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MISSION

Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

VISION

We envision an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination.



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PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Santa Maria, CA

Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), its Officers, Executive Committee and members, are pleased to announce that they were recently awarded a Multi-Year Movement Building Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for three years from The Fund For Santa Barbara which will support an annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration, culturally competent programs in two schools in Lompoc with a focus on antiracism and an annual Juneteenth Celebration.

The Fund For Santa Barbara is a non-traditional community foundation that supports organizations and groups working for progressive social change in Santa Barbara County. Their mission is to advance progressive change by strengthening movements for Economic, Environmental, Political, Racial and Social Justice and are dedicated to helping to find solutions to current and emerging social problems and issues that challenge our society as a whole.

On behalf of the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP Branch, president, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, expresses her appreciation and gratitude to the Fund For Santa Barbara, and their Grantmaking Committee and thank them for their continuing support of our work. She noted that funding will help the organization continue their mission and vision to dismantle racism, achieve equity and disrupt inequality creating a just society for all people.

Founded in 1909 in response to the ongoing violence against Black people around the country, the NAACP is the largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization in the nation with over 2,200 units and branches across the nation, along with well over 2 million volunteer activists.

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