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**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Health Justice Initiative
To Host Health Care Town Hall Meetings
In Cities Across The Country**

October 15, 2009, Washington, DC – The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority **Health Justice** initiative will host a series of Town Hall Meetings across the country to discuss health care reform. International President Sheryl P. Underwood has mandated that all 850 chapters and auxiliaries of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. conduct town hall meetings on Health Care reform to give the community an opportunity to discuss the pending health care reform legislation recently moved to the full Senate for review and vote.

The **Zeta Phi Beta Health Justice Town Hall Meetings on Health Care** will provide the community with the opportunity to 1) hear information regarding the proposed health care legislation; 2) engage in meaningful discussion of this critical issue; 3) voice their opinions to public figures and elected officials and 4) leave empowered to voice their opinions to members of congress before the issue goes before the House for a vote.

Dr. Lucy Perez, National Director of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Constance Hendricks, Ph.D., RN, National Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority **Health Justice** signature program have prepared a non-partisan Town Hall format that will include a panel of learned scholars and health care experts. Underwood is emphatic that Zeta Phi Beta Sorority assumes a leadership role in educating American citizens about the most important health legislation that will be enacted in their life time, health care reform. According to Underwood, "It is our responsibility to engage the community in dialogue, with clarity and civility, so that our nation will lead by making sure that every citizen, of the great United States, has health care. Why? Because, if you're not healthy, you cannot work. If you are not healthy, your

quality of life is compromised, and you can not be a productive citizen of this nation or the world.”

Meetings will be held at a variety of locations including churches and college/university campuses. The highly successful inaugural Town Hall Meeting was held in historic Birmingham, Alabama, a city and state that has meant much in the struggle for fair and equitable civil rights for all citizens. **Upcoming dates are:**

October 20 - XM Radio/Sirius Town Hall Meeting

October 22 - Tallahassee, FL

October 24 - Hartford, CT

October 24 – Mirmar, FL (near Ft. Lauderdale)

October 28 – Houston, TX

October 28 – Atlanta, GA

October 29 – Birmingham, AL

October 30 – Baltimore, MD

October 31 – Inglewood, CA

November 6 – Boston, MA

November 18 – Lake Charles, LA

November 22 - Indianapolis, IN

Upcoming Cities:

Denver, CO

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Chicago, IL

Louisville, KY

Detroit, MI

Buffalo, NY

Many national community leaders are lending their support to the Town Hall Meetings on Health Care, including Robert “Bob” Brown, Chairman and Founder of B&C Associates, Inc., who says "The nation's current health care discussion is of vital importance to all of our citizens. There are many questions surrounding this issue. People are looking for unbiased answers. I'm pleased to lend my personal support to Zeta Phi Beta's efforts to educate and inform the community, on a national level, and provide an opportunity for people to engage in meaningful conversation around this topic." B&C Associates, Inc. is an international public relations, research, marketing and crisis management services firm, based in High Point, NC.

For more information and updates on the upcoming Town Hall Meetings visit ZPhiB1920.org.