

# *Cari-PAC*

## *Caribbean Political Action Coalition*

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Founded in September 2008, Caribbean Political Action Coalition (Cari-PAC) is dedicated to improving the Caribbean-American community by creating an environment of political empowerment through outreach and advocacy.

Cari-PAC regularly meets with legislators, attends hearings, and supports political candidates who share our vision of community functionality.

Cari-PAC has been successful in advocating for improvements in the Caribbean-American community so we can help in building a better world.

**Dear Caribbean Political Action Coalition (Cari-PAC) --**

I'm about to head to Grant Park to talk to everyone gathered there, but I wanted to write to you first. We just made history. And I don't want you to forget how we did it. You made history every single day during this campaign -- every day you knocked on doors, made a donation, or talked to your family, friends, and neighbors about why you believe it's time for change. I want to thank all of you who gave your time, talent, and passion to this campaign. We



have a lot of work to do to get our country back on track, and I'll be in touch soon about what comes next.

But I want to be very clear about one thing... All of this happened because of you.

**Thank you,  
Barack**

Thanks to everyone who worked with Cari-PAC to help make history!

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### **Get Involved!**

Become a Cari-PAC member and help make positive political strides in the Caribbean-American Community. Check out [Cari-PAC.org](http://Cari-PAC.org) for membership information and for volunteer opportunities in your area.

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## **Caribbean Political Action Coalition (Cari-PAC) Congratulates President Barack Obama Grassroots Organization Organizes Hundreds of Volunteers in Successful Get Out the Vote Effort**

Caribbean Political Action Coalition (Cari-PAC), a Caribbean-American economic and political advocacy and action group, congratulates U.S. President Barack Obama on his historic victory. Cari-PAC successfully organized a Get Out the Caribbean Vote effort throughout Queens, New York by rallying and organizing hundreds of volunteers on Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

“The Caribbean-American community has a strong, unifying voice as a voting block in the United States,” Cari-PAC founder Donald Vernon stated. “Barack Obama’s historic election allows us to join in embracing diversity and equal justice for all Americans, while exercising our political power as Caribbean-Americans and affording our immigrant community a chance to watch Democracy at work.”

Cari-PAC's Get Out the Caribbean Vote effort organized over three-hundred fifty volunteers on Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Cari-PAC Election Headquarters at Marcus Hall in Cambria Heights, Queens, New York. Teams of volunteers distributed Obama campaign literature at local transportation hubs including bustling Parsons/Archer, 179<sup>th</sup> Street and Hillside Avenue, and the Bus Depot all located in downtown Jamaica, Queens.

Additionally, teams of Cari-PAC volunteers canvassed door to door in local Queens neighborhoods including Hollis, Cambria Heights, Queens Village, Rosedale, Far Rockaway, Laurelton, Springfield Gardens, Jamaica, St Albans and Baisley Park.

Campaign literature distributed by Cari-PAC to local communities listed local Democratic candidates up for re-election, including Gregory W. Meeks - U.S. Representative District 6, Shirley L. Huntley – State Senator District 10, Malcolm A. Smith – State Senator District 14, William Scarborough – State Assembly District 29, Michele Titus – State Assembly District 31, and Vivian E. Cook – State Assembly District 32.

Cari-PAC volunteers, neighbors, families and friends watched the election results live on large flat-screen televisions while enjoying a complimentary dinner provided by Cari-PAC at campaign headquarters inside Marcus Hall. The burgeoning crowd erupted in cheers, applause, fist bumps and hugs as Senator Obama was elected 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

The Get Out the Caribbean Vote Operation sponsored by Cari-PAC is another community based outreach program designed to enrich the lives of the Caribbean-American community.

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