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**BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD PARTNERS
WITH NACA FOR “SAVE THE DREAM TOUR”**

(Miami-Dade County, FL) – The large number of homeowners experiencing hardships in meeting their mortgages has prompted Miami-Dade County’s Black Affairs Advisory Board’s Housing committee to partner with the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America’s (NACA) “Save the Dream” tour April 15-19 at the Miami Beach Convention Center located at 1701 Convention Center Drive on Miami Beach. As part of their “Village Dialogue” series, the BAAB’s Housing subcommittee sought ways in which to address one of the area’s most pressing needs—homeownership preservation.

“It is important to note that all of NACA’s services are free and that homeowners seeking relief are given the opportunity to have their mortgages reduced or modified on the premises,” states Bruce Marks, CEO of NACA. “The event is scheduled to be a 24 hour a day Save-a-Thon over the five day period. In previous events, thousands of people camped out overnight in order to attend. Now they will be able to come inside to receive counseling even after sunset and before sunrise. NACA will have over 500 staff and volunteers on site and hundreds more off-site to work with all the homeowners, he continued. Lenders, servicers and major investors are scheduled to have hundreds of staff on-site and many more off-site to provide same day affordable solutions.

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The event is part of NACA's national tour whereby thousands of homeowners have received same-day solutions with many having their interest rates reduced based on what the homeowner can afford. NACA is a non-profit community advocacy and HUD certified counseling agency. Last year's tour was an incredible success with hundreds of thousands of participants averaging over 30,000 people at each of the twelve events throughout the country. Homeowners saved hundreds of dollars a month and in many instances over a thousand dollars per month. NACA provides the most effective long-term solutions because it has secured legally binding agreements with many of the major servicers/lenders and major investors.

"At the "Save the Dream Tour" event held in West Palm Beach this past February, thousands of homeowners converged on the site seeking relief during these difficult economic times. Once the word spread, many Miami-Dade County homeowners travelled to West Palm Beach to take advantage of the free services, which convinced the BAAB members to reach out to NACA in order to convince them to hold an event in the Miami area, said BAAB Housing chair Ronald Mumford. Any homeowner planning to attend should sign-up to meet with a counselor and servicer by calling (888) 499-6222 or visit NACA's website at www.naca.com to pre-register.

"Village Dialogues" are on-going effort by the Black Affairs Advisory Board and community-based organizations to bring issues confronting our community to the forefront and to seek viable solutions. The BAAB is comprised of civic minded individuals who are appointed by members of the Miami-Dade Board of Commissioners. For more information on the event, contact Retha Boone-Fye at (305) 375-4606 or rboone@miamidade.gov or visit the Black Affairs Advisory Board's website at www.miamidade.gov/baab.

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