



C.O.B.A

Scope, Demands, and Roles

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COBA currently has two phases of implementation. Phase 1: Social Justice, and Phase 2: Implementing the “Black Market.”

Phase 1: Social Justice

Ours Demands

The Economy

We demand more jobs for African Americans in the form of access to government contracts, promotion in the workforce, etc.

Mass Incarceration

We demand to see plans for programs and laws that combat the effects of mass incarceration. These programs should include:

- Freedom for all nonviolent marijuana offenses
 - Reduced time for all nonviolent crimes
- Clearing of records for all nonviolent marijuana charges

Gentrification

We demand to see plans for the implementation of programs that assist longtime tenants in predominantly Black neighborhoods to remain by providing financial assistance to these citizens in the form of tax credits and land grants.

Access to Wealth

We demand to see the implementation of programs that are specifically geared toward helping African Americans obtain land and property. We also demand more federally-backed banking for business and real estate loans.

Police Genocide

We want to see the implementation of Programs that hires officers from the communities that they are patrolling at 50%. We also want to set up a special unit that responds to calls prior to the police being involved. This unit will serve as a liaison between police and the community.

Other Areas of Interest

Below are other areas that we demand to see tangible progress in from our elected officials:

- Better funding for African American public schools
- More funding for health clinics in African American communities.
- Better food options in African American communities.
- Equal pay for Black women and men.

The Roles

COBA Leadership

C.O.B.A.'s Leadership will be responsible for meeting with and discussing our platform and demands with both elected and/or potential elected officials, regardless of their party or political affiliation. Upon a showing of actual plans for implementation of local, state, or federal programs to address our demands, we will report these programs to our members and suggest that our members support the candidates that most closely align with our agenda.

COBA Members

We ask that our members read our agendas and actively engage with the organization via volunteering, sponsorship, and other forms of participation. We also strongly encourage our members to vote as a cohesive unit for candidates endorsed by COBA. While we honor everyone's freedom and right to vote for whichever candidate that they choose, we also know that there is power in numbers and that our voting power is our tool to implement the changes that we want to see. Our members are the most important part of the organization as their votes pulled together can be used as leverage in the political landscape. Our members will be asked to mobilize their votes as a cohesive unit for elected officials only when they can show actual plans.

Phase 2: The Black Market

Phase 2 of C.O.B.A.'s initiative is to create a sustainable Black ecosystem that provides all of the necessities that our members and overall Black community need in a single location. This will include an online Ecommerce network of Black-owned businesses that serves all aspects of the Black community, including:

- Food
- Clothing
- Networks of Professionals (Doctors/Lawyers/Technicians, etc.)
- Goods and services

We believe that by establishing a central location where all of our needs can be met, our community can develop independence and self-support and can truly become a coalition!

