Wayne County Commission Vice-Chair Alisha Bell selected to attend national conference in Washington

Wayne County Commission Vice-Chair Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, was chosen as one of 25 elected officials of color to participate in the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies’ 2015 Roundtable, which was Dec. 6-8 in Washington, D.C.

The group attended programs at the White House, U.S. Capitol and George Washington University Law School. One of the sessions was “Lessons of Detroit,” with officials discussing the city’s economic challenges and comeback. There also was a leadership discussion, a workforce development session, a program on voting rights and civic participation and a congressional floor leadership breakfast, among other events.

“It was an incredible honor to be chosen,” Vice-Chair Bell said. “It was amazing and humbling to be at the White House and Capitol, and I will use what I learned to benefit Wayne County through my work on the Commission. I will share what I learned with my colleagues, and it will benefit all of us.”

The 25 attendees came from a variety of governmental roles, including county commissioners and executives, state legislative floor leaders, city council presidents, mayors
and tribal chairs. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, based in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit public policy organization and paid for participants to attend.

Vice-Chair Bell represents the Wayne County Commission’s 7th District, which covers part of Detroit’s far west side. She is in her seventh term on the Commission and third term as vice-chair.