

Letter to the editor: Support venerable institutions

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You can tell the state of a community by noting the state of its bricks and mortar institutions.

Survey the conditions of the most venerable institutions of socio-political importance to be found in Minnesota's predominantly Black communities today -- Hallie Q. Brown and Sabathani Community Centers, African American Family Services and so on -- you will find them budget tight and closed on weekends. These are the places where communities rallied for politics and justice. These are the places where families gathered to celebrate growth and achievement. These are the places where first jobs were won, honors were bestowed, children were nurtured, elders were cared for -- *I hate to be writing about these places in the past tense.*

They need your attention, our elected heroes.

Rally for the resources to keep these institutions strong, and so go the community.