

On November 12, 2014 at 7:45 p.m., after prayer, Helen L. Edmond-Bevel announced to those present at the called meeting of the 600 E. 89<sup>th</sup> PL. Block Club that she was volunteering as the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct Chairman and Captain. A motion was then made by Mother Gloria Criddell, nominating her as Chairman and Captain of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. The motion was seconded by Constance Scott and the motion carried.

### **ACCEPTANCE SPEECH**

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, it is with great reverence that I accept the position of Chairman of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, in the United States of America.

In service and obedience to my SOURCE, I give honor and recognition to the President Barack H. Obama and the first family, all governors and state officials, the governor of the state of Illinois Pat Quinn, the newly elected Governor Bruce Rauner, all Illinois State and county officials, the Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emmanuel, the city council and Alderman Roderick Sawyer 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, all committeemen, pastors, and business leaders and most assuredly the residents and voters of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

I accept the office of Precinct Council Chairman for the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct. We have been without a precinct chairman for a long time. The precinct is the most basic unit of the American governmental structure. Precincts are the building blocks that make up wards, cities, counties, state legislative districts, congressional districts, states and ultimately, the nation. The precinct is made up of the citizens of this country and it is where we elect those people who are mandated by law to protect our rights and see to it that our tax dollars are spent to attain and maintain our peace and prosperity.

As chairman I see it as my duty and responsibility to secure and maintain the health, interests, rights and needs of the residents of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct. I live among you and know many of you. My family put down roots in this precinct in the summer of 1964. I lived across the street from my predecessor, Mrs. Betty Howard who served as Precinct Captain for over thirty years and was the last to my recollection. As a teenager I watched and observed her dedication, commitment and enduring service to the people of her precinct and I guess somewhere in my heart I decided that I wanted to be like her, a servant of the people.

I greeted many of you on election day, November 4, 2014, where I served as an Election Judge. I engaged some of you in conversation and found that many of you want an organized form of local government that you can be a part of, however residents of your block won't come together. I encourage those of you who are civic minded, and concerned about our precinct and nation to join me, by volunteering your time, energy and resources to create a viable and meaningful local grassroots bi-partisan government organization.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, consists of 572 registered voters, is mostly residential, is home to Seaway National Bank, Enterprise Car Rental, a car wash, maybe two churches, some home daycare centers and some home based businesses.

Within this precinct we have many people of goodwill whose family like mine took root in the 60's and many newcomers. Homeowners and residents who care because this is where they live, raise their children, and engage with their neighbors. Like most neighborhoods we are faced with homelessness in the midst of boarded up houses, unemployment, foreclosure, escalating crime, businesslessness and no monetization strategy, drug abuse, growing health concerns, politicians who are wolves in sheep's clothing (or just unqualified to fulfill their responsibilities), anti-prosperity issues, disunity, non-cooperation, distrust, apathy, low self-esteem, and the trauma that comes from injustice passed down for countless generations that is unhealed. The question we must ask is, "Can these bones live again." "Can

we heal ourselves, rise up and become a model precinct that unleashes its goodwill and creativity on our nation and the world?" It is said that, "A nation is only as strong as its weakest citizen." Well right here in the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct we have the weakest links (the homeless, the mentally ill, the sex offenders, the formerly incarcerated). We can't afford to throw any of them away and ignore them because they are a part of our families (somebody's son or daughter, brother or sister, father or mother) or our nation suffers. We must find solutions to help people gain their natural masculinity and femininity, and most importantly their purpose for being born. In this way we don't have to remain the weakest link. We can be about the purpose of governing ourselves and our precinct in a manner that will inspire others to follow our lead. "Government is the people." There is no outside government to complain to. We the people form the government and we the people have everything that we need to address the ills in our community, even though we may have to find them. The resources are available to solve any problem. It all starts with us learning to govern ourselves as individuals and our children will see our example and imitate us. Self-government is the foundation of all subsequent governments.

Unlike the president of this nation I live in the midst of all of you, with all of the problems, needs and concerns that you have. I too have many of the same problems, needs and concerns. It is my prayer that with your help and the assistance of all levels of government, churches, community organizations and businesses that we can solve our problems, fulfill our needs and put to rest our concerns.

It is my intention to meet and talk to all of you as the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council conducts a census of the precinct. We need to know exactly how many people make up our precinct. We need to know what is needed, and what the problems and concerns are. We need to know who wants and is willing to get involved in making the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council a viable and empowering tool of the people.

Together we can do it. We can turn this weak link into the strongest link and draw forth from all our elected officials the very best. We can put an end to politics as usual, and put the interest of the people in the forefront of their deliberations and decision making. Let us do this together.

The Reverend James L. Bevel, (initiator, director and chief organizer of The Selma Right-to-Vote Movement said, "Engage in government (executive, judicial, legislative) by initiating precinct council government (the administrative fourth leg of government that is of, for and by the people). This anchors mankind in the reality of the four fold nature of self (spirit, mind, emotion and body), the environment (space, energy, elements and motion), nature (fire, earth, air and water) and the four directions (north, south, east and west)." He also said, "In the constructing of a Nonviolent Precinct Council, a Nonviolent Clinic is a real necessity. We suggest getting members of the precinct to learn various methods of healing and along with a medical doctor and psychologist provide a free clinic daily, once a week or monthly. This will allow the citizens in the precinct to get the necessary healing (release stress, guilt, shame, jealousy, anger, fear and learn to forgive) needed to allow them to participate and unleash their creativity for the betterment of all." Excerpted from, The Nonviolent Right-to-Vote Movement Almanac.

This makes sense to me and it is my vision that we take the time to heal and develop our precinct council in the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. You can help make this precinct a wholistic, united government entity by purchasing the soon to be released, "Nonviolent Precinct Council Handbook," for ten dollars. All proceeds will be donated to the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct will be seeking network marketing and direct sales companies that can teach business development and provide scholarships and loans to residents of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, so that we can get business development education and start our own business from the ground up. I believe that if you have a business model that works then you should be willing to invest in teaching it to those who have

nothing but a willingness to learn and apply themselves. This will pay off in the long-run if your model really works for the good of all.

I am seeking a place where we can conduct our meetings on a regular basis so that we can get to know one another. I intend to set-up phone conference and web conference meetings as winter is upon us and many don't want or can't venture outside of their homes. A newsletter will also be created to provide important information. If you are a resident of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, please send me your contact information (phone, email, web address, or address) so that I can begin to know you and let you know when our first meeting will take place. Send it to [rush2freedom@gmail.com](mailto:rush2freedom@gmail.com).

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