

**Alphonso Braggs, BSBM, MBA**

Mr. Braggs was born and raised in Wilmington, NC. In middle and high school, he served as teacher's assistant, editor of the school newspaper, yearbook staff, school chorus, drama club, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. He spent a several years acting in a professional theatrical group.

At the age of 15, he was elected to three consecutive one-year terms on the Wilmington City Council as a Youth Member and was very active in local politics and community policy development. He organized his local church Youth Council and became its president. Shortly, thereafter, he helped to organize the District Youth Council and became its president. At the age of 16, he was elected as the Southeast U.S. Region Youth Council Treasurer.

After high school, he served honorably for 26 years in the U.S. Navy serving in tours from the Pentagon to Special Programs. He served on nuclear submarines and traversed the seven seas. A combat veteran, he completed over ten arduous deployments including the North Pole.

Following his military career, he joined the public sector as Operations Director for Angel Network Charities. He returned to the federal government as a civilian with the Treasury Department and Department of Defense. He retired from federal service in 2023 as a Senior Management Analyst at the Navy Region Hawaii headquarters staff. He currently serves as a Civil Rights Compliance Specialist with the Hawaii Department of Education.

A devout social justice advocate, he is committed to defending civil and human rights. He serves on the NAACP National Board of Directors as Assistant Secretary, Chairman Political Action and Legislative Affairs Committee, Chairman International Affairs Committee, Chairman Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee, and Vice Chairman Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He is a life member and current president for the NAACP Honolulu-Hawaii Branch overseeing operations in Japan, Korea, Guam, and Hawaii. He serves on the NAACP California-Hawaii State Area Executive Committee. He hosted the "NAACP Today" show for seven years.

In August of 2017, Mr. Braggs received a Presidential appointment to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights State Advisory Committee and currently serves as its Vice Chairman. He is a longtime member of the Board of Directors, Japanese American Citizens League Honolulu Chapter. He also serves on the Hawaii Department of Education Civil Rights Compliance Advisory Committee and the FBI Community Civil Rights Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Downtown Honolulu International Rotary Club and serves as the Club's Youth Programs Director and is a member of the District Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Mr. Braggs holds membership in several professional and fraternal organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Prince Hall Freemasonry, and Prince Hall Shrinedom at the local, state, and national level. Locally, he is the Parliamentarian for the National PanHellenic Council Honolulu Chapter and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman. He serves on the Hawaii Black Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a charter member and longtime Parliamentarian for the Pacific Ocean Chapter of Blacks in Government.

A resident of Hawaii since 1992, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, a Master of Business Administration, and a Certification in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University. Fully engaged in developing future leaders, he mentors youth and aspiring entrepreneurs. He is a much sought after mentor, life skills coach, lecturer, motivational speaker, poet, and author. Mr. Braggs is a proud father, grandfather, and loves the great outdoors.