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## **CLBC CALLS FOR GREATER DIVERSITY WITHIN THE FILM INDUSTRY AND NOT JUST THE OSCARS**

**SACRAMENTO – Thursday, January 21, 2016** - The California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) in a statement today called for greater diversity within the entire film industry, which will help to eliminate the disparity in the Oscars:

“Last year the Legislature gave the film industry millions of dollars in tax credits to ensure that they stay in California. Therefore, it should be expected that this industry should reflect the diversity of our State at all levels,” stated Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

“It is difficult to conceive that the Motion Picture Association of America has a 93% white membership rate in a time when society is more diversified than ever before. As a Caucus, we support Academy President, Cheryl Boone Isaac’s statement, which calls for faster changes to diversify in the membership of the Academy and inclusion in all of its facets of gender, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.”

The Caucus looks forward to seeing a more diversified selection of films for the industry’s highest award in the next few years and hope that the Academy hears the outcry of all Californians.

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