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### **Leadership Legacy Fund Launched at AABLI Tribute**

The Yvette Chappell-Ingram Leadership Legacy Fund was officially launched by the African American Board Leadership Institute (AABLI) at its recent tribute to the fund's namesake, who is retiring after ten years as AABLI's president and CEO.

The fund will support AABLI's programs for board equity and diversity, social justice and leadership development.

Chappell-Ingram was saluted July 15 at a virtual gathering of community leaders, AABLI alumni and funders, community partners, former board members, friends, colleagues, and family. The event was sponsored by the Annenberg Foundation, with ABC7 Los Angeles Morning News co-anchor Leslie Sykes serving as mistress of ceremonies.

Speakers cited the departing president's 30 years as a community "servant leader." Chappell-Ingram has devoted the last decade to AABLI, after co-founding the organization with attorney Virgil Roberts in 2011.

AABLI's mission is to strengthen nonprofit, public and private organizations by preparing African American professionals for service on a broad range of governing boards, and by assisting with their placement. During Chappell Ingram's tenure, AABLI has trained more than 750 program participants and placed more than 250 on nonprofit boards, corporate boards and commissions.

"What I'm most proud of," said Chappell-Ingram, "is the environment we created to help build community." Acknowledging the California Endowment's role as AABLI's first grantor, she recalled the "leaps of faith" required to start a nonprofit from scratch. "We did not do it alone, but I am thrilled to have played a part in moving this organization forward."

To donate to the Yvette Chappell-Ingram Leadership Legacy Fund, visit <https://bit.ly/AABLIlegacyfund>.

To learn more about AABLI and its Board Leadership Certificate Program, visit [www.aabli.org](http://www.aabli.org).

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