




Washington State Commission On

# African American Affairs

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## July 15, 2019

CAAA Public Commission Meeting - Vancouver, Washington  
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Location TBA

**NOW YOU KNOW**

### Althea Gibson

Althea Gibson was an 11-time Grand Slam tennis champion and the first prominent black competitor in women's tennis.

Gibson was born in 1927 in South Carolina where her family were sharecroppers, but they moved to Harlem, New York when she was young. Gibson began playing tennis on local courts in 1941. Noticing her ability, the community raised funds to pay for her coaching lessons and just a year later, she won a tournament sponsored by the American Tennis Association (ATA) - an African-American organization established to promote and sponsor tournaments for black players. Gibson won two additional ATA titles. After losing in 1946, she won 10 straight between 1947 and 1956. Her success earned her a full sports scholarship to college.

Although an elite player, Gibson was denied admission to the 1950 U.S. Nationals because of her race. Four-time champion Alice Marble, petitioned the organization urging Gibson be allowed to compete. Finally allowed to play, Gibson lost, but ranked No. 9 nationally.

In 1956, Gibson became the first African American to win the French Open championship in Paris, France. The following year she became the first to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Nationals; winning them both again in 1958. Unlike our current tournament, there was not any prize money; offers were sparse so she retired from tennis. To the surprise of many, Gibson was multi-talented; an accomplished jazz singer, saxophone player, actress and she was the first black woman to play on the professional golf circuit. She capitalized on her fame by recording an album and appearing in the film *Horse Soldiers* beside actor John Wayne.

Gibson continued to encourage and coach numerous rising tennis competitors such as Zina Garrison until health problems befell her. Gibson passed in 2003.

### Comments Sought on Federal Contracting Inclusion Goals

Contractors, trade and labor organizations, small and disadvantaged businesses and others interested in working with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) are invited to comment on the agency's proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal for contracts funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

Transportation projects that receive federal funds include a DBE goal that represents a percentage of the contract value in which minority- and women-owned businesses should participate given their availability in the market place. WSDOT proposes continuing its current 19 percent overall DBE participation goal on Federal Highway Administration funded projects for federal fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

WSDOT will consider all written comments received and submit a final document to FHWA on Aug. 1. The goal will be effective through Sept. 30, 2021.

The purpose of the DBE program is to create a level playing field for firms owned and operated by disadvantaged individuals wanting to participate in federally assisted highway, transit and aviation programs.

Written comments on the proposed overall DBE goals must be submitted by mail or email to:  
**Jackie Bayne, Policy Manager**  
**Washington State Department of Transportation**  
**Office of Equal Opportunity**  
**P.O. Box 47314**  
**Olympia, WA 98504-7314**  
**DisparityStudy@wsdot.wa.gov**

WSDOT will consider all written comments received through **Friday, July 19, 2019.**

**Sources:** Blackpast.org; CNN.com; ESPN.com; History.com; NMAAHC.si.edu; Wikipedia.org





**Saturday, July 20  
7AM-5PM**

**5K WALK/RUN**

Individuals! Teams! Let's run to advocate for Black men's health and wellness!  
Calling all families, churches, fraternities, sororities or anyone to walk or run!

Participation is FREE!

**Renton Memorial Stadium 405 Logan Ave. N. Renton WA**

website: [www.aawalk.org/renton](http://www.aawalk.org/renton)

**27th Annual Nubian Jam  
Community Festival**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019  
10 AM - 7 PM**

**Forest Park, Everett, WA**

Free admission! Enjoy live music, food and community fun for all ages.

Info: [www.facebook.com/nubianjam](http://www.facebook.com/nubianjam)

**Cierra Sisters, Inc.**  
**Proudly presents,**

**Community Wellness Festival  
Health Fair**

**@ Holy Temple Evangelistic Center  
12600 Renton Avenue South  
Seattle WA 98178**

**Saturday July, 20 2019**

**10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**"In Skyway"**

Volunteers Will Be Delivering Life Saving Information  
Door to Door.  
Come and be a part of This Extraordinary Event

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Saturday July 20 2019

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Registration to begin at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

@ 10:00 a.m.

Door to Door Walk starts @10:30-12:00

Free mammograms, pap's, diabetes, , POCAN  
HIV Screening, and other health Screenings!

Special Kid Zone

Guest Speakers



Commissioner  
Sara Franklin-Phillips



Dr. Julie Gralow  
SCCA

And more

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# Cierra Sisters Community Wellness Festival Health Fair

**Saturday, July 20, 2019  
Holy Temple Evangelistic Center  
12600 Renton Ave. South  
Seattle, WA 98178**

**Doors open at 8AM  
Registration at 9AM**

**Mammograms - with or without  
insurance  
Free blood pressure screening!**



## **Ethnic Fest!** **Celebrating Culture & Community** The largest celebration of culture and community in Tacoma!

**Saturday, July 27 - Sunday, July 28  
Noon to 7PM  
Wright Park, Tacoma, WA.**

Something for everyone! Kid's Zones, hands-on  
cultural activities and experiences, performer stage, as well  
as numerous specialty arts and crafts, food, and information  
vendor booths.

This year's festival includes a 3 on 3 basketball  
tournament, for Youth (15U) and Adaptive  
Recreation Divisions.







## Flavor of Federal Way Multicultural Festival

Saturday, August 10, 2019  
11AM-3PM

Town Square Park  
31600 Pete von Reichbauer Way South  
Federal Way, WA 98003

## Unity in the Community Spokane's Largest Multi-Cultural Celebration

25 years of embracing diversity!  
Activities for all ages; enjoy the cultural village,  
career, education and health fairs. Free K-8  
school supplies and bike helmets!

Saturday, August 17, 2019  
10AM - 4PM

Riverfront Park, Downtown Spokane, WA  
info: [nwunity.org](http://nwunity.org)

Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

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Region's Largest  
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[nwunity.org](http://nwunity.org)      Family friendly and free to all ages.

Career, Education and  
Health Fair

Cultural Village

Activities for All Ages

Live Entertainment

Free K-8  
School Supplies

Free Kids Helmets  
*(while supplies last)*

Senior Resource Area

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## Umoja Fest 2019 Judkins Park, Seattle, WA

Attractions include the Africatown Heritage Parade featuring dance troops and drill teams, Children's Day & Family Fun Village, Soul N The Park, Afrobeats & Roots Stage, Heal the Hood Basketball Tournament & Hip Hop 4 Peace stage and delicious flavors of the African diaspora from restaurants, food trucks, vendor marketplace and community resource fair and more!

Umoja Festival Parade - Saturday Aug. 3 @1:00 PM at  
23rd & Union

Basketball Youth/High School Skills Camp sign up at  
[www.seattlebasketballservices.com](http://www.seattlebasketballservices.com)

Adult Teams Registration contact Marvena Kemp:  
206-683-4060

**Festival Information: [umojafestnw.com](http://umojafestnw.com)**



## **EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please see our website for additional announcements

[WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment](http://WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment)

### **WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES**

DSHS Contracts Officer - 2 positions, Tumwater, WA. Closing 7/21/2019

### **WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Highway Maintenance Worker 2, Clark County/Multiple locations. Closing 7/16/2019

Community Liaison, Spokane, WA. Closing 7/17/2019

Asst. Regional Admin for Development and Delivery, Vancouver, WA. Closing 7/19/2019

Communications Coordinator, Vancouver, WA. Closing 7/19/2019

Fiscal Analyst 3, Olympia, WA. Closing 7/28/2019

### **WASHINGTON STATE SENATE**

Staff Counsel or Research Analyst, Olympia, WA. First review to begin in late July

### **WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Administrative Office Manager – Medicaid Fraud Control Division, Olympia

Legal Assistant 4 – Social & Health Services Division, Seattle

Legal Assistant 4 – Social & Health Services Division, Spokane

### **UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY**

HR Director of Talent, Equity & Development Seattle, WA. Open until filled

### **FIRST FEDERAL**

Entry Level Contact Center Representative, Port Angeles, WA. Apply Now!

Universal Banker - Float. Kitsap Market

### **ACLU OF WASHINGTON**

Development Assistant, Seattle, WA. Closing 8/9/2019

Staff Attorney, Seattle, WA. Closing 8/22/2019

### **COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES openings**

### **CITY OF SEATTLE**

Grants & Contracts Specialist, Seattle, WA. Closing 7/16/2019

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

Client Services Representative, Everett, WA. Closing 7/31/2019

### **SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE openings**