*4BlacknBrown2*

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I Am civic, advocate, dedicated, forward-thinking, strategic, professional, an analytical person enthusiastic about my community, family and committed to Equity and Social Justice for *ALL*, especially People of Color!

I am reaching out to you today because we share the goal of helping others in our community. Research has shown us that social media is the way to talk with you and others. It is also known people of color are getting their information quickly from Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Podcasting.

My goal is to deliver content in easy-to-understand podcasts and blog conversations with people who have direct knowledge about the societal ills that plague our community. Discussion will focus on accessing services and navigating systems to obtain successful outcomes.

People of color often marginalized and disenfranchised, experience difficulties with accessing and dealing with systems due to environmental /societal issues.

I want to highlight these issues and provide information in a way that is understandable, also encouraging input and feedback.

***Finally, who am I and why 4BlacknBrown2?***

I am a Black female enthusiastic about my city and my people. I grew up marginalized and disenfranchised. After high school I lived two lives.

***The first life:*** I enrolled in a community college hoping to be something in the criminal justice field, emulating my uncle who was a charismatic successful lawyer. I dropped out as the college was not on a bus line, and I wasn’t able to secure reliable transportation and childcare. I was, however, able to get a full-time job as a bank teller, requiring me to work one late night per week. My challenges included limited day care hours, little to no support, and unreliable transportation. I was unable to hold onto that job and I was feeling quite defeated, and barely 21 years old.

***My second life:*** I moved from a small town in Beaver County to Pittsburgh, became a bartender, enrolled in college during the day, received a BS in Businesses and began working various jobs. Childcare was still an issue, but transportation was not. I share this story because after experiencing this or variations of the same, I began receiving helping hands that resulted in me celebrating 20 years of employment and being promoted to the level of AVP of one of the largest thrift institutions in United States. If this is possible for me, then it is possible for everyone. Providing they get a helping hand. We want **4BlacknBrown2** to be that helping hand!

-I am Kimberly Rosser (Harriel)