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Are you All In? We have to be all in if we are going to make a difference in the November election on the policies we think are important. This November is about more than just voting. Education, women's right to choose, affordable healthcare, police reform, social security, medicare, medicaid, and the right to collective bargaining might be on the chopping block if we sit on the sidelines and don't get people out to vote. Many of you have heard about Project 2025 by now, and if not, I encourage you to research what is at stake if we fail to show up. Project 2025 takes us backwards to before Jim Crow and the beginning of the civil rights movement. As NAACP Chairman Leon Russell said at the NAACP Convention in Las Vegas, "If you don't do politics, politics WILL do you!"

Sign up and share this link to get out the vote - naacp.org/volunteer

As we prepare for this critical election, we must also remember the ongoing struggles and injustices faced by our community. The events in Springfield, Illinois demonstrate that the movement is still very much needed. It's these kinds of tragedies which continue to deeply impact all of us. Like many of you,

Who was Sonya Massey? She is a descendant of William Donnegan, who was lynched by a white mob during violent racist attacks that led to the creation of the NAACP. She was the daughter of Donna Massey and James Wilburn. She was the mother of two children and had three siblings. Her oldest son Malachi Hill shared that his mother was “loving, caring, she knew how to cook I loved her cooking, the best cooking ever I’m not going to lie. She was just a ball of energy she could talk to anybody, we’d go anywhere and if she wanted to talk to them she would go talk to them, I don’t know she was just a lovable person. She always helped people too, that’s the thing about her—she helps everyone.”

We will not allow for the deaths of Black people to continue to be swept under the rug. Sonya Massey deserves justice. The movement is needed now more than ever.

Let’s all be All In...we have no choice!

Yours in the fight,

Rick L. Callender, Esq.

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NAACP Convention Recap



For the first time in the history of the CA/HI State Conference, we were awarded first place nationally in the Publications Category, receiving the prestigious Thalheimer Award.



the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas for the NAACP Environmental Justice Tour where both the Environmental Protection Administrator, Michael S. Regan and President Rick L. Callender delivered remarks.

Reception with Sheley Secret, President of the NAACP AK-OR-WA, and Jeanetta Williams, President of the NAACP Tri-State Conference.



Rick L. Callender, President of the NAACP CA/HI State Conference, delivered a powerful address at the closing plenary of the NAACP Convention, urging delegates to remain focused and united in the fight for justice. He emphasized the importance of voter mobilization as a key priority leading up to the next election. Drawing on his own experiences as both a volunteer and a leader, President Callender highlighted the dual responsibility of NAACP members—balancing their professional roles while committing to the "Black job" of advancing the organization's civic engagement agenda.

NAACP CA/HI State Armed Services & Veterans Affairs Chair

Affairs Chair, played a pivotal role as a community advocate and NAACP panelist during the recent events commemorating the Port Chicago 50 in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her participation in the panel discussions provided valuable insights and contributed to the collective effort to achieve the exoneration of the Port Chicago 50, which was finally realized on July 18th—a long-overdue milestone.



Calling On All NAACP CA/HI State Education Chairs & Families -

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JOIN THE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE!

Every 2nd Wednesday from 6 pm - 7:15 pm



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Purpose: The Education Committee will study educational conditions for children, students, and their families, serving as an information center on matters affecting this population.

Engage: Engage the voices of both parents and branches to guide program and policy recommendations for improving outcomes for Black children, students, and families impacted by the educational system.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The NAACP CA/HI State Conference is thrilled to be a part of significant and influential legislation in 2024. With an exciting, yet crucial election less than 100 days away, we want to emphasize the importance of getting out the vote. We have taken the following positions on the following Statewide Ballot Measures:

- **“Yes” on Proposition 3, ACA 5** (Resolution Chapter 125, Statutes of 2023)
Low. Marriage equality.

woman, and declared that a "right to marry is a fundamental right" in the California Constitution.

- **“Yes” on Proposition 4, SB 867** (Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024) Allen. Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.
 - "A "yes" vote supports issuing \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, energy projects, and flood protection projects.
- **“Yes” on Proposition 5, ACA 1** (Resolution Chapter 173, Statutes of 2023) Aguiar-Curry. ACA 10 (Resolution Chapter 134, Statutes of 2024) Aguiar-Curry. Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.
 - "A "yes" vote supports lowering the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local bond measures to fund housing projects and public infrastructure.
- **“Yes” on Proposition 6, ACA 8** (Resolution Chapter 133, Statutes of 2024) Wilson. Slavery.
 - "A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime and authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award credits to incarcerated persons who voluntarily participate in work assignments.
- **“Yes” on Proposition 32**, Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.
 - A "yes" vote supports increasing the state minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026 for all employers and thereafter adjusting the rate annually by increases to the cost of living.
- **“No” on Proposition 33**, Expands Local Governments’ Authority To Enact Rent Control On Residential Property. Initiative Statute.
 - A "no" vote opposes repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which prohibits rent control on single-family homes and houses completed after February 1, 1995.
- **“Yes” on Proposition 35**, Provides Permanent Funding For Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.
 - A "yes" vote supports permanently authorizing a tax on managed care organizations based on monthly enrollees, which is set to expire in 2026, and requiring revenues to be used for increased Medi-Cal programs.
- **“No” on Proposition 36**, Allows Felony Charges And Increases Sentences For Certain Drug And Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

misdemeanors.

If there are any bills you would like the NAACP CA/HI State Conference to take a position on, please contact Taneicia Herring at therring@cahinaacp.org or (916) 234-6504.



San Francisco Chronicle, [Why an S.F. pastor to Kamala Harris is launching ‘100 Days of Prayer’](#)

The Rev. Amos Brown — president of San Francisco’s NAACP who ministers to Vice President Kamala Harris — is launching a nationwide “100 Days of Prayer” for civil behavior during the campaign season.

The Reporter, [California Forever and the Black community](#)

Tri-City prioritized the Black community’s needs, concerns, and interests and fully acknowledged its historical impact when similar projects have come into areas across the state and nation.

“We wanted to prevent further impact on Black people due to mass forced migration and gentrification,” said Gibson. The team also expressed economic concerns, skills accessibility, and health impacts, particularly asthma.

Pasadena Now, [Former NAACP Pasadena Branch President Joe Bown Resigns From County Commission](#)

Joe Brown, former president of the Pasadena branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has resigned from his position on the Los Angeles County Commission for Public Social Services. Brown, who led the local NAACP for 12 years until 2012, cited recurring health issues as the reason for his departure.

Modesto Bee, [NAACP requests probe into Modesto Police Department use-of-force data. Here’s why.](#)

The letter, written by NAACP president and CPRB member Wendy Byrd, asks police auditors to look into MPD’s past policies, practices, procedures and data collection

Modesto Bee, [How did Fresno and Modesto communities react to Joe Biden's drop out, Kamala Harris' run?](#)

When Eric Jackson, secretary of the Modesto NAACP, attended the association's national convention in Las Vegas, he eagerly anticipated President Joe Biden's address.

Precinct Reporter Group, [80th Anniversary: Port Chicago Explosion Killed 202 Black Sailors](#)

The Rev. Amos C. Brown, President of the San Francisco Branch of the NAACP, and the Pastor of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco, says he continues to seek justice for the men who died in the blast and survivors who later were accused of rebellion.

"It was nothing but another instance of forces in America being perpetrators of hate, harm, and hardship of Black folks," Brown said of tragedy and the injustice that followed. These Black men who died in that blowup several miles from San Francisco should never be forgotten."

Oaklandside, [Where did it go wrong for Sheng Thao?](#)

About a week after his termination, Armstrong and his supporters rallied outside of City Hall. There, NAACP President Cynthia Adams called Thao's termination of the chief a "modern-day lynch."

The Mercury News, [Who is police oversight serving? Taser issue fuels ideological rift in santa clara county](#)

The Rev. Jethroe "Jeff" Moore, the San Jose NAACP President, sent a letter to OIR Group lead Michael Gennaco and the board in June that elevated the ideological clash beyond the Taser issue and contends that what they are seeing was not what they expected five years ago when they heard that police oversight was coming to the county level.

"We want neutrality, to not just agree with the sheriff, and tell the board the truth," Moore said in an interview. "Where's the balance?"

NAACP Stockton Branch

NAACP Stockton Branch President Bobby Bivens was awarded the 2024 Benjamin L. Hooks “Keeper of the Flame” Award at the NAACP Labor Luncheon in Las Vegas! This prestigious honor recognizes those who have made significant contributions to racial equality and demonstrated a steadfast commitment to fairness in the workplace. Congratulations, President Bivens!

NAACP Region 1 Youth Board Member Jordan Walker shared the same stage as President Joe Biden at the 115th NAACP Convention.



NAACP Ventura County Branch

[@naacpventura](#) “We are honored by the Board of Supervisors. Celebrating 60th Anniversary Rights Act of 1964. One of the most historic monumental legislations in history achieved sixty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law one of the most significant civil rights legislations in history - the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Thank you again, Supervisor Gorell, Supervisor LaVere, Supervisor Lopez, Supervisor Chair Long, Supervisor Parvin, and CEO Johnson.”



NAACP North San Diego County Branch

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22nd Annual
BACK STAY IN SCHOOL TO SCHOOL RALLY

Saturday, August 3, 2024
MIRACOSTA COLLEGE (PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS)
1 BARNARD DRIVE - OCEANSIDE, CA
11AM- 1PM

* Children must be present!
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Food provided by Surfside Masonic Lodge

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Please join us as we honor the 2024 Freedom Fund Gala recipients for their outstanding work

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:



The Honorable
GAVIN NEWSOM
California Governor



RICK CALLENDER
President
CA/HI State Conference NAACP

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



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We will also honor exceptional people who have done tremendous work for our organization and the community in ten categories: Public Affairs, Criminal Justice, Education, Health, Legal Redress, Political Action, Religious Affairs, Young Adult, Entertainment, and the NAACP Oakland Branch Award

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 AT 6 PM

Oakland Marriott City Center
1001 Broadway, Oakland, California

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www.naacpoakland.org/gala

NAACP Bakersfield Youth & College Unit

The Bakersfield Youth & College Unit had an incredible time at the NAACP National Convention! From engaging with influential leaders to hearing from President Joe Biden, the experiences were both inspiring and motivating.



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NAACP Mourns the Loss of Sonya Massey, Killed by Illinois Deputy

NAACP President & CEO, Derrick Johnson released the following statement, mourning Sonya's loss and calling for justice in the name of reform:

"The NAACP is saddened to mourn yet another Black life taken too soon at the hands of police violence. Make no mistake - while Deputy Grayson is responsible for Sonya's death, lawmakers are responsible for empowering him to commit this heinous crime. It is our hope that the jurors in this case follow the facts and take the necessary steps to hold this officer accountable. But that is not enough. We demand that Congress takes action to bring the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to the floor for a vote. How many more Black lives must be lost before you fulfill your duty to the American people? Those who don't value our lives don't deserve our votes."

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