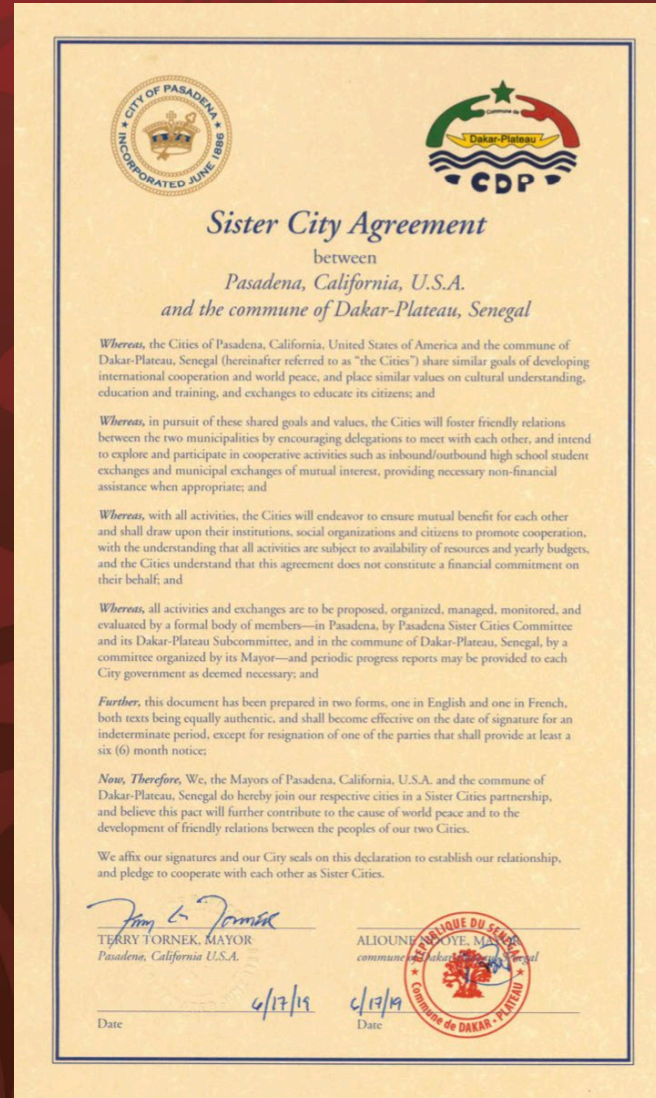
*President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the Sister Cities program in 1956 to achieve international peace through a people-to-people concept of twinning U.S. cities with foreign communities all over the globe. His hope was that through goodwill, understanding, and helping other cultures we would ensure a world of peace.*

Our goals and objectives are in compliance with President Dwight D. Eisenhower's vision, and we are working to make PSCC a respected non-profit entity.





# Thank you for your unanimous vote in 2018 and in 2019 for signing the Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Sister City agreement which was an historical event!



Thank you, to the late Councilmember John J. Kennedy for your leadership!





# Executive Team

2023



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*Vice-Chair*



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# Our subcommittee membership is 119 strong

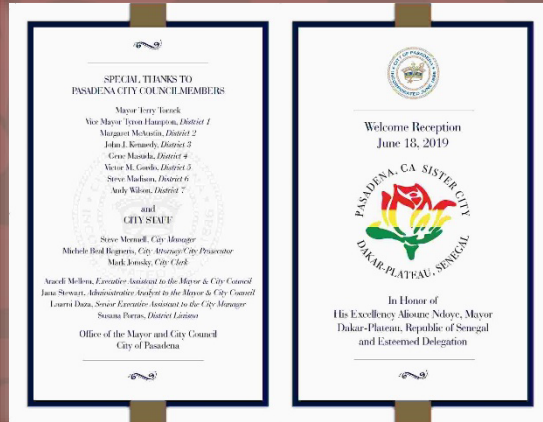
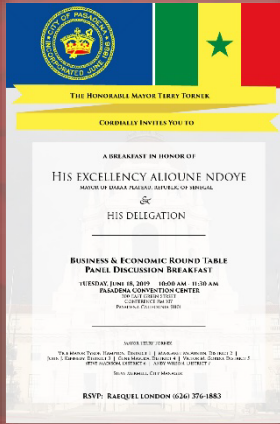
## Some members are with us today in the audience


Michelle Bailey	Prentice Deadrick	Geraldine S. Kennedy	Marilyn Mordecai	Treasure Sheppard
Rev. Kenny Baker	Hilda Delgado	Jonathan Kennedy	Christopher Morey, Sr.	Kristina Smith
Danny Bakewell, Jr.	Ann Diederich	Kari-Samoya Kennedy	Christopher	Cheryl Storm
Meredith Beal	Michael Dolphin	Lena Louise Kennedy	Morey (student)	Alma Stokes
Monet Bagneris	Camille Dudley	Shantell Kennedy	Savannah Morey (student)	Marcia A. Talbert
Totress Beasley	Jackie Dupont-Walker	India Keys	Tyesa Morey	Makia Talbert (student)
Chrystina Black (student)	Allen Edson	Julien Kirui (student)	Beverly Morgan-Sandoz	Mya Taylor
Char Bland	Elizabeth Ellis	Maryetta Knox	Andra Engler Morseburg	Shirley Taylor
Beverly Bogar	James Farr	Brandon Lamar	Linda Offray	Gina Tervalon
Carla Boykin	Joann Forte	Cornelius Lee	Tunisia Offray	Elise Tervalon (student)
Kalisha Boykin	Gerald Freeny	Eleanor Lee	Danny Parker	Katy Townsend
Boualem Bouseloub	Torie Frierson	Gloria Leufroy	Tara Peterson	Chris Walker
Verda Bradley	Martin Gordon	Dianne Lewis	Donny Potter	Sandra Walker
Melvin Brewster	Dr. Lawton Gray	Raequel London	Joy Potter	Sondra Ware
Stephanie Brewster-Spruill	Jouslynn Griffin	Anne Lyles	Luna Pulliam (student)	Barbara Washington
DeWalt Brown	Phillis Griffin	Regina Majors	Stella Pulliam	Craig Washington
Leslie Ann Caldwell	Sandi Hamilton	Elise Mallory	Alicia Randall (student)	Jana West
Sharon Calkin	Patricia Harris	Patrice Marshall-McKenzie	Dr. Ayesha Randall	Juanita West-Tillman
Cynthia Cannady	Connor Henderson	Tommye Martin	Tina Rios	Lynnette West-Cater
Taliba Carr	Cathrine James	Shomari Maynard	Karin Robinson-Smith	David Williams
Eileen Carter	Kenny James	Pastor Anthony McFarland	Kevin Robertson	Cortez Wilks
Ron Carter	Janice Marie Johnson	Dr. Micheline McFarland	Shanica Robertson	Mrs. Samella Yarbrough
Phyllis Chestang	Denise Jones	Barbara McPheeters	Gabriel Rosemond	
Marna Cornell	Troy Jones	Manuella Milton	Sue Rubin	
Viviana Criadi	Steven Jordon	Robert Milton	Aaron Shakoor	
Roseline Dauphin	Dianne Kennedy	Gary Moody	Delores Shakoor	





# In 2019, we hosted many celebratory events highlighting the best of Pasadena with our new Sister City Delegation



  
 The Dakar-Plateau Sister City Committee  
 Welcomes  
 His Excellency Alioune Ndiaye, Mayor  
 Dakar-Plateau, Republic of Senegal  
 and  
 The Senegalese Delegation  
 at  
 Alkebu-lan Cultural Center  
  
 Receiving Line  
 The Loyola S.T.A.R. African Drum & Dance Ensemble  
 Choreographer, Jan Blount  
  
 PROGRAM  
 Welcome by  
 The Honorable Terry Tornek, Mayor  
 The Honorable Tyron Hampton, Vice-Mayor  
 The Honorable John J. Kennedy, Councilmember  
  
 Introductions by  
 Dianne Lewis & Riea Owens  
  
 Poem by Hazel Harrison  
  
 Solo Dance Performance by Elizabeth Ellis  
  
 Featured Artist:  
 Christen Austin, Chukes, Sam Pace, Riea Owens & Linda Ternoir  
  
 Musical Entertainment:  
 Flautist, David Crawford performed Prelude  
 AACMSO Piano Trio, Professor Janise White, Kevin Torfeh & David Crawford



## THANK YOU!!

What a glorious historic evening we all experienced on Monday, August 27 at the Pasadena City Hall Council Chambers! Our amazing, collective show of support resulted in a unanimous vote to accept Dakar-Plateau, Senegal as a Pasadena Sister City.

We know it was inconvenient for those who were unable to enter the chambers, and we thank you for your patience and understanding while standing outside the chambers or viewing from the overflow rooms in the basement. Your commitment to the community is not taken lightly and we want to express our humble gratitude to all our supporters who were unable to enter the Council Chambers. Please accept our thanks and know that your support was noted wherever you were.

Stay tuned – we will be scheduling a community celebration as well as providing a plan of action and identifying next steps. We will keep you in the loop at every turn.

Thank you speakers and presenters! Each of you did an outstanding job: Gerda Govine Iuarte, your poem was perfect; Jim Barry, your PowerPoint presentation was excellent; Deborah Minky and Talen Herdoyan, your presentations were superb; Rev. Norman Manning of Pasadena Church and Rev. Nicolette Wilson of Brown Memorial A.M.E. Church, you were both excellent; and great job by all the community leaders and residents!

*Note from Lena:* We had some superstars whom I want to highlight for getting 10 or more guests in attendance: Leslie Caldwell, Raquel London and Nana Mbaye – YOU ROCK! Thanks also to our committee members who diligently worked to get guests in attendance: Deborah Minky, Gary Moody, Gerda Govine Iuarte, Jim Barry and Treasure Sheppard! Team Work makes the Dream Work! Eboulim and John, of course, you got many community members, as we expected.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you!

**LEAD COUNCILMEMBER**  
Vice Mayor John J. Kennedy

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AFRICA**  
Raquel London, Chair  
No Bailey  
Janice Barry  
Teresa Butler  
Leslie Caldwell  
Jan Emery  
Talen Herdoyan  
Dr. Gerda Govine Iuarte  
Felix King  
Raymond London  
Nana Terehater Mbaye  
Gary Moody  
Heraldine Nelson-Robson  
Dr. Deborah Minky  
Susana Porras  
Treasure Sheppard  
Dr. Hana Williams

**AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
Vice Mayor John J. Kennedy  
Executive Team to Vice Mayor John J. Kennedy

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:**  
Pasadena Journal – <http://pasadenajournal.com/>  
Pasadena Now – <http://www.pasadenanow.com/main/council-to-vote-tonight-on-pasadenas-first-african-sister-city/#W4QN1civSM>





# Our well-established Speaker Series featuring renowned experts with topic spanning international issues to local issues and community-building



Pasadena Sister Cities Committee –  
Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Sister – Proudly Presents  
Our Speaker Series featuring  
Professor Danielle Wiggins




**Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Register Here for the Zoom Presentation:  
<http://bit.ly/DakarFeb11>

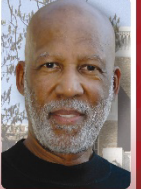
**Topic: Black Politics in the Post-Civil Rights Era**

Danielle Wiggins is an assistant professor of history at the California Institute of Technology. She received her Ph.D. in history from Emory University in May 2018 and her B.A. in History from Yale in 2012. She is a former National Fellow of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation at the University of Virginia. Her research examines the intersections between post-civil rights black politics and the rightward-shifting Democratic Party from the 1970s to the early 1990s. In her forthcoming manuscript, she uses the politics of crime, welfare, and economic development in post-civil rights Atlanta as a lens through which to examine these developments. Her work has been featured in the *Journal of Urban History*, the *Journal of African American History*, *Atlanta Studies*, and the *Washington Post*'s "Made By History."

Please RSVP to Lena I. Kennedy, [Lkenedy@LLKassociates.com](mailto:Lkenedy@LLKassociates.com); 626-765-6206.



Pasadena Sister Cities Committee  
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Our Speaker Series featuring  
TERRENCE J. ROBERTS, PhD



**Thursday, March 11, 2021**  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.


Register Here for the Zoom Presentation:  
<http://bit.ly/DakarMar11>

**Lessons from Little Rock**

Dr. Roberts is CEO of Terrence Roberts Consulting, a management consulting firm devoted to fair and equitable practices in business and industry.

A graduate of California State University at Los Angeles (BA) and UCLA (MSW), Dr. Roberts obtained his Ph.D. in Psychology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.


For thirty years Dr. Roberts was a practicing clinical psychologist first in Deer Park, California and later in Pasadena, California. During this same time period he held several high level positions in and was Director of Mental Health Services at St. Helena Hospital and Health Center (1977 – 1983), Assistant Dean of Student Services at UCLA School of Social Welfare (1983 – 1993), and Department Chair and faculty member in psychology at Antioch University, Los Angeles (1993 – 2008).




As one of the Little Rock Nine, Dr. Roberts has been in demand by a number of groups who wish to learn about the impact of the chaos in Little Rock on the social, cultural, political, and economic life of citizens in contemporary America, this especially true at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles where Dr. Roberts is a member of the adjunct faculty.

He regularly consults with law enforcement agencies at the local, state and national levels. His goal is to assist their officers develop more advanced understandings of the ways in which some of their attitudes about different cultures are established by their belief in systems founded upon mythological constructs and supported by pernicious ideologies promulgated by those who wish to preserve a static social hierarchy.

Please RSVP to Lena I. Kennedy, [Lkenedy@LLKassociates.com](mailto:Lkenedy@LLKassociates.com); 626-765-6206.



Pasadena Sister Cities Committee  
Dakar-Plateau, Senegal proudly presents,  
The John I. Kennedy Speaker Series for Diversity,  
Inclusion and Political Justice featuring



**JANISE WHITE**  
**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**  
6:30 p.m.

Register Here for the Zoom Presentation:  
<https://bit.ly/PSSCJune2023>

Discover, preserve and promote the music of classical composers from the African Diaspora going back to the 18th century.

Some of these talented artists, such as The Chevalier Saint George, were the contemporaries and competitors of Bach, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart. Yet they were blackballed, omitted, ostracized and spurned simply due to the color of their skin. As a result, classical music has been mostly the repertoire of European composers.

Under the guidance of Professor Janise White, Founder and Director of the Afro-American Chamber Music Society Orchestra (AACMSO), you will be part of social justice in the area of classical music that needs your kind and supportive attention.

Janise holds a B.M. in piano from San Francisco Conservatory of Music, an M.M. in piano from the University of Southern California, a Choral Credential from the California State University Hayward, and an A. D. S. from Oberlin Conservatory.

The Afro-American Chamber Music Society Orchestra (AACMSO) is the only orchestra specializing in the performance of Black classics on the west coast. Through systematic research, Ms. White has revived over 200 symphonic scores of historic composers.

In recognition of AACMSO's advocacy for Black composers, they are listed in the "Brass Music of Black Composers" by Aaron Horne, "Bibliography of Black Composers" by Dr. Rene de Lerma, and the "International Dictionary of Black Composers" by Samuel A. Floyd, Jr.

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# Pasadena Sister Cities Brochure and Student Exchange Program Brochure

**PLEASE JOIN US**  
 as we build international relationships  
 visit [www.DakarPasadena.com](http://www.DakarPasadena.com)  
 Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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**PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE**

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

- Ludwigshafen – Germany
- Mishima – Japan
- Järvenpää – Finland
- Vanadzor – Armenia
- Xicheng District, Beijing – China
- Dakar-Plateau – Senegal

**DAKAR-PLATEAU – SENEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**  
*Travel and See the World!*  
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# Quarterly Community Meetings and ongoing events are held for members and prospective members, and we are building ongoing community partnerships



Our annual summer meeting was recently held at The Gamble House



We have developed strong community partners within the city



La Pintoresca Library – building community partnerships

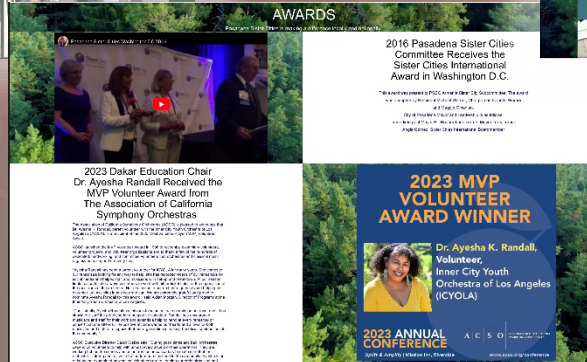


We held an Executive Team swearing-in ceremony, conducted by L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger





We created a website –  
[www.DakarPasadena.com](http://www.DakarPasadena.com)  
We encourage you to visit at your convenience





# We sent two PCC students to the Sister Cities International Conference in South Africa



Makia Talbert and Elise Tervalon



Dakar Travel Delegation also included:  
Carla Boykin  
Marcia Talbert  
Shomari Maynard





# We have a delegation going to Dakar-Plateau, Senegal in November

## DELEGATION MEMBERS:

Ayesha K. Randall, Education Chair

Maryetta Knox

Joann and Horace Wormely

Regina Majors

Donnethea and Rodney Wallace

Dr. Verda Bradley



**PASADENA CA SISTER CITY**  
**DAKAR-PLATEAU, SENEGAL**

**PASADENA SISTER CITIES**  
**2023 STUDENT EXCHANGE TRIP**  
**OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 14**

**DATES**  
Date of departure: 10/31/2023  
Delta Airlines Flight DL688 LAX-JFK-Dakar  
Date of return: 11/14/2023  
Delta Airlines Flight DL217 DAKAR-JFK-LAX

**COSTS**  
FLIGHT \$1,462  
LODGING Pullman Dakar Teranga  
11/1/2023 to 11/14/2023  
\$250 per night



**MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Yellow Fever vaccination – MANDATORY (\$275)
- Malaria medication is not mandatory, but it is suggested that the medication be purchased (approximately \$69). Talk with your personal physician for further instructions.
- Make sure your prescription medication is in its original packaging.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

- Current Passport. There should be at least 4 blank pages in your passport book. Senegal does not require a visa for U.S. Passport holders



**ACTIVITIES WHILE IN DAKAR**

- Attendance at the African Renaissance Cultural Conference and Honors at Cheikh Anya Diop University, 11/3-11/4
- Attendance at the Goree Island Diaspora Festival (Tentative)



**SCHEDULED VISITS, TOURS, AND SITES**

- Goree Island
- African Renaissance Monument
- Pink Lake
- Black Civilization Museum
- Dakar-Plateau elementary, secondary and High Schools
- Cheikh Anta Diop University

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\*\*\*Additional tours/arrangements will be made by the Dakar-Plateau Mayor's office and the Senegal, Dakar-Plateau Sister Cities members.





You will now hear from our two students:

Elise Tervalon and Makia Talbert





# Thank you!

Mayor Victor Gordo and Pasadena City Councilmember for allowing us time to give you a brief update on our work and thank you for installing a Plaque of the newest Sister Cities in front of the Convention Center.

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