May 26, 2023

Dr. Ida E. Jones Vice President for Membership Association for the Study of African American Life and History 301 Rhode Island Avenue NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Dr. Jones,

As you know, a group of historians in Chicago have been working to re-establish a chapter of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History since April of 2023. A smaller group has convened to undertake the work that is required to do so. After careful deliberation, this group has decided to form a branch versus a chapter. An Organizing Committee, made up of Nancy Davis, Gabrielle Powell, Lionel Kimble and Christopher Reed has been formed to spearhead this process. We are writing today to officially inform you of our intentions and will be submitting our Organizational Branch Application by COB Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nancy Davis, Ph.D.

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