



It's Time for Carson Residents to Wake Up! It's Time for change.By Dr. V. Seymore

It's time for action! It's time for people who care to, in the words of the late civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, be **"sick and tired of being sick and tired."**

It's time to stop putting off until tomorrow what we should be doing today such as becoming more involved in the present and future education of our young people.

It's time to stop being afraid to say what's on your mind to elected leaders and speak out. They were elected by the people, for the people and they get paid by the people and that includes you.

It's time to stop being afraid to step up to the plate and take your stand. If you have concerns, you should be able to take them to elected officials and not worry about them disrespecting or retaliating against you.

It's time to stop being afraid you may step on someone else's toes and step anyway.

It's time to tell some elected officials that it's time to replace them.

It's time that elected officials stop spending tax payers money any way they choose.

It's time for Carson residents to stop brown-nosing and kissing up to elected officials for favors and realize we elected them to look out for our well-being and not just their special interest groups.

It's time to remind the mayor of the oath he took and his job description outlining that he's the presiding officer of the Carson City Council, and not the entire council.

It's time for elected leaders to stop ignoring the resident's needs and wishes on the north side of

Carson. They took an oath to represent all 25,000 households and 95,000 residents.

It's time for elected officials to realize that residents on the north must drive three to five miles to a super market.

It's time for residents to reach out and know who your neighbors are.

It's time for residents to use their telephones & e-mails to summons help when they see suspicious individuals loitering in their neighborhoods. We have an obligation to do so.

It's time that members of the sheriff department realize when we call for help **we need it now** and not later.

For years we have sat idle and watched strangers come into our neighborhood and assumed they were friendly visitors. We later learned they were here to invade our homes and steal our possessions.

It's time for moms and dads and brothers and sisters aunts and uncles and pastors and deacons to say to those who are breaking into our homes, **ITS TIME FOR A CHANGE. IT'S TIME TO STOP!**

As a participant in the Civil Rights Movement and a longtime community activist, I became a political scholar while learning from those who laid the foundation for African Americans such as Dr. Martin Luther King & Congressman, John Lewis and in this city, Gil Smith, Vern Hemingway, Joseph B. O'Neal, Thomas Mills, Clarence Bridges, Aaron Carter and others.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Hemingway to call Mr. Kenneth Haun's office for advice, or for the two of us to visit him at his office, which by the way; he had an open door policy.

Our city officials had no objections to anyone seeking advice and/or information from others, in or outside of the city. The community as we know it today has an entire different set of "unwritten guidelines". If we don't wake up and speak out, certain Jim Crow Laws will be back on the books.

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