

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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#### INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Founded on the principles of cultural understanding and inclusivity, Culturit specializes in developing tailored communication strategies that resonate with diverse audiences.

With over a decade of experience in community engagement and a strong understanding of the diverse demographics of metro Detroit, Culturit Public Relations and Design Co. is uniquely positioned to support the MICRC in this important endeavor.

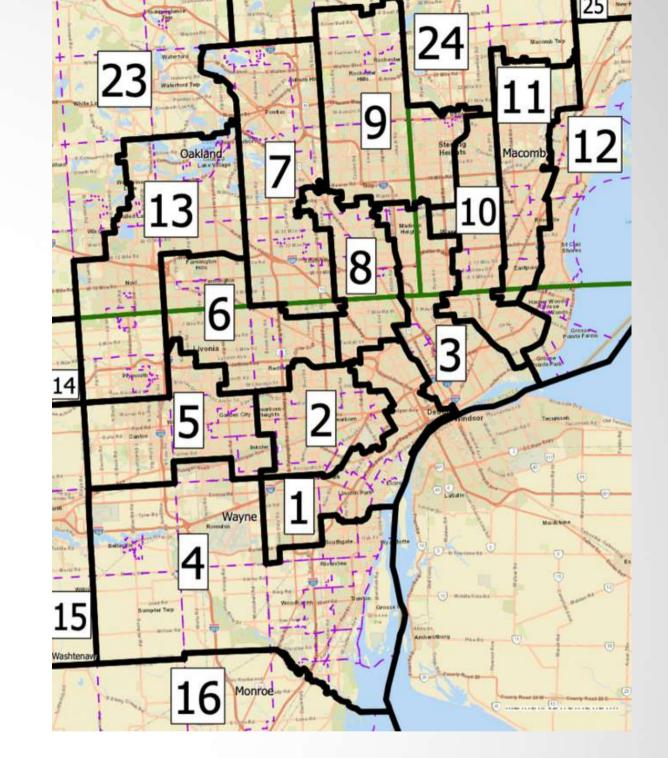
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Our team comprises seasoned professionals with expertise in public relations, marketing, and community outreach, enabling us to deliver comprehensive solutions that drive meaningful engagement and foster dialogue.

In this proposal, we outline our strategic approach to educating metro Detroit residents about the redistricting process, soliciting their input, and increasing feedback for the MICRC.

Through a combination of traditional and non-traditional communication channels, as well as strategic partnerships with civic and grassroots organizations, we aim to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to participate in shaping their communities' electoral districts.

Culturit is committed to supporting the MICRC's mission of transparency and inclusivity in the redistricting process. We are excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the commission and empower metro Detroit residents to play an active role in shaping the future of their communities.



DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF METRO DETROIT'S DEMOGRAPHICS	000/
	<del>-</del> 99%
PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
	<b>-</b> 95%
EXTENSIVE NETWORK AND PARTNERSHIPS	
	<b>-</b> 95%
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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Culturit Public Relations and Design Co. stands at the forefront of equitable representation and community empowerment, wielding a profound understanding of the intricate dynamics of redistricting within Michigan Senate Districts #1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11. With a distinguished track record of impactful engagements, Culturit PR has seamlessly navigated the complexities of zoning and rental legislation alongside the Michigan Municipal League, championing initiatives that promote fairness and accessibility in urban development.

Amidst the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Culturit PR demonstrated commitment to community education as we partnered with Michigan for All, disseminating critical information and resources to underserved populations during their hour of need. Furthermore, our collaboration with Gift of Life Michigan showcased our proficiency in fostering multicultural organ donor enrollment, breaking down barriers and misconceptions within ethnic and multicultural communities.

Our abilities extends beyond traditional public relations, encompassing a comprehensive understanding of mapping technologies and the multifaceted challenges surrounding accessibility to information, educational disparities, and language barriers. With a nuanced grasp of historical gerrymandering and voter suppression tactics, Culturit PR is poised to address systemic inequities and instill trust in the electoral process, empowering communities to assert their rights and shape their collective future.

Notably, our agency boasts an unparalleled success rate, with over 95% efficacy in delivering and collaborating on impactful PR campaigns over the past 10 years. This achievement demonstrates our expertise, resilience, and dedication to achieving tangible results for our clients. As a seasoned advocate for inclusivity and social justice, Culturit PR emerges as the indisputable choice to spearhead efforts in redistricting engagement. With a proven track record of transformative initiatives and a steadfast commitment to equity, we stand ready to elevate the voices of all Michiganders and pave the path towards a more just and representative future.

Thanks again for the opportunity to submit our ideas.

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#### ADDRESSING THE REQUEST AND SOLUTIONS

Redistricting poses several challenges, particularly in ensuring accessibility and education in ethnic communities. On the following pages, we have outlined plans for the education of reconfiguration of the Michigan Senate in Districts #1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11. We have assembled the following target areas to execute a public relations plan that educates residents on redistricting by implementing educational strategies that focus on the following:

- 1. Accessibility to Information
- 2. Educational Disparities
- 3. Language Barriers
- 4. Mistrust of the Electoral Process including:
  - a. Historical Gerrymandering
  - **b. Voter Suppression Tactics**

Culturit PR can provide a comprehensive suite of services and initiatives to address the challenges associated with redistricting, particularly in ethnic communities, and support solutions-oriented strategies. Here's how Culturit PR can contribute:

- 1. Community Outreach and Awareness
  - a. Social Media Strategy and Content Creation
  - b. Community Training and Education
  - c. Mapping Workshops
  - d. Community Advisory Group and Public Meetings
- 2. Collaboration with Citizen Journalists and Documenters
- 3. Ethnic Media Engagement
- 4. Partnerships with Local Organizations
- **5. Paid Traditional and Digital Ads**

By implementing these strategies and initiatives, Culturit PR can help bridge gaps in accessibility, education, and participation in the redistricting process, empowering ethnic communities to advocate for fair and equitable representation in Michigan Senate Districts #1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11.



### PUBLIC AWARENESS

**CAMPAIGNS** 

#### EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS (SECTION 1)

Culturit PR has a proven track record of success in public awareness campaigns, including experience with mobilizing diverse demographics (18+) in metro Detroit. Here are some relevant examples:

- Michigan for All, a non-profit led by DTE: Reducing the spread of COVID-19 (2020) Over 50% of our target audience recalled the campaign from social media. Ultimately, 62% of individuals across the State of Michigan changed at least one of their behaviors to become more "coronavirus safe" could identify messaging. Through the targeted ad campaigns we exceeding benchmark follower growth by 6.1K% and 450%.
- Michigan Municipal League: In the battle against preemption in Michigan, Culturit PR spearheaded social media strategies that raised awareness about local governance threats. Leveraging effective advocacy and coalition-building efforts, Culturit PR contributed to a significant increase in public awareness, with research showing roughly two-thirds of Americans unaware of state preemption.
- Gift of Life Michigan: Increasing multicultural organ donor enrollment (2020) Executed "Let's Talk," a statewide initiative that aims to address the need for organ and tissue donation, educate people about organ donors, and break down myths about the process in multicultural communities. We achieved a record 429 organ donors, providing 1,052 organs for transplant, and 1,821 tissue donors. This represented a 14% increase in donors from 2020.
- Belle Isle Conservancy: Dr. Donyale Padgett served as a consulting partner on a research and community engagement project for the Belle Isle Conservancy. Padgett designed and implemented a survey for community members to explore the decrease in Detroit area residents' usage of facilities on Belle Isle after some park services were taken over by the State of Michigan. The team utilized block club leaders, local civic leaders and other influencers to circulate the survey, which determined that distrust of state government combined with concerns for safety and citizens moving outside of Detroit were among the top reasons for the decline. Results of the survey indicated a need for increased communication with community residents in culturally appropriate ways, including, but not limited to ethnic media outlets and community meetings.

All campaigns employed data-driven targeting, culturally sensitive materials, and diverse outreach methods to achieve measurable success. We learned the importance of tailoring messages and channels to specific demographics within metro Detroit's diverse population.



# MEDIA PERSONALITIES & INFLUENCERS

**EXPERIENCE** 

#### MEDIA PERSONALITIES AND INFLUENCERS (SECTION 2)

Culturit PR has established relationships with a network of traditional and nontraditional media personalities and influencers in metro Detroit. This includes:

- Traditional Media: We have built strong relationships with local news anchors, journalists, and radio personalities across various stations.
- Non-Traditional Media: We actively engage with local social media influencers, community leaders, and faith-based organizations that hold significant sway with specific demographics.

By leveraging these connections, we can effectively disseminate information about the redistricting process and encourage participation from underrepresented voices.







INFLUENCER @CANDICESIMONS







Liked by beawolnerman and 301 others 24luxe\_sarah Opening a business during COVID19 was something I never could have planned for. Ever since our doors opened, all of our employees and clients have worn masks when they come in our doors. INFLUENCER @24LUXE\_SARAH

#### NON-TRADITIONAL MEDIA - SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

In 2021, Culturit PR took on the responsibility of identifying Michigan influencers to amplify the awardwinning RONA campaign message. Influencers with a minimum of 5,000 followers were sought, emphasizing the importance of showcasing mask-wearing solidarity, and were encouraged to use hashtags such as #Rona4RealInfluencer, #Rona4Real, #DefeatRona, and #MICOVID19. Addition



#### MEDIA PERSONALITIES AND INFLUENCERS (SECTION 2)







### SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

In 2020, The Millennial Roundtable, organized by Culturit PR in conjunction with Legacy Communication & Research for Gift of Life Michigan, was executed to emphasize the need for more education and awareness about organ and tissue donation. Gift of Life Michigan hosted a robust conversation between teens, college students, and Millennials led by recording artist and actor, Freeway, about organ and tissue donation. The roundtable appealed to younger audiences to affirm attendees as the owners of the conversation, allowing them to be authentic and transparent about their experiences. The goal of this roundtable was to provide people with insight and a point of view on the younger perspective on organ and tissue donation.

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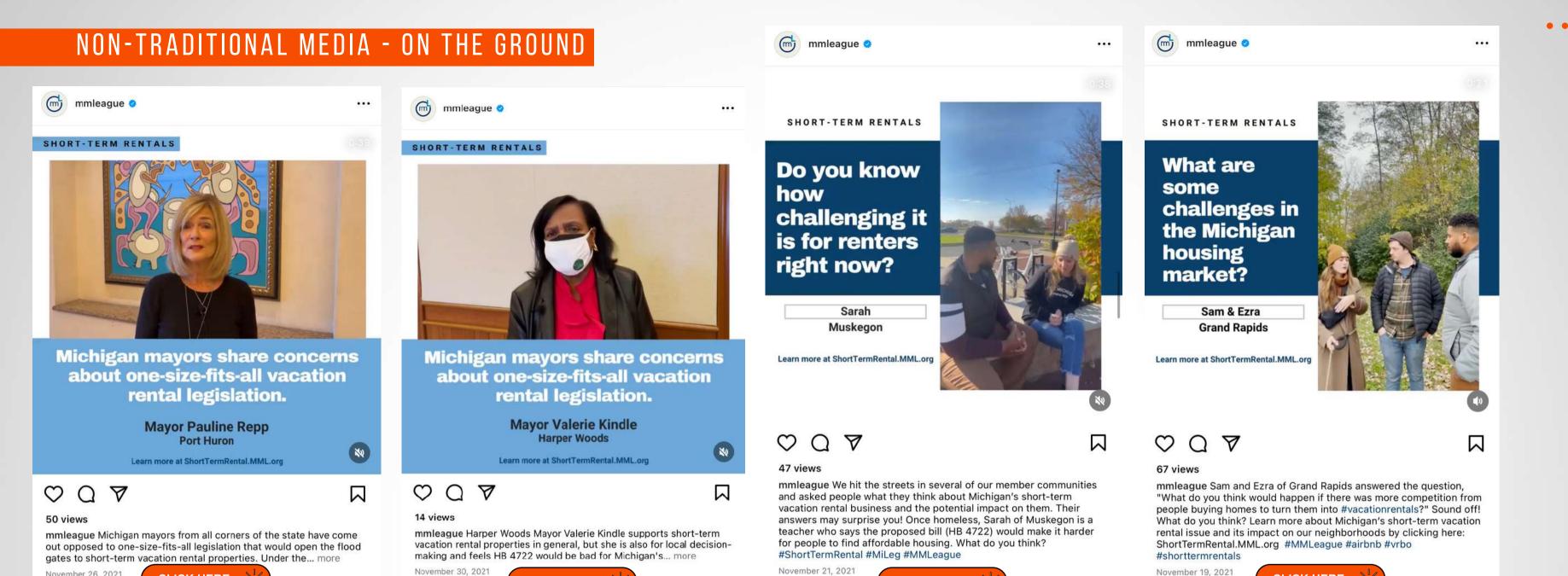
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In 2021, Culturit PR played a pivotal role in co-hosting a campaign alongside the Michigan Municipal League concerning the impacts of HB 4722. This legislative measure aimed to provide definitive guidelines for the regulation of short-term rentals within Michigan's zoning framework, offering property owners clarity on their rights and obligations while also striking a balance with the interests of local communities.

**CLICK HERE** 

November 26, 2021

Through our concerted efforts, HB 4722 successfully established crucial provisions, including the recognition of residential use of property, the prohibition of restrictive zoning measures, delineation of regulatory exceptions, guidelines for inspections and tax collection, limitations on rental units, and the inclusion of grandfathering provisions.

In collaboration with the Michigan Municipal League, Culturit PR actively engaged with community members and city mayors, ensuring their invaluable insights and perspectives were integrated into the legislative discourse surrounding HB 4722. By facilitating open dialogue and amplifying community voices, we helped to ensure that the bill's impact was informed by the diverse needs and concerns of those directly affected by its implementation.

### MULTIMEDIA

**PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN** 

#### MULTIMEDIA PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN

Culturit PR will develop and implement a comprehensive public relations plan that utilizes a mix of traditional and non-traditional methods to reach and engage the diverse population of metro Detroit. This will include:

#### **Traditional Media:**

- Press releases and media outreach to local newspapers, television stations, and radio stations.
- Public service announcements (PSAs) to air on radio and television channels frequented by the target audience.

#### **Non-Traditional Media:**

- Targeted Social Media Campaign: Utilize Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Nextdoor to engage residents with culturally relevant content and infographics explaining the redistricting process. Partner with local influencers to amplify the message. Additionally, implement paid ad's to further amplify messaging.
- Community Outreach: Organize educational workshops and town hall meetings in partnership with community organizations.
- Multilingual Materials: Develop flyers, posters, and informational brochures in the languages spoken by diverse communities in metro Detroit.
- Website and Hotline: Create a dedicated webpage on the MICRC website with clear information about the redistricting process and multiple ways to submit feedback. Establish a hotline staffed by bilingual representatives to answer questions.

We will constantly monitor the effectiveness of the campaign and adjust strategies as needed to maximize engagement.

#### The State of Black Men's Health in **Medical and Mental Intervention**

Gift Of Life





#### TARGETED SOCIAL MEDIA PLAN FOR MICHIGAN REDISTRICTING CAMPAIGN (SECTION 3)

Goal: Increase resident engagement in the redistricting process for Michigan Senate Districts #1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11.

#### **Target Audience:**

- Age: 18+
- Location: Metro Detroit, including the city's seven neighborhood districts
- **Demographics:** Consider factors like race, ethnicity, language spoken at home, and socioeconomic status to tailor messaging to specific groups.

#### **Platforms:**

- Focus on the platforms most popular with the target audience. Research suggests prioritizing:
  - Youtube (second-most visited website in the world)
  - Instagram (highly visual, strong in Detroit)
  - TikTok (short-form video content, growing popularity)
  - Facebook (broad reach, older demographics)
  - Nextdoor (hyperlocal platform for community engagement)

#### **Content Strategy:**

- Informative + Trust Building: Create clear, concise posts explaining the redistricting process, its importance, and how to participate. Use infographics, explainer videos, and FAQs.
- **Engaging:** Utilize visuals (photos, videos) that reflect the diversity of metro Detroit. Employ a conversational tone and ask questions to spark discussion and user-generated content.
- **Multilingual:** Develop content in the languages spoken by the target audience, increasing inclusivity and community engagement.

#### **Sample Content Ideas:**

- Short explainer videos: "What is redistricting?" "Why is your voice important?"
- Interactive polls: "What issues matter most to you in your community?"
- **Community spotlights:** Feature residents and their perspectives on fair representation.
- Partner with influencers: Collaborate with local social media personalities to amplify the message.
- Livestream Q&A sessions: Host live sessions with MICRC representatives to answer resident questions.
- Contests and giveaways: Encourage participation in contests related to redistricting knowledge. (Ensure compliance with platform guidelines)
- Utilize relevant hashtags: #Mlredistricting #MakeYourVoiceHeard #DetroitVotes etc.

#### Schedule:

- Post consistently across platforms, with a higher frequency during peak usage times.
- Consider running targeted social media ads to reach a wider audience within your defined demographics.

#### **Measurement:**

- Track key metrics such as reach, engagement (likes, comments, shares), website clicks, and link clicks in bios to gauge campaign effectiveness.
- Monitor online conversations and sentiment to identify areas for improvement.

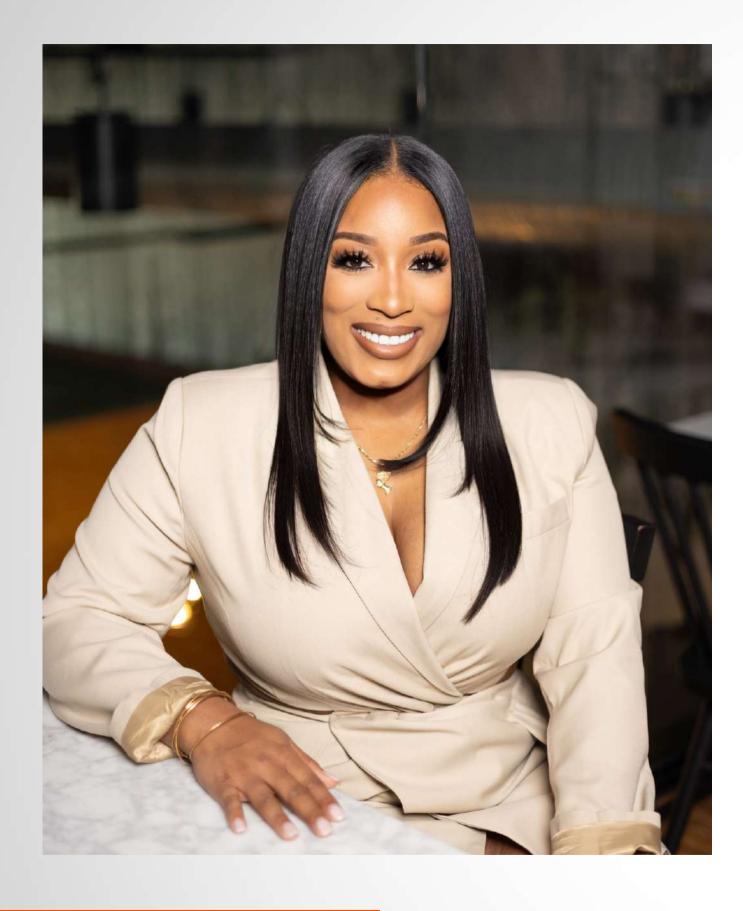
#### **Additional Considerations:**

- Partner with community organizations to promote the campaign on their social media channels.
- Develop a social media style guide to ensure consistent messaging and visuals.
- Community management of comments and questions on social media platforms.

## PRINCIPAL

RESUME + EXPERIENCE

#### THE PRINCIPAL AND RESUME



#### Brittany Mobley, Principal Publicist and Multi-Media Strategist

Brittany Mobley is a seasoned communications professional with over eight years of experience in the fields of public relations and social media management. Throughout her career, Brittany has demonstrated a knack for transforming complex ideas into compelling narratives across various industries, including multicultural awareness, healthcare, and education.

Notably, she has played pivotal roles in Michigan-specific campaigns, such as Michigan for All: Reducing the spread of COVID-19 (2020), where she achieved significant engagement, with over 50% of the target audience recalling the campaign through social media channels. Similarly, Brittany spearheaded the Gift of Life, Let's Talk initiative, which led to a substantial increase in organ donor enrollment and donations, showcasing her ability to drive tangible outcomes tailored to Michigan communities.

With a master's degree in public relations from Full Sail University and a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations from The University of Memphis, Brittany possesses a strong academic foundation complementing her practical expertise. Adept at utilizing cutting-edge tools and platforms, she has a proven track record of crafting impactful content and driving tangible outcomes.

Brittany is deeply committed to fostering inclusive communication and meaningful engagement, making her an invaluable asset to any team seeking to connect with diverse audiences and drive positive change.

#### LIVE RESUME LINK HERE

HOURLY RATE: \$200/HOUR

### REFERENCES

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# RESUME & HOURLY RATES

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#### Tatiana Jackson, Principal Multi-Media Strategist and Partner

Tatina Jackson is a dynamic professional with a background in Behavioral Sciences from the University of Michigan. With a robust career spanning media production and award-winning social media strategy, Tatiana brings a unique blend of creativity and analytical insight to the table.

Starting her career in 2014 as an Assistant Production Manager overseeing hundreds of print publications nationwide, including notable outlets such as the Michigan Chronicle and the Chicago Defender, Tatiana quickly made her mark by conceptualizing and executing marketing campaigns for over 150 event productions across the country. Her expertise in managing nationwide and global sponsors ensured the success of these initiatives.

Transitioning into social media strategy, Tatiana's talent flourished as she worked with renowned companies like Stillantis, Blunhouse, and Disney+, along with several nonprofits. Her innovative approach to social media management has consistently resulted in a 300% increase in engagement and reach, surpassing industry benchmarks by at least 50%.

Tatiana's drive, innovation, and industry leadership make her an invaluable asset to her community. Her dedication to continue developing holistic, integrated strategies aimed at achieving key business objectives with a focus on a positive impact on community is unparalleled.

HOURLY RATE: \$190/HOUR

#### TEAM RESUME



#### HOURLY RATE: \$180/HOUR

#### Dr. Donyale R. Padgett, Strategic Community Engagement Consultant

Dr. Donyale Padgett is the Strategic Community Engagement Consultant at Culturit PR and Principal Consultant for Legacy Communication & Research, which brings to the table a wealth of expertise in strategic communication consulting and training. With a background in diversity and inclusion programming, workforce development, and customized communication research, Dr. Padgett specializes in helping organizations understand and effectively engage with diverse populations.

In her role, Dr. Padgett has spearheaded various initiatives, including delivering communication training for prominent organizations such as FCA (UAW-Chrysler), covering topics ranging from presentation skills to critical thinking and facilitation. She has also developed and presented diversity and inclusion programming for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's company-wide diversity initiative across multiple locations. Dr. Padgett's commitment to fostering inclusion extends beyond corporate settings, as evidenced by her numerous guest speaker appearances at community organizations and institutions in Metro Detroit. She has shared her expertise on issues of diversity, culture, and inclusion at venues such as Michigan State University Medical School, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, and the Public Relations Society of America.

Furthermore, Dr. Padgett has conducted valuable research on topics such as organ donation among underrepresented groups, utilizing focus group methodology to explore barriers and develop effective messaging strategies. Her dedication to education is evident in her delivery of professional development workshops on implicit bias and microaggressions to academic audiences at institutions like Wayne State University and the University of Michigan Dearborn.

Recognized as an expert in her field, Dr. Padgett has been featured in media outlets including the Huffington Post, Detroit Free Press, and Fox 2, where she has provided insights on race, culture, and media.

With her proven track record of impactful engagement and her dedication to advancing diversity and inclusion, Dr. Donyale Padgett is an invaluable asset to the Strategic Community Engagement Consultant role for this proposal.

### OUR TEAM

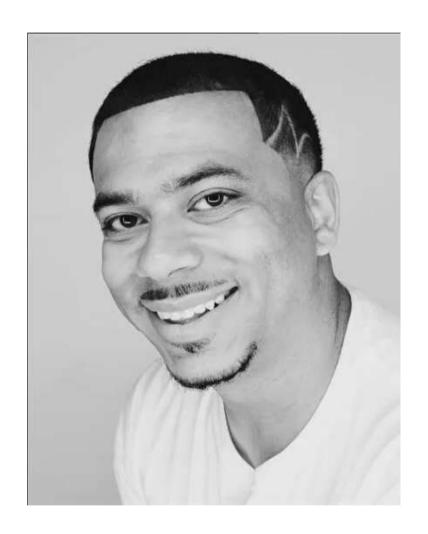
Let's meet our team members who are professional and have rich experiences.



DEVAN PENNINGTON

Project Manager

HOURLY RATE: \$40/HOUR



JEREMY CRANFORD

Videographer

HOURLY RATE: \$150/HOUR



LISA PRINCE

Diversity and Inclusion Manager

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## BUDGET

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Estimated budget based on the staff hours working on this project and that identifies the promotional costs (radio, print, television, social media, influencers, etc.) associated with this project that will be paid or reimbursed by the Commission. The Commission understands that these are estimates and subject to change.

Name	Title	Hours	Rate
Brittany Mobley	Principal Publicist and Multi-Media Strategist	20/week	\$200/hr
Tatiana Jackson	Principal Multi-Media Strategist and Partner	20/week	\$190/hr
Donyale Padgett	Strategic Community Engagement Consultant	10/week	\$180/hr
Devan Peddington	Project Manager	10/week	\$40/hr
Jermey Cranford	Videographer/ Photographer	5/month	\$150/hr

Totals	Duration (4/22 - 8/4, 2024) 3 months and 10 days	
Staff Budget	\$122,250	
Promotional Budget	\$51,000	
Total Budget	\$173,250	

Promotional Costs	Description	Cost
Radio(PSA+Voiceover)	Ads and announcements	\$2,500
Print + Guerrilla Marketing	Local newspapers, flyers, posters, QR Codes, Bus Ads, etc.	\$5,000
Television	Local cable channels	\$7,000
Social Media	Paid advertising, sponsored content	\$7,000
Influencers	Local community leaders, influencers	\$10,000
Event Space	To host trainings and workshops	\$4,500
Materials	For training and workshops	\$3,000
Billboards	Placed inside designated districts	\$4,000
Over-the-top Advertising	Ex: Disney+, Hulu, etc.	\$5,000
Website Redesign	To correlate with campaign	\$3,000
Total Cost		\$51,000

## THANKYOU

SECTION 5

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