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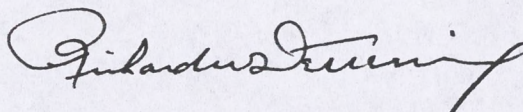
Mr. C. L. Dellums  
International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California.

Dear Mr. Dellums:

Enclosed is a receipt for \$25, which we received from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. \$5 of the \$25 will be applied to a subscription of the information services of the Federation and the \$20 will be turned over to our general operating fund. Thank you very much for the donation and subscription.

I would like to remind you of the Federation Convention, which is going to be held at Asilomar on December 2, 3 and 4. I hope you can put these dates aside and plan to join us at the Convention.

Very sincerely yours,



Richard W. Dettering  
Executive Director

RWD:ajr

CIVIC UNITY CONVENTION  
Asilomar, Pacific Grove, December 2, 3 and 4



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Mr. C.L. Dellums, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street,  
Oakland 7, California.

Dear Mr. Dellums:

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This letter is to bring the attention of your union to the program of the California Federation for Civic Unity in the East Bay. If your membership approves of this program and believes in its need we would deeply appreciate as much financial support as it could possibly afford.

The "civic unity" movement has proved very successful in bringing together people of various racial, religious and cultural groups to assist in one another's problems on a united basis. The best example of what has been achieved is the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity which has become a powerful and respected institution in its area. Recently, over strong opposition, it persuaded the Board of Supervisors to pass unanimously a resolution declaring against a policy of segregation in the redevelopment areas of the city. It is now pushing for a city ordinance to make discrimination in redevelopment housing a misdemeanor and is actively working for a city FEPC. Such results indicate what a well-financed, broadly supported civic unity group can do.

The situation in the East Bay reveals much greater problems for members of racial minorities than exist in San Francisco. Discriminatory law-enforcement, bad housing and unfair employment practices are building up an area of tension which can have serious consequences. Although many groups feel the impact of these injustices, none of them are working together to correct them. They will never be successful until they join hands. While we have three civic unity organizations, the Oakland Council for Civic Unity, the Berkeley Interracial Committee and the Richmond Council for Intergroup Relations, all of them are weak from lack of funds and from lack of support from the minority groups themselves. It is the Federation's aim to remedy these weaknesses.

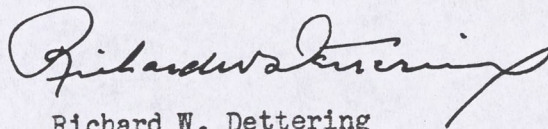
Our organization is calling an East Bay Conference on civil rights Saturday, August 27. Here we hope to bring into a single room more than 200 people representing various racial, national and religious organizations, talk over our common problems and work out a program of joint-action through organization. We hope to see emerge from this conference a working unity among all the groups involved, with the possibility of a staff worker to serve the entire community.



Needless to say this undertaking is very ambitious, but we feel that less than this will not do the job which must be done. We are therefore asking for as large a contribution as your forward-looking union is able to make. We are hoping to raise several thousand dollars to be spent for our program in the East Bay.

If your union desires, five dollars of your contribution may be used for a subscribing membership. Enclosed is an application form. If there is any sub-committee of your union specifically devoted to intergroup relations, that committee would be eligible to affiliate with the Federation under the \$25.00 annual membership plan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard W. Dettering".

Richard W. Dettering  
Executive Director

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2 September 1949

Mr. C. L. Dellums, President  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California.

Dear Mr. Dellums:

The Federation has received word from your organization, the Alameda County branch, that you wish to become members of the State Federation for Civic Unity.

We would like to receive the formal application from your group as soon as possible because the Board of Directors of the Federation will hold their next meeting on September 17 and at that time will approve new membership applications. We would very much like to have your application approved at that time.

For your convenience, an application blank is enclosed.

Trusting to hear from you in the immediate future,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Richard W. Dettering*  
Richard W. Dettering  
Executive Director

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## BY - LAWS

### CALIFORNIA FEDERATION FOR CIVIC UNITY

(Revisions Adopted at Second Annual Meeting, October 18-19, 1947)

#### I. NAME

The name of this organization is the California Federation for Civic Unity, hereinafter referred to as the Federation.

#### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to assist and strengthen the activities of organizations which are devoted to the improvement of relations among people of different national, religious, and racial origins. The Federation shall be concerned exclusively with the improvement of understanding and relations among such people in accordance with democratic principles. A more specific purpose is to provide a state-wide organization through which the large number of local community relations organizations, civic unity councils, fair play committees, interracial committees, interfaith committees and other organizations with similar purposes may exchange experiences and develop programs to common advantage.

#### III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Organizations in California which are devoted primarily to the foregoing purposes and are willing to comply with these by-laws are eligible for membership in the Federation. Organizations that are not primarily devoted to the objectives indicated but which have subdivisions so devoted may present those subdivisions for membership. In addition to organizations eligible for membership, any organization or individual may, upon application and payment of a fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors, subscribe to the information services of the Federation.
- B. All applications for membership shall be supported by copies of by-laws and/or other evidence of a program primarily concerned with the above-stated purposes. All applications for membership shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
- C. Each member organization shall submit to the Federation an annual report of its status and activities for the year preceding not later than June 30.
- D. All memberships shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee to determine whether they are complying with the purposes of the Federation and the obligations of membership as defined in these by-laws. Only member organizations found to be active and fulfilling the requirements of the by-laws shall be retained as members, such determination to be made by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

#### IV. FINANCE

- A. The minimum membership fee shall be \$25 per year, payable not later than June 30 of each calendar year. Additional financial quotas may be suggested to member organizations or groups of member organizations by the Finance Committee in accordance with the resources of the areas respectively served.