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**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FROM ACROSSTHE U.S. AND
THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO MEET IN WAIKIKI, HI. FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019**

Blacks In Government® (BIG) Region IX Council (RIX C) will gather on the island of Oahu on February 15-17, 2019, to hold their regional council meeting, provide BIG information and leadership training and participate in events hosted by the Pacific Ocean Chapter primarily at the Doubletree by Hilton Alana Waikiki Beach Hotel in Honolulu.

BIG was established in 1975 and incorporated as a nonprofit national organization under the District of Columbia jurisdiction in 1976. BIG is comprised with over 200 chapters in 11 regions of the U.S, as a national response to the need for African Americans in federal, state and local government service, to organize around issues of mutual concern and use their collective strength to confront workplace and community issues. RIX consists of 14 Chapters from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa.

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BIG Pacific Ocean Chapter was chartered in 2009 and has members from the DOD, other federal agencies, and from the State of Hawaii.

BIG Region IX and the Pacific Ocean Chapter will host a free EEO and Conflict Resolution training Friday morning, February 15, 2019 from 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Speakers include the BIG National President the Honorable Dr. Doris Sartor and other Region IX Council, and local speaker Mr. Willie Jones, World Toastmaster Champion.

On Friday evening, February 15, 2019, starting at 6:30 P.M., the BIG Pacific Ocean Chapter will hold a 10th Anniversary Gala at the Doubletree by Hilton Alana Waikiki Beach Hotel with the previously mentioned BIG attendees featuring the entertainment of Riya Davis and the Jaykeyz Project. The public is invited. Cost is \$65.

“In honor of Black History Month, the Pacific Ocean chapter is again partnering with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to host the 9th Annual Youth Poetry Contest on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Moanalua Terrace Community Center, 2500 Radford Drive, 96818. Cash prizes will be awarded to middle and high school student contestants who recite poems from non-living African American poets. Submit application to Halemiaj3@gmail.com. Deadline is February 14, 2019.

The Pacific Ocean Chapter participates in many activities, and collaborates with other organizations throughout the year that support government employees and other activities that meet the needs of the local community.

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