



Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.

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Louisiana Regional Black Chamber of Commerce Leaders convene in New Orleans to launch the newly formed Louisiana Chamber Foundation, Inc.

New Orleans, LA – On Friday, November 23rd, 2018 minority chamber of commerce representatives from across the state of Louisiana met at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, for the official launch of the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation unites local and minority chambers from across the state to increase the educational and economic opportunities of their members. David St. Etienne, will serve as LCCF President/Ceo and Kelisha Garrett will lead LCCF efforts as the organization's Executive Director.

State Senator Troy Carter said recently: "Just over a year ago, there was a discussion regarding an idea to form an organization solely focused on strengthening and unifying our local African-American chambers of commerce. I am proud that this thought has come to fruition. There is strength in numbers and with the collaboration of a people their voices will be heard."

Speakers at the launch included State Representative Randal Gaines, Chairman of The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus who conducted opening remarks, and Ron Busby, President of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., who delivered a powerful keynote address on "The State of Black-Owned Businesses in the U.S."

The LCCF is a statewide source of information and advocacy organized to help local and minority-owned businesses in Louisiana grow and prosper.

LCCF's member base includes: African-American Chamber of Commerce of Lake Charles (AACCLC), Alexandria Regional Black Chamber of Commerce Baton Rouge Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce (BRMBCC), Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce (GSLBCC), Monroe Regional Minority Chamber of Commerce (MRMCC developing), New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce (NORBCC), and Shreveport-Bossier African-American Chamber of Commerce (SBAACC).

"The economy of our state is only as limited as we allow it to be. As local and minority-owned businesses grow, so will the economic power of Louisiana." said David St. Etienne, LCCF President/CEO.

The mission of the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation is to help drive the economic growth of our State by empowering and sustaining the minority business community through the development of local chambers.

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