Contents

1 Introduction
   Barbara Lewis

9 Governor Deval Patrick and the Representation of Massachusetts’ Black Interests
   Ravi K. Perry

43 Considered a Foreign Policy Neophyte, Barack Obama Emerges as One of the Nation’s Most Competent Commanders in Chief
   Howard Manly

63 Denver and Boston: Why One City Elects Black Mayors and the Other Has Not
   Kenneth J. Cooper

93 Commentary: Creating a Pipeline for a More Inclusive Democracy
   Joyce Ferriabough

100 Contributors
Illustrations

Photos
11   Stimulating Mass Transit
15   Recovering Health
15   Community Reading Assignment
42   History Makers
    *Don West*
45   Attention!
47   Top Ranking
50   Rallying the Troops
62   Mile High Mayors
    *Patricia Duncan*
67   A Winning Rainbow Coalition
    *Don West*
71   A Winner in Defeat
    *Don West*
92   Filling the Pipeline
95   Up the Pipeline
    *Yawu Miller*
Tables

10  Deval Patrick’s Road to Victory
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

21, 22  Gubernatorial Addresses and Black Interests
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

25  Frequency of Legislative Introductions
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

26  Black Interest Legislative Introductions
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

27  Patrick Administration Significant African-American Staff
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

28  Black Interest Executive Orders
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

29  Efforts by Governor Patrick to Improve Black Quality of Life
    \textit{Ravi K. Perry}

80  Factors in Electing Black Mayors: Boston versus Denver
    \textit{Kenneth J. Cooper}