



Outstanding Diversity Champion: Ernest Sullivan

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How concerned are you about the growing movement against DEI initiatives? What concerns me most is the progression that is taking place. It started with removing affirmative action in college admissions by the Supreme Court. There are now movements to limit the history and events that are taught in our schools, and finally there is environmental pressure on business leaders and CEOs to consider dismantling DEI initiatives.

The good news is organizations such as the Executive Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., have written open letters to organizations all over the country asking them to remain strong in their support for DEI

initiatives. And the response back has shown that most business leaders still see the value of diversity on their business success and plan to continue their DEI efforts.

Nominator's comments: "Ernie grew up without much in the Linden neighborhood. He saw how his family scraped and strived to allow him access to success. 'I had a lot of help growing up in the projects of Windsor Terrace. I had teachers and mentors that kept me on the path,' Ernie said. 'My successful life has been a return on their investment.' Ernie has built his life around serving the nonprofits that serve the families whose circumstances match his own. That has included the national board for A Kid Again; chair of the Worker Quality Committee – Governor's Workforce Policy; board president at St. Stephen's Community House; board vice president at Central State University; St. Vincent Family Center board member; Families Flourish board member; and Directions for Youth board member." Nominator: Shiloh Todorov, Families Flourish

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