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Tabor 100 Newsletter

Save the Date



"Breaking the Chains"

*22nd Annual
Captains of Industry Gala*

September 30th ,2023

*Seattle Convention Center
Summit Room*

MAY 2023


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Tabor Neighbors:

It's already past Memorial Day, halfway through 2023. I hope you had a chance to be at the last General Membership meeting on the 21st. We shared our "stats" through the year. So far, up to May 7, we have had 2,762 visitors to the HUB, and it looks like we will pass the number of visitors we had in 2022.

Our technical assistance program has been a success with 582.75 hours of one-on-one technical assistance provided to firms from January through April of this year. In 2022, we had a total of 314.75 total one-on-one hours spent with small businesses needing assistance. These sessions cover a range of topics from bookkeeping to bonding and legal help, in addition to more than 40 other categories. Our goal is to continue growing this effort, but more importantly, we want to grow minority businesses so that our community can access the billions of dollars we pay in taxes and be competitive in the private sector.

"In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him."

– 1 Samuel 18:14

I would be remiss if I didn't mention a major dark cloud on the horizon with a US Supreme Court ruling by the end of June. Tabor 100 is following this case that could ban

affirmative action anywhere, anytime. Our state and local governments work diligently to provide opportunities to minority businesses. The Supreme Court ruling can have a far-reaching impact on contracting efforts and be interpreted as a total ban on affirmative action, forever. This would put a damper on efforts launched by our government partners and pull millions of dollars in federal funds this state receives annually requiring contracting with minority and women-owned firms. The final ruling is expected by this summer, and we will keep you up-to-date.

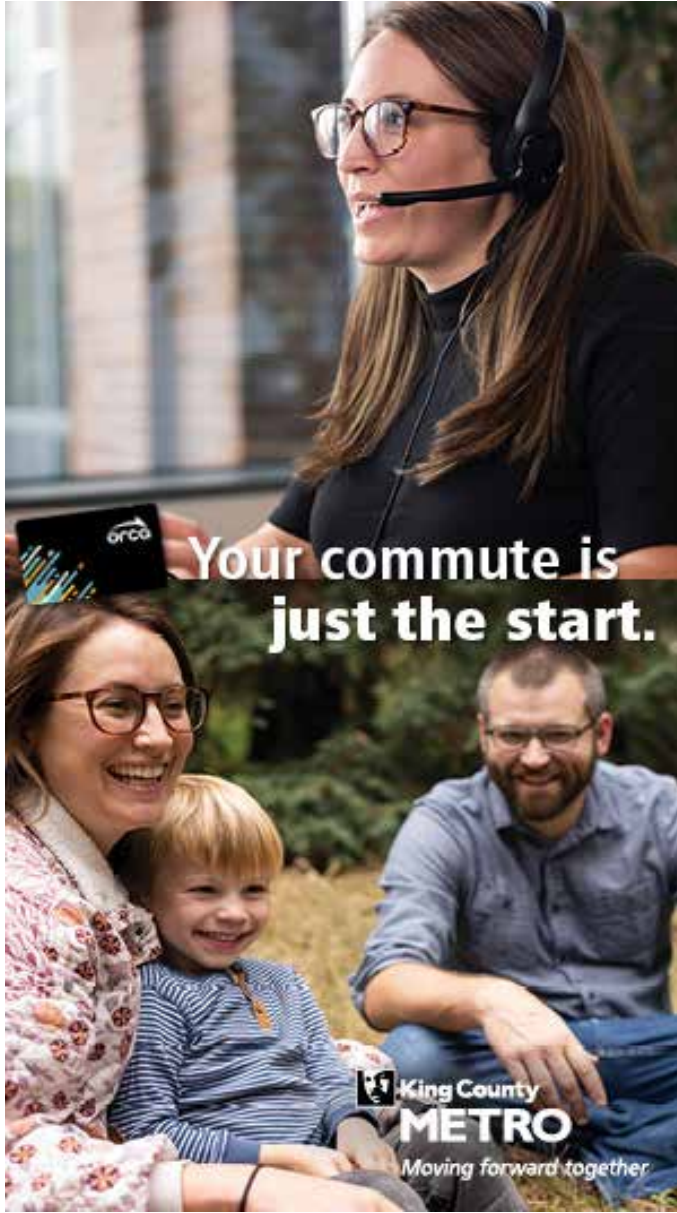
Last, but not least, I'd like to talk about the **Tabor 100 Gala** happening **Saturday, September 30** at the new Seattle Convention Center. It is a memorable time, with business and government leaders attending, including a great representation from Tabor's membership. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and, without it, our advocacy for your business cannot continue. I urge you to volunteer to make the Gala an even bigger success and, if you can give, please give generously. Our survival and our ability to thrive in what is not the friendliest environment for minority businesses, depends on your support. Call me or any Board member anytime. We will answer and put you to work – it is one of the most rewarding things you can do for your business and your community!

Ollie Garrett | CEO and President



Door Swings

May 2023 | 559
 2023 Year to Date | 3,120
 Since Opening | 12,238



New Members – MAY	
City of Bellevue	Derek Lane
Ira McDaniels City of Bellevue	Lane Consulting Group
Ernesto Perez Dept Of Enterprise Services	Timothy Nunnery Hello Irby Productions LLC
Adreanna Smith Smiths Accounting Co.	Sheila Winston Chase Bank
Chris Odum Capital Cleaning Services, Inc.	Eric Pettigrew Eric Pettigrew LLC
Brigette Michaels Individual Membership	Laverne Cordice Tip Top Cleaning
Ernest Harris PC Techs and Parts	Michael Charles Upper Left Strategies

SAVE the DATE

- **3** June **CPR Training**
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 @ The Hub

- **22** June **Finding Bid Opportunities for Small Business | Derek Lane**
 7 PM
 @ The Hub

- **24** June **General Membership Meeting**
 10 AM-12 noon
 @ The Hub

- **28** June **Finding Bid Opportunities for Small Business | Derek Lane**
 5:00 7:00 PM
 @ The Hub



Happy heavenly Birthday to our namesake

LANGSTON TABOR

Sunrise May 5th 1942- Sunset November 12th 1998

A great soul never dies and serves everyone all the time, it brings us together again and again. Langston Tabor is that soul and Tabor 100 is the proof.

You Never Know Who is Watching

A few years ago, Renton's Cascade and Benson Hill neighborhoods drew a couple unlikely individuals for lunch on a regular basis. While eating teriyaki and talking how to get to the next Superbowl, Doug Baldwin and Richard Sherman frequented the area before and after practice at the nearby Seahawks training facility. Baldwin noticed how there seemed to be a number of community folks, including kids, present in and outside of Mama's Teriyaki whenever he and Richard ate a meal there. Mama allowed the kids to come in and do their homework. There were also lots of people from the neighborhood who clearly just didn't have much to do so they socialized in the area where there had been a large shopping center which closed a few years earlier.

Baldwin later discovered that the area had recently been annexed by the city of Renton and, prior to that, investment had been minimal. Recalling his own history of spending much of his youth from age 6 to 16 at the Pensacola Salvation Army facility where his mother worked, Doug began envisioning how he could be a catalyst giving the Cascade and Benson Hill neighborhoods a place like the one where he spent much of his youth. "The Salvation Army center was important in my life, and I wanted to create something like it for families in the Cascade and Benson Hill neighborhoods," Baldwin said. "That Salvation Army Center was the



place where I met my first mentor, worked with my first tutor, and interacted with positive male role models just about every day. I learned to play basketball there and it was on the Salvation Army field that I first started playing football. As an adult, I realized just how much that place influenced me, a young Black man."

Baldwin eventually spoke with the Mayor of Renton about the neighborhood and the abandoned shopping center and was told that the city had done an assessment showing that a place for families and kids was the biggest need in the area. No more encouragement was needed for Baldwin who immediately put into place a plan to create a Community Center where the old shopping center was located. He partnered with the city, the Renton School District, and others to raise funds and put his vision of a community center with a health clinic and many other services for families. On June 16, Baldwin's vision will become reality, and the Family First Center will have its Grand Opening ceremony and open its doors to the community on June 26th.

The need for the center is significant. It is located adjacent to Cascade Elementary School where 58% of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch. The Cascade and Benson Hill neighborhoods have nearly a quarter of Renton's population with 12% below the poverty line and 20% of the population is 14 years or



younger. The community is very diverse and has been historically underserved with glaring needs for youth and family recreation services. To address the unmet need, the Family First Community Center will deliver services and programs focused on recreation, education, health, and wellness.

Baldwin wants Tabor 100 vendors to provide their services to the center, but also to the center's partners – Health Point, the City of Renton, Renton School district and others. "We very much want to be connected to Tabor 100 and look forward to building a strong partnership where our two organizations can benefit one another."

The Family First Center is the first of its kind in the state and possibly in the nation, combining recreation, health, and wellness (Health Point Community Health Clinic with medical, dental, and behavioral health services), education, arts and technology in one facility. "

Baldwin beams with pride as he watches the final touches being put on the 21,000 square foot building. "I look at this place and it gives me so much hope for the future. I see it as a place like that Salvation Army Center which

actually made me who and what I am today. This center will help shape a positive future for families in this community. I am happy to be a part of it."

Grand Ceremony | Friday June 16th 4:30pm-7:3pm

Official Opening | Monday June 26th 10am-6pm

16200 116th Ave SE, Renton 98058

For more information about Renton's Family First organization, use the QR code shown here to the right, or visit FamilyFirstRenton.org.



UPDATE: TABOR 100 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2022 NETWORKING EVENTS	25
2022 WORKSHOP EVENTS	30
2022 ONE ON ONE WITH A CONSULTANT MATCHES	79
2022 ONE ON ONE HOURS SPENT WITH FIRMS	314.75

2023 NETWORKING EVENTS	11
2023 WORKSHOP EVENTS	32
2023 ONE ON ONE WITH A CONSULTANT MATCHES	130
2023 ONE ON ONE HOURS SPENT WITH FIRMS	582.75

Our technical assistance program provides support and guidance to individuals, small business owners, entrepreneurs and organizations to help improve their own technical skills and abilities. This includes a wide range of activities such as:

- One-on-One training with a Consultant
- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Attending various workshops
- Networking events



Apply
Today!

Events & Activities



Membership Meeting | April



Membership Meeting | May





Access to Equal Opportunity

The Port of Seattle is committed to building a strong, inclusive economy. With the Diversity in Contracting Resolution, we're making sure that includes businesses like yours.

Our goal is to triple the number of women and minority-owned businesses that contract with the Port by 2024 and remove barriers to expand the development of other disadvantaged business enterprises.

GROW YOUR BUSINESS AND SKILLS WITH THE PORT:

1. Bid on open contacts

Register your business in our database, and search and apply for contracts through a clear and fair process on <http://bit.ly/Facts19>.

2. Train with PortGen Workshops

Excited for opportunities but not sure where to start? We're here to support you. Join quarterly workshops to learn how to do business with the Port, get certified as a vendor, and network with representatives.

3. Learn on our site

Access resources year-round on the site. From video how-tos to lists of upcoming opportunities and events, you can find all the information you need for success.

Learn More

<http://bit.ly/Facts19>