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History of Hope: The African American Political Experience



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INTRODUCTION

The inauguration on January 20, 2009 of president-elect Barack Obama will be a major historical event in the history of the United States. His inauguration will mean many things to many people, especially because former Senator Obama will become the first African American president of the United States. While the president-elect's campaign assumed (and worked desperately to maintain) a "race neutral" strategy all the way to the White House, many economic and political issues affecting African Americans were at an all time high. As the inauguration draws near the post-election debate has taken on a new twist, namely, whether an Obama administration is the final nail in the coffin of racial politics in North America.

On January 10, 2009, the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African Culture and History (AARL), will provide citizens the opportunity, in the first of a series of community forums, where their voices can be heard on this very subject of race in the Obama administration.

AARL staff and volunteers invite the community to participate in a "History in the Making" series of interviews in our repository chronicling their thoughts on president-elect Barack Obama's victory in the general elections.

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