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### **The Black Chamber of Silicon Valley Hosts Affair to Recognize Silicon Valley *"Blacks 'n Business, Blacks 'n Technology"***

**SAN JOSE, CA:** The Silicon Valley Black Chamber of Commerce, it's Center for Entrepreneurial Development and Hewlett-Packard Enterprise or HPE are excited to announce the second annual awards ceremony to recognize and honor the significant achievements of African Americans in the fields of business and/or technology in Silicon Valley, the world's leading hub for high-tech innovation and development., Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley Hotel, in Fremont, California, located at 46100 Landing Parkway.

Four (4) awards will be given to Silicon Valley African American pioneers in the fields of business and technology:  
The Awards are:

**The Roy Clay, Sr. "Spirit of Excellence Award in Technology"**  
**Shellye Archambeau – CEO Metric Stream**

**The "Spirit of Excellence Award in Business"**  
**Lloyd Carney – CEO Brocade**

**The "Business & Technology Legacy Award"**  
**Frank Greene – The Greene Scholars Program**

**The "Next Generation of Excellence, Achievement Award"**  
**Erik Moore – Founder and Managing Director Base Ventures**

Prentice Powell; The 2006 Oakland and S.F Grand Slam Champion and national known spoken word artist will MC this year's award ceremony.

"The Chamber is thrilled to acknowledge these African American pioneers and achievers, and their respective contributions and impacts on Silicon Valley," remarked Carl Davis Jr., president of The Black Chamber of Silicon Valley.

#### **ABOUT THE SILICON VALLEY/SANTA CLARA COUNTY BLACK CHAMBER**

The Silicon Valley/Santa Clara County Black Chamber was incorporated as a 501(c)(6) in 1988 by founding president and local business person Mr. Ron McPherson, who served as its president for ten years. In 2000, the Chamber created a 501(c)(3), The Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurial Development to act as a foundation for its educational projects and it's Incubator Program.

The Silicon Valley Black Chamber of Commerce's mission is to create, identify and/or expand economic development opportunities for African Americans and minorities in Silicon Valley. The SVBCC is an equal opportunity, community service provider to all persons regardless of race, sex, color, age, religion, actual or perceived gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, ethnic or national origin, or familial status.

For more information, please go to: <http://blackchamber.com/BNBFundraiser/>

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SVBCC president Carl Davis Jr., Prentice Powell will be available for pre-event interviews.

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