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On Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 5:57 PM, Aram James  
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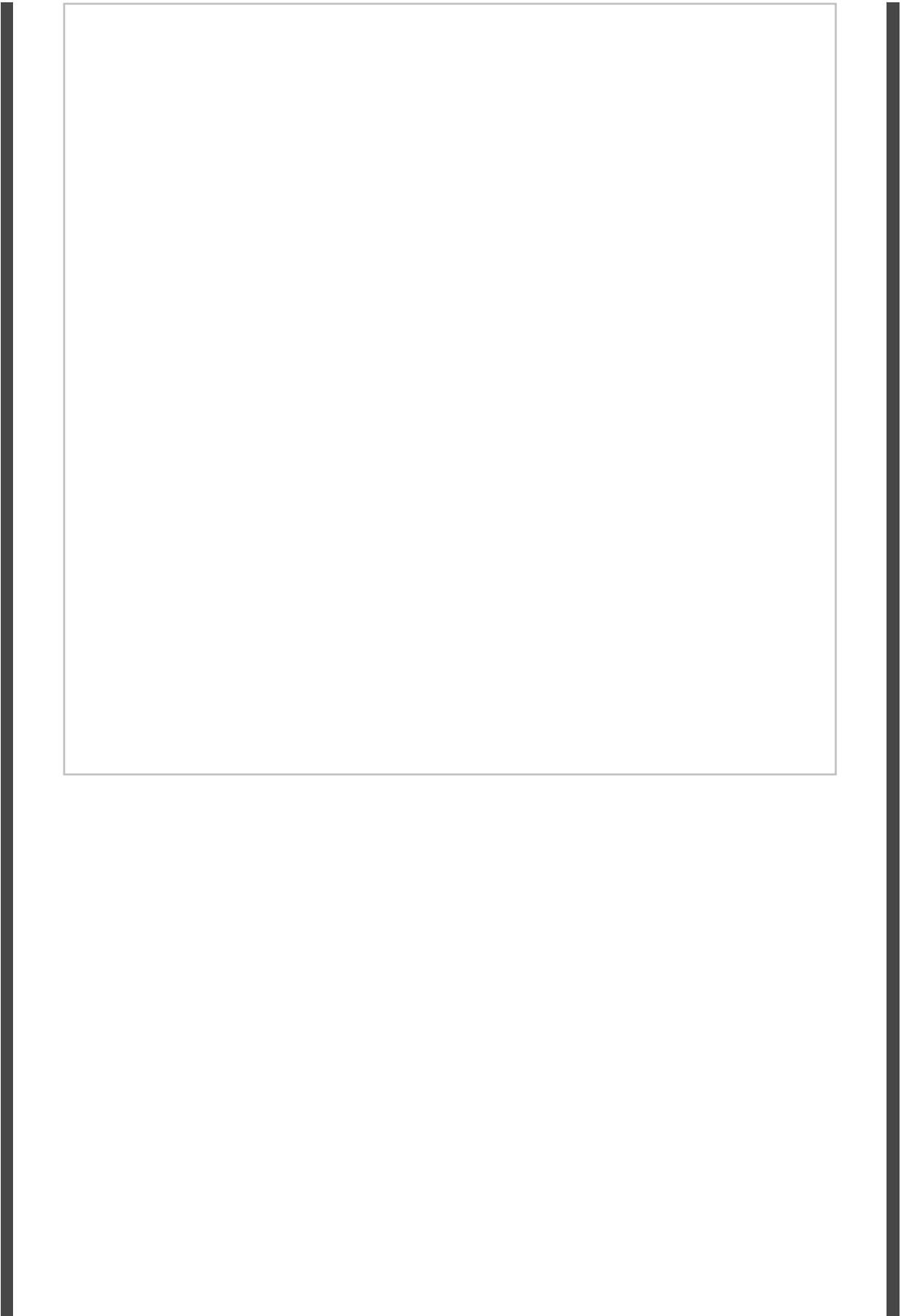
**From:** [San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP](#)  
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***Return to Sender: Slavery and the War on Drugs  
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 from 6-7:30 PM***

*To join through zoom: click this link below or scan the QR code in the flier attached:*

***[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8YNqzY5LS-O3ChYBDI46OQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8YNqzY5LS-O3ChYBDI46OQ)***

*To join the forum in person: come to Silicon Valley De-Bug, 701 Lenzen Ave. San Jose, CA 95126*

**More on Prop 36:** Prop 36 expands on the misleading claim that California is experiencing an increase in crime and is funded by conservatives and corporations. It will lock up Black and Brown communities, criminalize unhoused loved ones, and divert millions of dollars from reentry, mental health, substance abuse, and victim reentry programs to build more prisons.

**More on Prop 6:** Prop 6 would ban forced prison labor, prohibit prisons from punishing incarcerated people who seek rehabilitation over forced labor, and amend the State Constitution to read "Slavery and Involuntary Servitude are Prohibited".

# My Pro-Choice Perspective

In the ongoing debate surrounding reproductive rights, I firmly stand on the side of pro-choice. At the heart of this advocacy is the belief that every individual possesses the fundamental human right to decide when and whether to have children. This principle is not only a matter of personal freedom but is also echoed in the teachings of the Bible, which emphasizes the power of human agency in making choices.



Scripture reinforces the notion that humans have been endowed with the ability to make decisions for themselves, rather than allowing fate or divine predetermination to govern their lives. Verses such as Matthew 23:37 and Revelation 22:17 highlight the significance of choice in our relationship with the God. Moreover, in Acts 4:28, Romans 8:29-30, 1 Corinthians 2:7, and Ephesians 1:5-11, we find confirmation of our autonomy and responsibility in shaping our destinies.

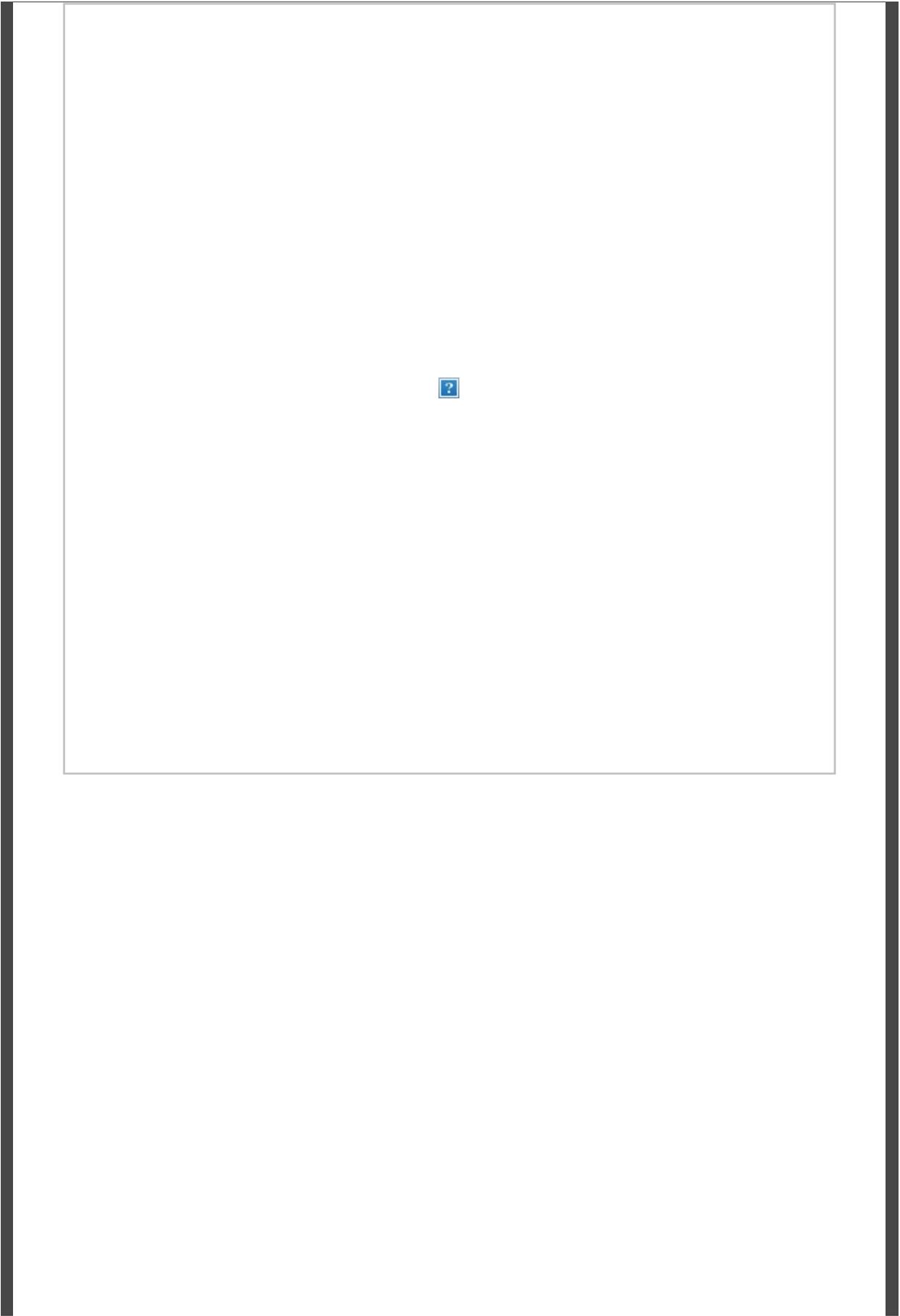
The concept of choice is not confined to the New Testament. Even in the Old Testament, under the Old Covenant, individuals were consistently presented with choices that defined their service and commitment. This inherent freedom to choose is vital, particularly when it comes to matters affecting one's own body and future.

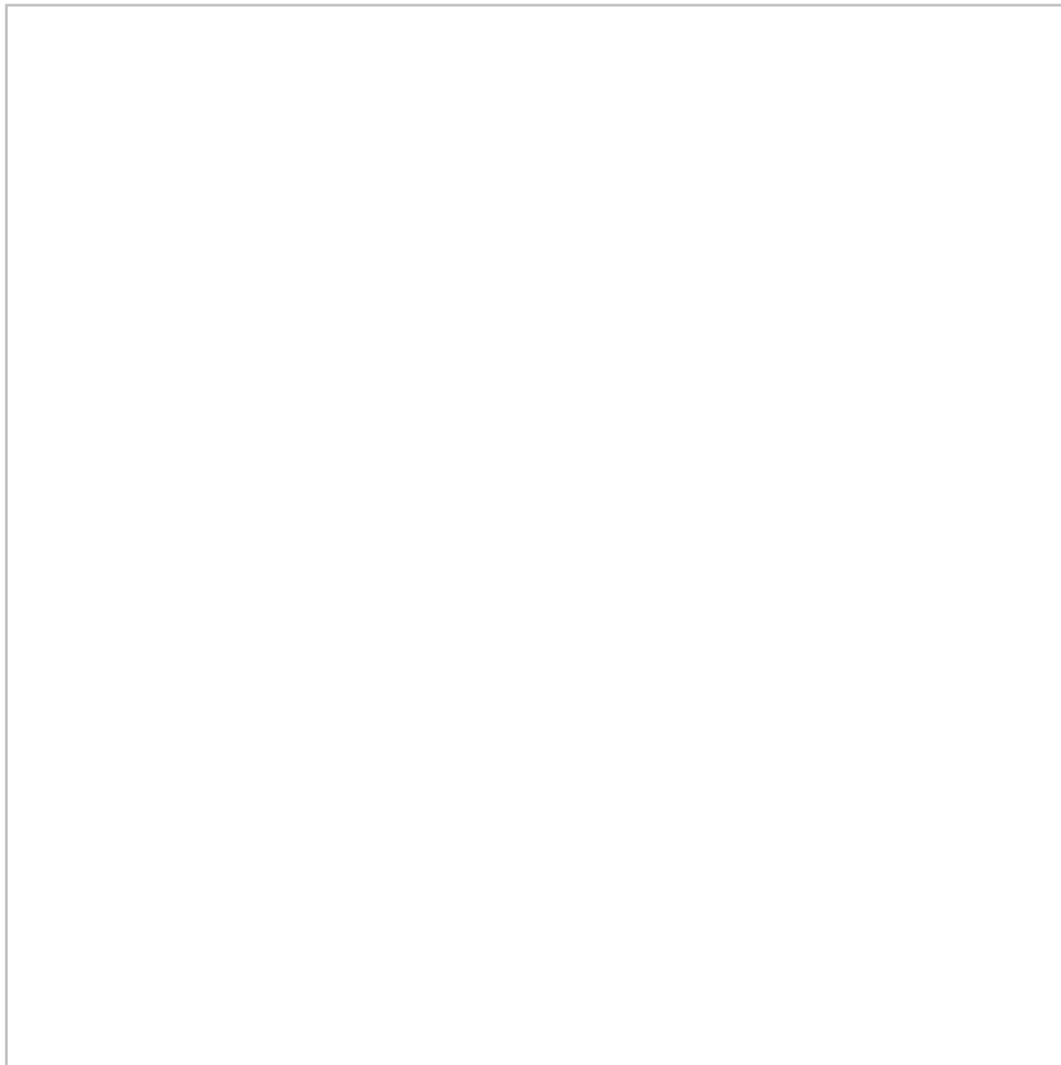
For women, the right to exercise agency over their bodies is paramount. Statistics reveal that Black women, in particular, face higher health risks, such as cervical insufficiency (CI) during pregnancy. Research indicates that Black women experience a 3.2% rate of CI compared to 0.9% for their White counterparts. This disparity underscores the importance of protecting reproductive rights and ensuring that women have access to the necessary healthcare and support to make informed choices about their reproductive health.

While the primary focus of Christ's ministry is spiritual regeneration and the salvation of souls, the implications of this message extend into all areas of life, including personal health and reproductive choices. When we embrace the principles of choice and agency, we extend the hope and compassion of Christ into the practical realities that individuals face.

It is crucial that we advocate for policies and protections that uphold the right to choose, ensuring that every woman, regardless of race or circumstance, can make empowered decisions about her own body and future. In doing so, we not only honor individual autonomy but also affirm the dignity and worth of each person's unique journey. In a society that values freedom and justice, the pro-choice stance is not merely a position; it is a movement towards a more equitable world for all.

**Rev. Jethroe Moorre II**





Greetings, Leaders,

I hope this email finds you well. As you all may know, we are less than 40 days away from the November 5th Election. As we gear up for election day, we ask that you join the Civic Engagement Team in our series of upcoming training and activations. You may register for all events [here](#).

**Upcoming Training and Activations  
Civic Engagement Messaging, Research, and Activations Launch**

- **Tuesday, October 1st at 8 PM ET**
- o Join the NAACP for an important call as we unveil our Messaging and Research for the 2024 Election Year! We'll be diving into the data and polling we've gathered to boost Black Voter Turnout and discuss the impactful strategies that will emerge from this research. We will also launch our Civic Engagement Messaging and Research Toolkit with scripts, talking points, and graphics for the upcoming election. Your voice matters, and together we can shape a powerful narrative for this election cycle!

**Voter Challenges and Purges Training**

- **Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 PM ET**

- o Join "Empower Your Vote: Defending Voter Challenges" and learn how to tackle common voting obstacles! Discover how to navigate third-party voting challenges, understand their impacts, and prevent voter intimidation. Empower voters with knowledge of their rights, manage provisional ballots, and access real-time assistance. Participate in a live Q&A with our expert panel. Register now and be prepared to defend your vote!

### **Biweekly GOTV Activation**

- Join us for our biweekly GOTV activations as we prepare for the upcoming election and work to enhance Black voter participation! During each Biweekly Activation, we will phone into our Battleground states to ensure that community members have registered, made a plan to vote, and have access to the information on key issues.
- o **Thursday, October 3rd at 8 PM ET**
- o **Thursday, October 17th at 8 PM ET**
- o **Thursday, October 31st at 8 PM ET**

### **Become a Canvassing Board Monitor Training**

- **Thursday, October 10th at 7 PM ET**
- o Join "Empower Your Vote: Become A Canvassing Board Monitor" and help ensure election integrity! Learn how to attend and observe Canvassing Board and Election Board meetings and report any issues. Work with the NAACP Election Protection Team and local advocates to keep elections transparent and accountable. Don't miss this chance to make a difference—register now and help ensure every vote counts!

### **Addressing Voter Intimidation in 2024**

- **Wednesday, October 16th at 8 PM ET**
- o Join "Empower Your Vote: Addressing Voter Intimidation in 2024" to learn how to keep voting safe and fair. Discover how to spot and report voter intimidation, de-escalate tense situations, and help vulnerable communities vote safely. Collaborate with election officials and community leaders to ensure peaceful voting. Get practical tools and insights from our expert panel and participate in an interactive Q&A. Don't let intimidation silence voters—register now and stand up for fair and safe voting!

### **National Election Protection Training**

- **Saturday, October 19th at 10 AM ET**
- As we approach the 2024 election, your role as an NAACP member is more crucial than ever. Empowering voters with the knowledge and confidence they need to cast their ballots is essential. That's why we're excited to invite you to our National Election Protection Training Webinar—an uplifting and informative session designed to equip you with the tools to help voters take charge of their voting experience. Why You Should Attend: -- Learn from Experts: Gain insights from civic engagement leaders, voting rights specialists, and attorneys. -- Empower Voters: Discover the best ways to inform and inspire voters to participate with confidence. -- Use Practical Tools: Access the latest tools and strategies to support your efforts on the ground. Make a Difference: Join a community dedicated to ensuring every voter's voice is heard. PS. Share this invitation with other NAACP members. Together, we can ensure every voter is confident, ready to participate in our democracy, and that every vote counts!

## **Canvass Board Monitor Training**

- **Tuesday, October 22nd at 8 PM ET**
- Join "Empower Your Vote: Become A Canvassing Board Monitor" and help ensure election integrity! Learn how to attend and observe Canvassing Board and Election Board meetings and report any issues. Work with the NAACP Election Protection Team and local advocates to keep elections transparent and accountable. Don't miss this chance to make a difference—register now and help make sure every vote counts!

## **Ballot Curing: Mistake with Your Ballot? Let's Cure It!**

- **Thursday, October 24th at 8 PM ET**
- Join "Empower Your Vote: Mistake with Your Ballot? Let's Cure It!" and learn how to fix mistakes with your in-person, mail-in, or absentee ballot to ensure your vote counts. Discover the importance of provisional ballots and safeguards for voters with registration or eligibility issues. We'll guide you through curing ballot issues so administrative errors don't prevent your vote from being counted. Don't miss this chance to make sure your voice is heard—register now!

## **Defending Voter Challenge and Purges**

- **Monday, October 28th at 8 PM ET**
- Join "Empower Your Vote: Defending Voter Challenges" and learn how to tackle common voting obstacles! Discover how to navigate third-party voting challenges, understand their impacts, and prevent voter intimidation. Empower voters with knowledge of their rights, manage provisional ballots, and access real-time assistance. Participate in a live Q&A with our expert panel. Register now and be prepared to defend your vote!

## **In Black Girl Magic,**

**Amari Fennoy**

***National Mobilization Director Campaigns, Civic Engagement***

## The Unconscionable Death of Marcellus Williams

The Quattrone Center exists to learn from and prevent errors in the criminal justice system — particularly errors in the assessment of guilt or innocence in criminal cases. Most days, I'm able to report that everyone in the system believes in the concept that people are innocent of crimes until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Today, I can't say that. I can't say that because yesterday, the state of Missouri executed Marcellus Williams for a murder despite the existence of not just reasonable, but substantial doubt of his guilt. In fact, the local prosecution office that originally secured his conviction petitioned the court to reverse it on the grounds that they were certain beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Williams was innocent, only to be rebuffed by state officials.

The Attorney General of Missouri — a fervent supporter of “pro life” politics — actively fought to prevent a factual review of Mr. Williams' innocence, and the Governor of Missouri, similarly “pro life,” refused to commute Mr. Williams' sentence to life without parole. Worse, an important argument in favor of his

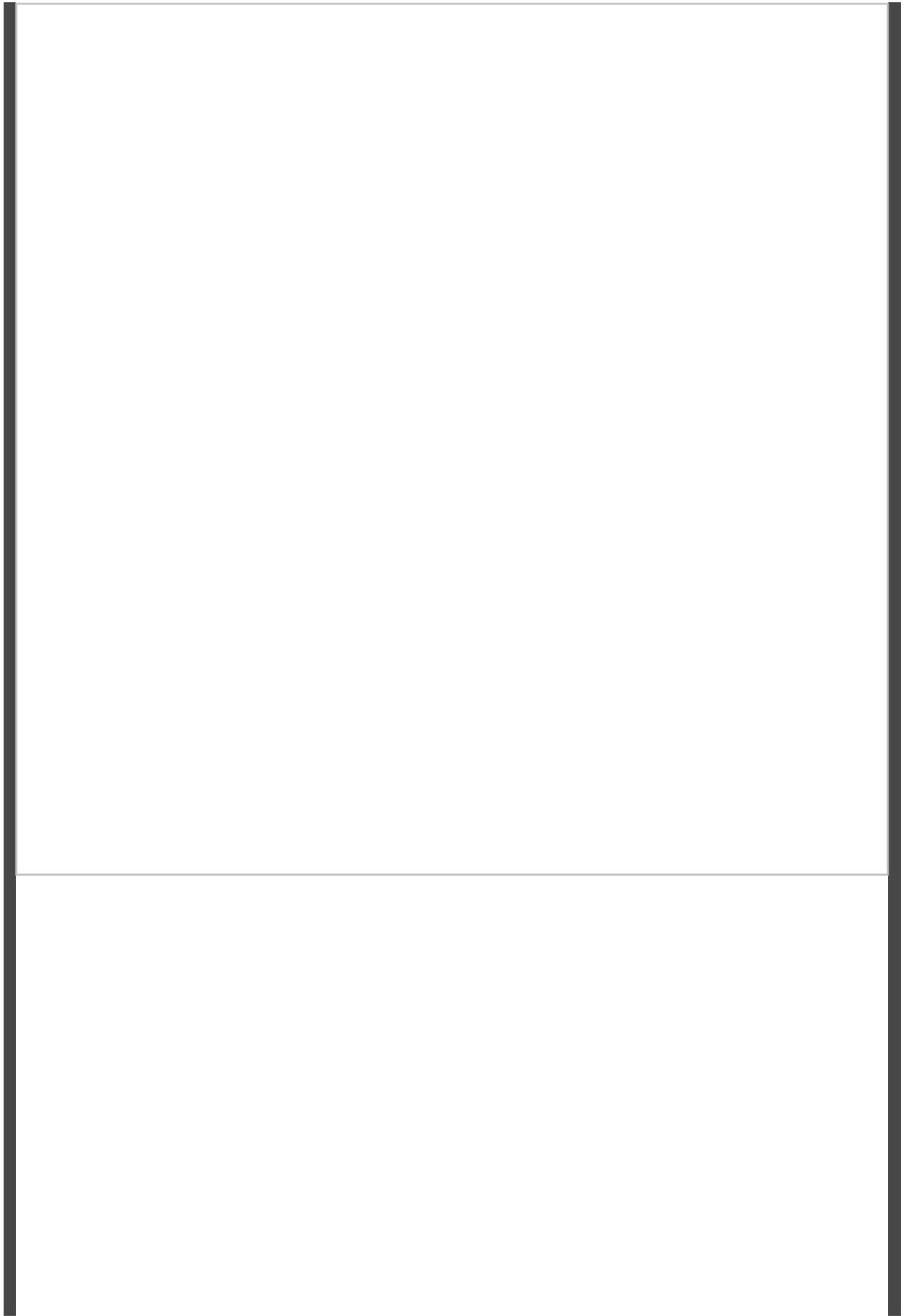
innocence is the absence of physical evidence linking him to the murder scene, including the absence of his DNA on the murder weapon. This claim evaporated when it was learned that the murder weapon had been contaminated BY PROSECUTORS AT HIS TRIAL. Here's the logic: "Mr. Williams says his DNA isn't on the murder weapon, but we mishandled the evidence, so maybe his DNA was wiped off, so we still think he's guilty, and we're so certain about it we'll fight to execute him." Never mind that this is not evidence of guilt either, and never mind that the contamination was state-created, or that we're allowing prosecutors to strengthen their cases through mishandling of evidence.

Other procedural claims often used by courts to reach a just result when factual assessments are barred were brushed aside by state prosecutors and appellate judges. Missouri's highest court and the U.S. Supreme Court denied Williams' appeals and he was executed.

Williams' attorney at the Midwest Innocence Project, Tricia Rojo Bushnell said to CNN last night just before he was killed: "We have a system that values finality over fairness, and this is the result that we will get from that."

What's particularly devastating about Mr. Williams' execution is the obvious pursuit of cruelty by the State of Missouri in the face of uncertainty. At any time, the state could have agreed to life without parole. Instead, it fought for his execution in a case where no one could credibly say they were certain of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Here's what is certain: Marcellus Williams is dead. Other options existed to protect the community and serve justice. Our elected officials chose to execute Mr. Williams instead of using them. And we can never take that back. John Hollway





## WHY DID KENDRICK LAMAR MENTION LECRAE AND DEE-1 ON NEW SINGLE?

BY MITCHELL ATENCIO

Following up his overwhelming victory in a rap battle with Drake earlier this year, and the news that he would perform at Super Bowl LIX next February, Kendrick Lamar dropped a surprise single last night, mentioning Christian rappers Lecrae and Dee-1 in the song.

The song, which was released to Instagram at 8 p.m. EST, coinciding with the start of the MTV Video Music Awards, was posted without a caption and with an obscure photo of black Nike Air Force 1s as the cover. On the music app Genius, the song was tentatively titled “**Watch the Party Die.**”

In the chorus, Lamar prays to God.

God, give me life, dear God, please give me peace  
Dear God, please keep these lame n----s away from me  
Dear God, keep me shining, the f--- do they really think?  
Pocket-watching, you must be the police  
God, bless these words, dear God, bless how I think  
Dear God, draw the line, they tryna confuse 'em with me

Dear God, please, forgive me, you knowin' how hard I tried  
I think it's time for me to watch the party die

**[READ MORE](#)**



## **Project 2025's Anti-Voter Agenda**

The conservative policy plan aims to abuse a 150-year-old law to target political enemies and undermine voting rights and elections.

- Sean Morales-Doyle
- Lauren Miller Karalunas

**Can Voter Suppression Hand The 2024 Election**

## to Trump?

by **Thom Hartmann** for The Hartmann Report June 20, 2024

New York Times bestselling investigative reporter Greg Palast, on **my radio/TV program**, laid out the dimensions of the problem, particularly since Clarence Thomas was the tie-breaking vote in *Shelby County v Holder* to gut the protections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Palast started in Georgia, looking into 2018 voter purges done by then-Secretary of State (the state's top elections official) Brian Kemp in the runup to his challenge to Stacey Abrams for that state's governorship. Kemp purged roughly a half-million Georgia voters from the rolls that year, and **Palast obtained the complete list**.

The Palast Investigative Fund hired a contractor that verifies names and addresses for Amazon — which has a multi-billion-dollar interest in making sure their delivery lists are clean — to examine each and every one of those roughly half-million voters. While over 150,000 of them were people who'd legitimately moved out of state in recent years, fully **340,134 were mostly Black people** who lived in the state and had not moved from their voting address. **READ MORE**



**VIRTUAL EVENT: Latinos and the Far Right**

## Thursday, October 10, 3–4 p.m. ET

A white supremacist of color seems like a contradiction. Yet recent years have brought to light unsettling examples, including an Afro-Latino leader of the Proud Boys and a Latino mass shooter with neo-Nazi sympathies. These men are among a small but growing number of Latinos who gravitate toward the far right and adopt radical views on race, Christian nationalism, and immigration. Join us for this virtual discussion about the complexities of the Latino community, which is growing in importance with each election.

**RSVP TODAY**



Here's how you can get involved today:

- **EDUCATE:**

Spread the word about the dangers of Project 2025. Use the following resources to engage your family, friends, neighbors, and community:

**1. Social Media Toolkit**

**2. Our 2025 Webpage**

**3. All-Units Call Recording**

**4. Talking points and Our 2025 policy positions**, for additional information

please reach out to your local branch.

- **VOLUNTEER:**

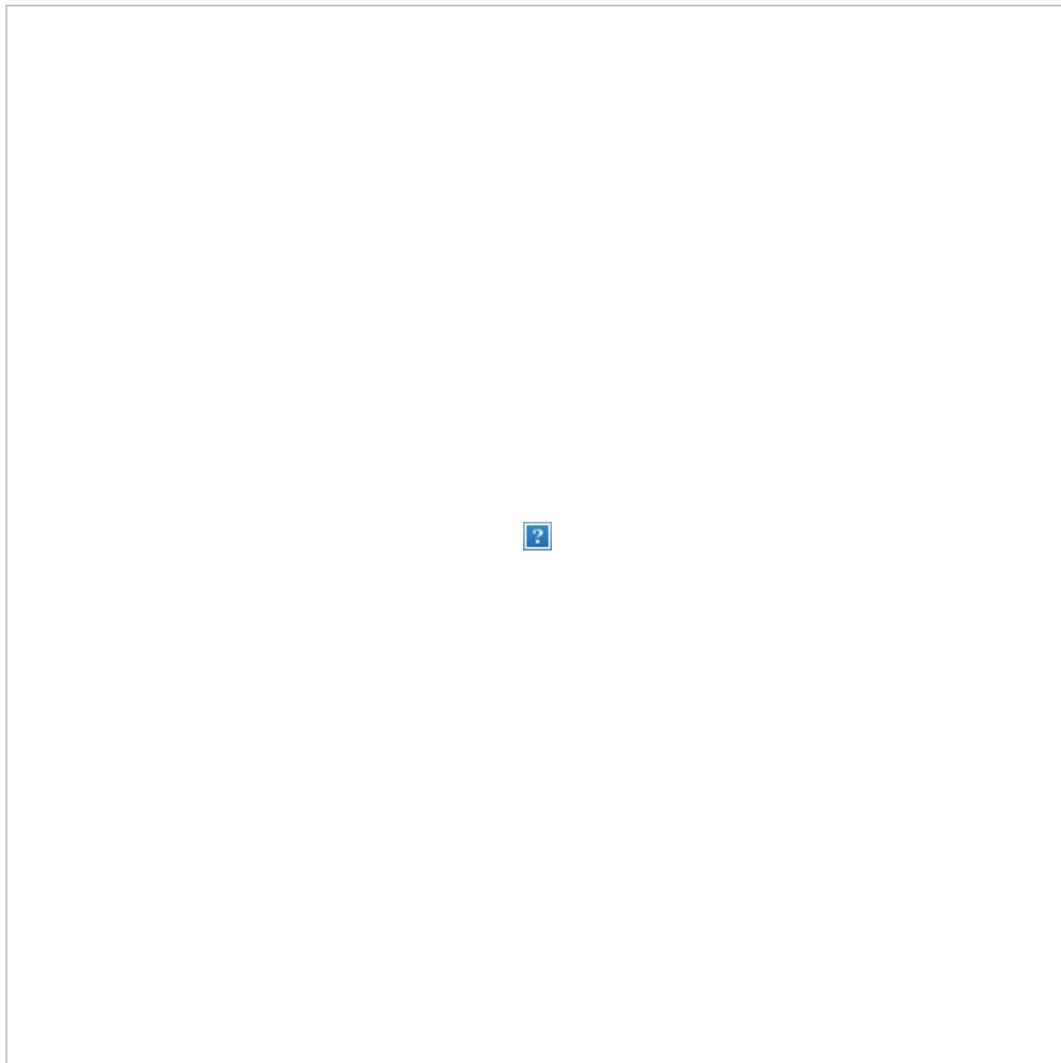
Increased Black voter turnout will ultimately stop Project 2025. Sign up to call or text potential voters to make sure they're ready for Election Day. Visit here to [Volunteer](#) or text VOLUNTEER to 20707 to volunteer this fall.

- **VOTE:**

**Our collective voice has the power to protect our rights and shape our future. Visit [A Vote for Democracy](#) to check your voter registration, make a plan for Election Day, and report any voting-related issues you run into.**

Let's stay united, informed, and committed to protecting our community and the progress we've made. Your involvement is crucial, and together, we can make a difference.

All In,



During the 1968 Olympic Games, SJSU athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos made a powerful statement by raising their fists on the medal stand in Mexico City. Their protest against racial inequality not only captured global attention but also

highlighted the Olympic Project for Human Rights and the broader struggle for social justice.

Join us on October 8th and October 16th as we honor these trail blazers during Smith Carlos Day! This is a unique opportunity to hear their inspiring stories, engage in meaningful discussions, and reflect on the ongoing impact of their activism. Don't miss out!

Tuesday, October 8: John Carlos

Fireside Chat: John Carlos **RSVP HERE**

Tuesday, October 8

11:00am-12:00pm

Student Union Theater

Tommie Smith and John Carlos City Proclamation at City Hall

Tuesday, October 8th

1:30-2:00pm (estimate)

San Jose City Hall

Wednesday, October 16, 2024: Tommie Smith

Smith & Carlos Day of Action Ceremony & Reception **RSVP HERE**

Wednesday, October 16

10:00am-11:30am

Smith and Carlos Lawn

Sports, Activism and the Legacy of the 1968 Olympic Victory Salute **RSVP HERE**

October 16, 2024

1:30-2:45

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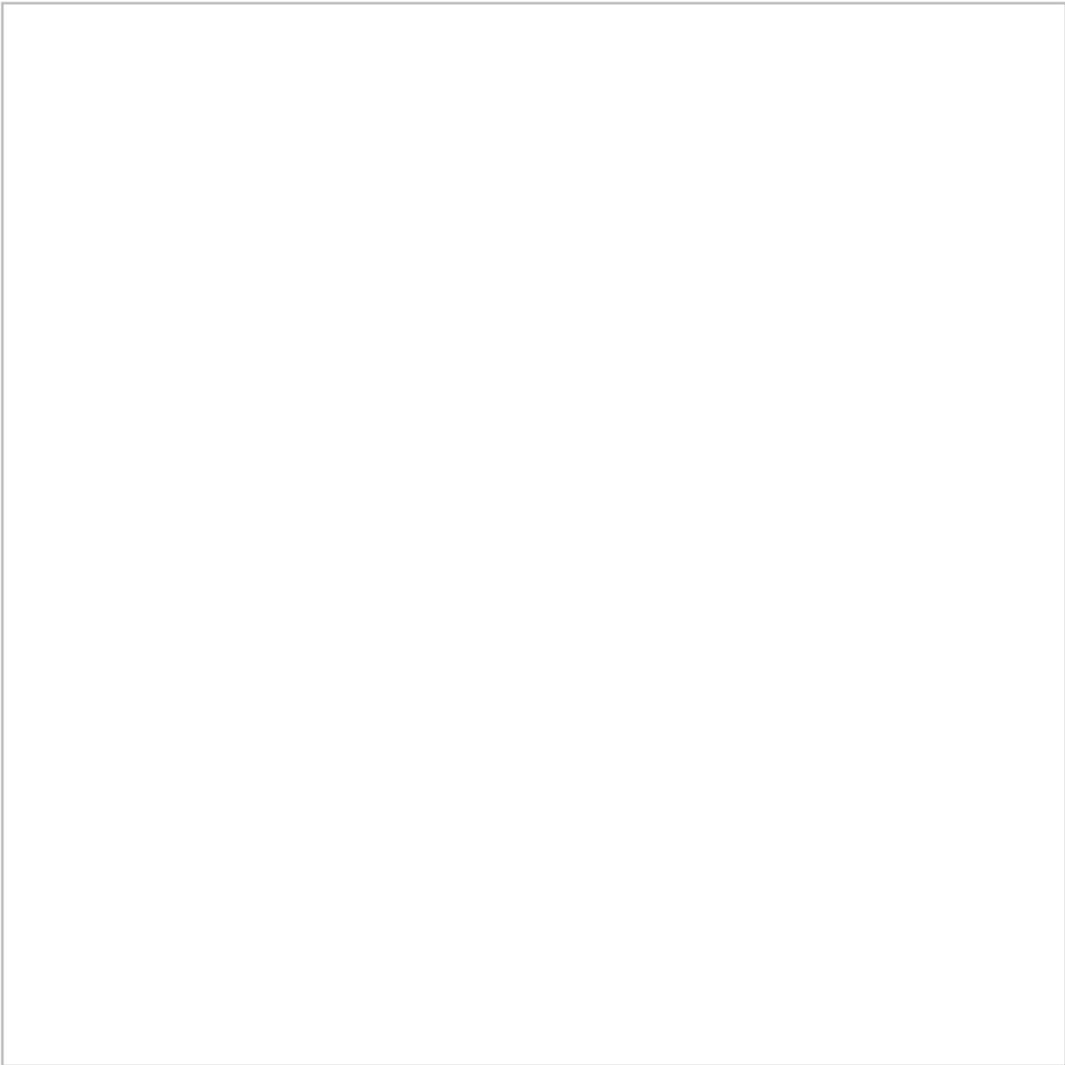
Fireside Chat: Tommie Smith **RSVP HERE**

Organizer: Diana Victa/CCCAC

Wednesday, October 16

3:30-4:30pm

Meeting Room 4A

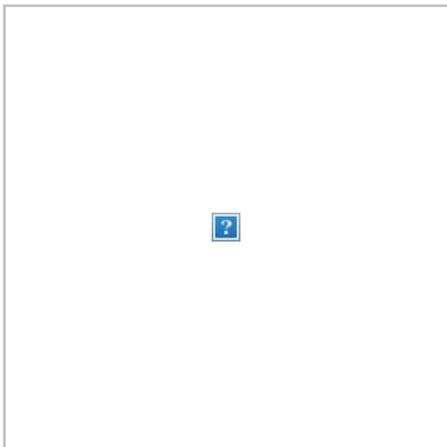
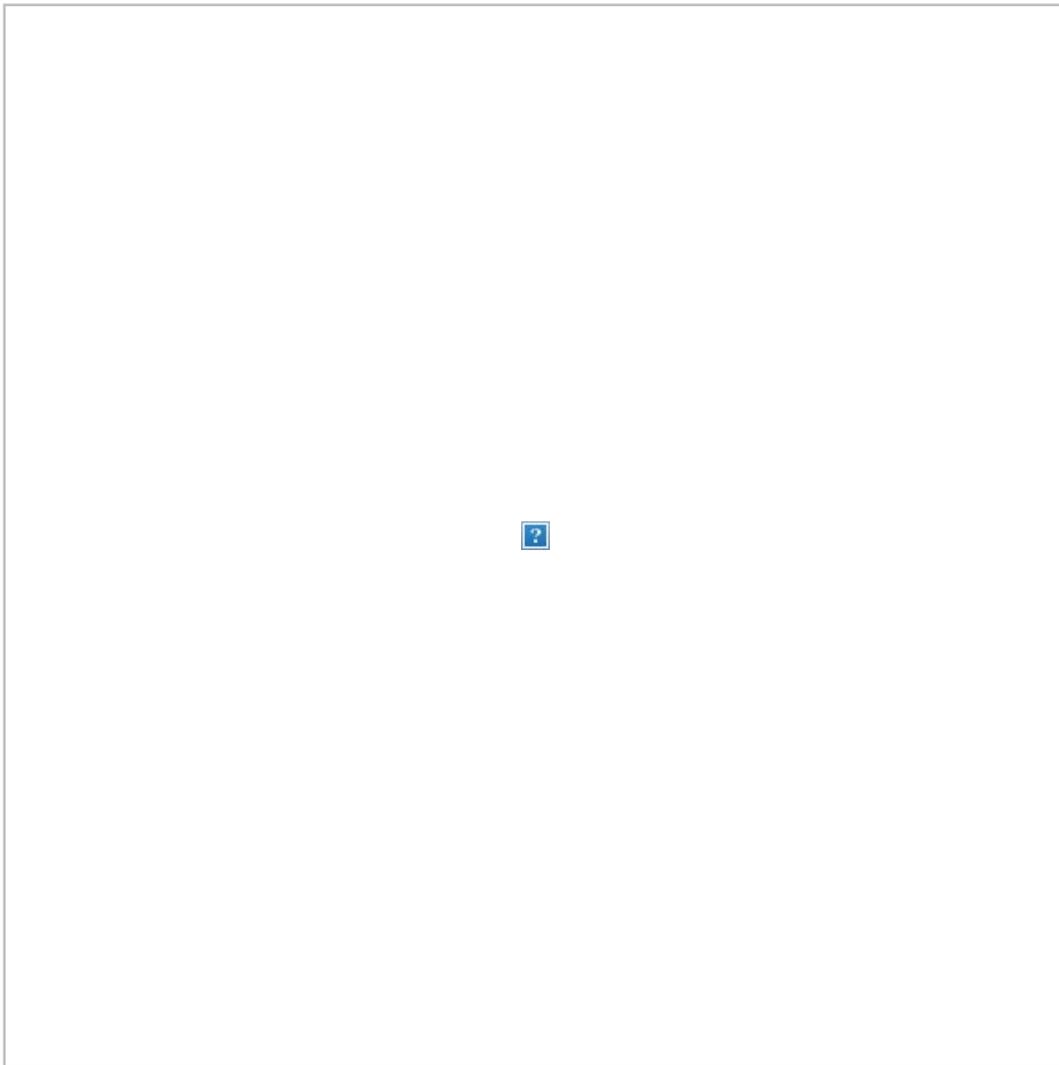


## **How Christians Can Counter Christian Nationalism** Scholars, pastors, and activists on hopeful action to undo this heretical belief system.

**WEAPONIZED CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM** seeks a “Christian” government that would erode civil rights and undercut election integrity and democratic principles. It endorses the use of violence to obtain or maintain power; embraces white supremacy; and distorts Christian language, symbols, and identity into tools for political manipulation and gain.

At the same time, beliefs about “God and country” exist on a wide spectrum. White Christian nationalism is sometimes supported by people who are not white. And stifling all participation by people of faith in public life is not a suitable alternative to nationalism.

In other words: It’s complicated. You’re not alone if you are confused, concerned, or dismayed by these topics. But hopeful action is possible. The following short essays by scholars, pastors, and activists offer insights on Christian nationalism and how to dismantle it. —The Editors **READ MORE**



Your headline read (9/12/24): City rescinds support for vigil after CAIR joins as co-sponsor. The headline could just as well have been: *The Palo Alto Jewish lobby strikes another blow in its relentless campaign to censor and intimidate anyone or any organization that even in the mildest manner criticizes the state of Israel.*

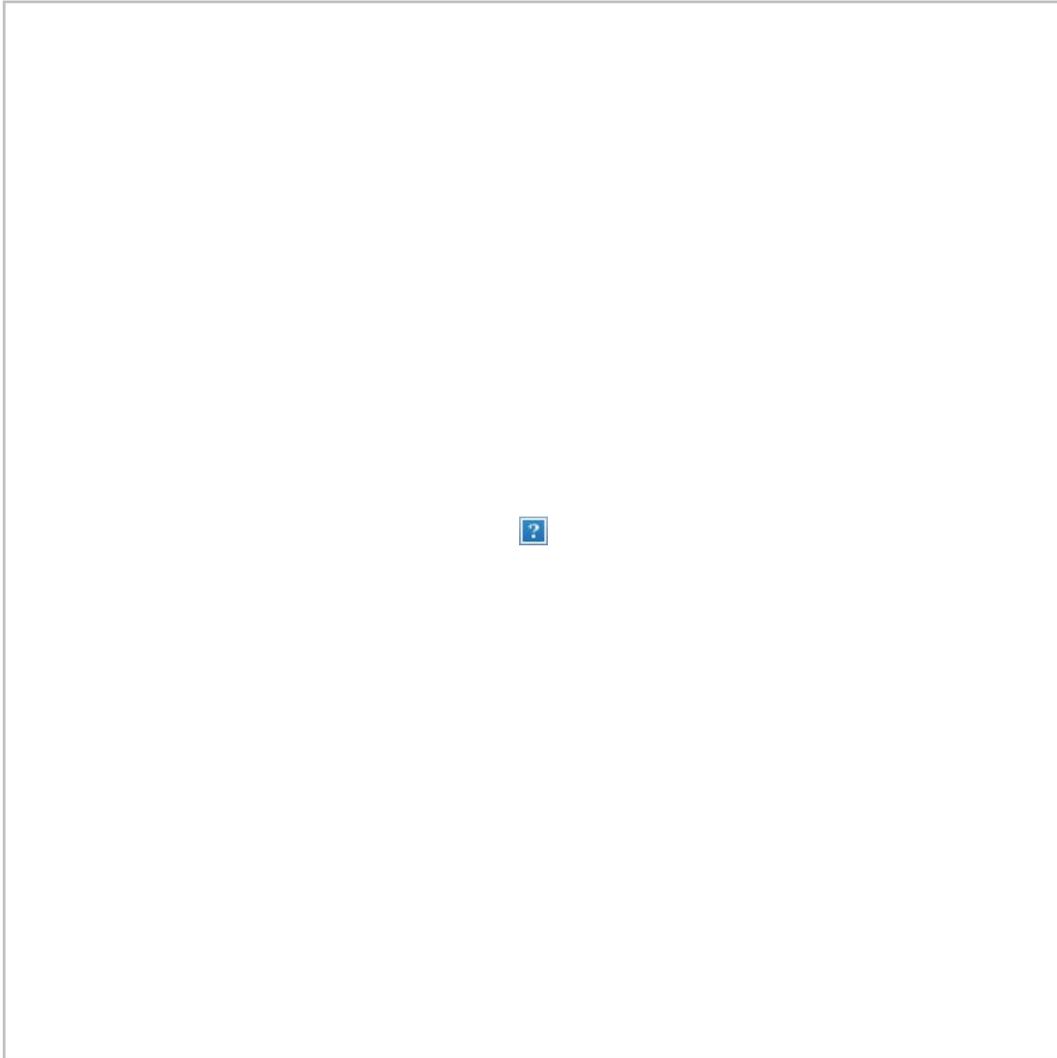
Congratulations are due to the long-time organizer of the vigil, Samina Sundas, for refusing to succumb to the demands of the powerful Jewish lobby and for refusing to remove one of the longest co-sponsors of the event, the Council on American Islamic

Relations (CAIR), for the crime of daring to have a different opinion on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict than the Jewish lobby. Samina Sundas deserves a Nobel Peace Prize for her courage in facing down the lobby and for organizing a peaceful, multi-racial, multi-religious vigil for more than twenty years.

Palo Alto City Council Member Julie Lythcott-Haims deserves an honorable mention

for not drinking the Zionist Kool-Aid and instead attending the vigil on behalf of all the peace-loving people of this community. I am proud to have Julie Lythcott-Haims on our city council.

Sincerely,  
Aram James



Now more than ever, it's important to wear your activism on your sleeve (literally). We are thrilled to announce that new NAACP t-shirts are available for order (and pre-order) in the NAACP Store. Show your support by wearing these statement T-shirts:

"Our Black Job Is Voting" T-shirt — **Pre-Order here.**

"Political As Hell" T-shirt — **Order here.**

"All In" T-shirt — **Order here.**



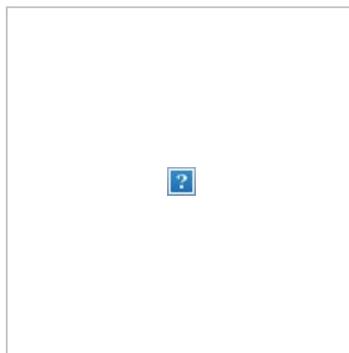
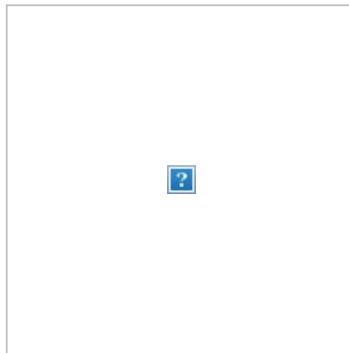
Celebrating civic holidays is a crucial part of strengthening our democracy. At the NAACP, we believe these holidays provide an essential platform for uplifting and empowering our communities. By participating in these events, we can highlight the importance of voter registration, education, and participation. **National**

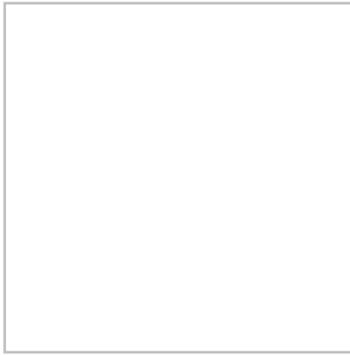
**Voter Registration Day** and **National Black Voter Day** emphasize the importance of registering to vote.

- **National Voter Education Week** is focused on informing citizens about their rights and the voting process, enabling them to make informed decisions.
- **Vote Early Day** encourages early participation in elections.
- On **Election Hero Day**, we honor the dedication and hard work of poll workers and election officials who uphold the integrity of our electoral system.
- On **Election Day**... we head to the polls!

Together, these civic holidays serve as a reminder and call to action for all of us to engage actively in the democratic process. By doing so, we not only honor our right to vote but also contribute to a more inclusive and representative government.

P.S. Are you an NAACP member? Through September 20, we are challenging each unit to register 50-100 voters. **Visit our site to learn more.**





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## ***Register to Vote***

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete.  
Exercise your right to defend democracy by registering to participate  
in upcoming elections.

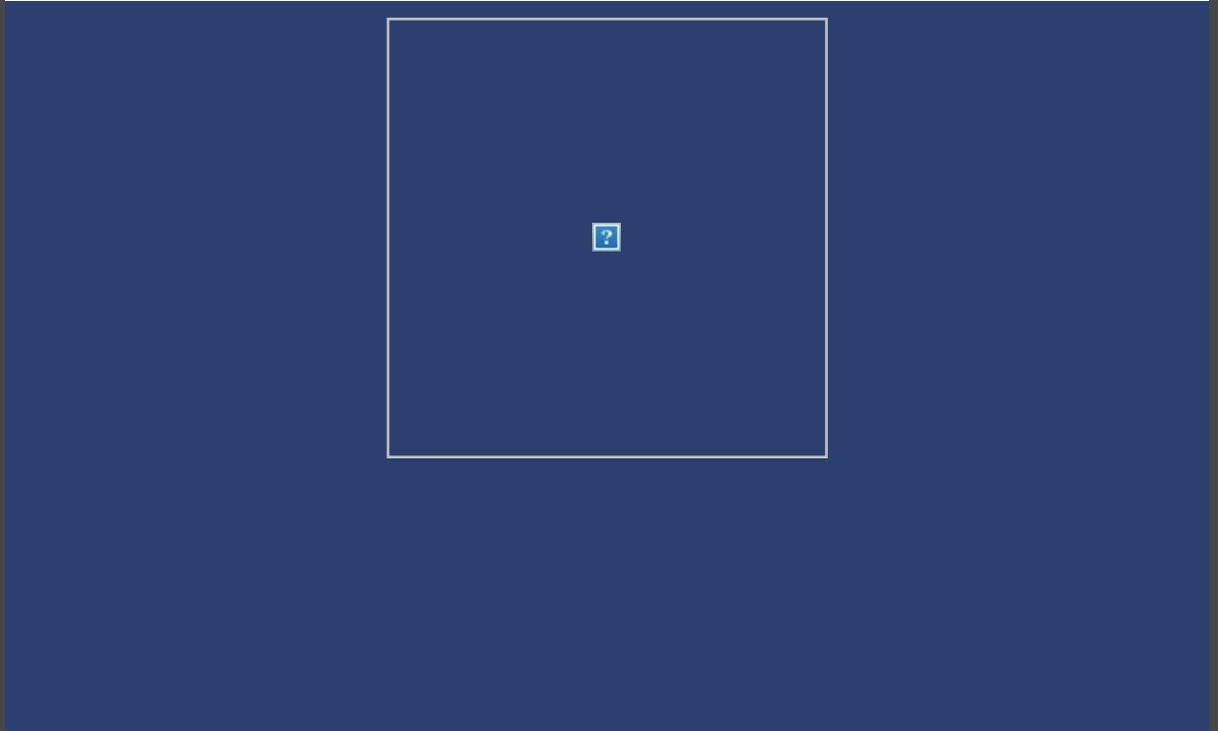
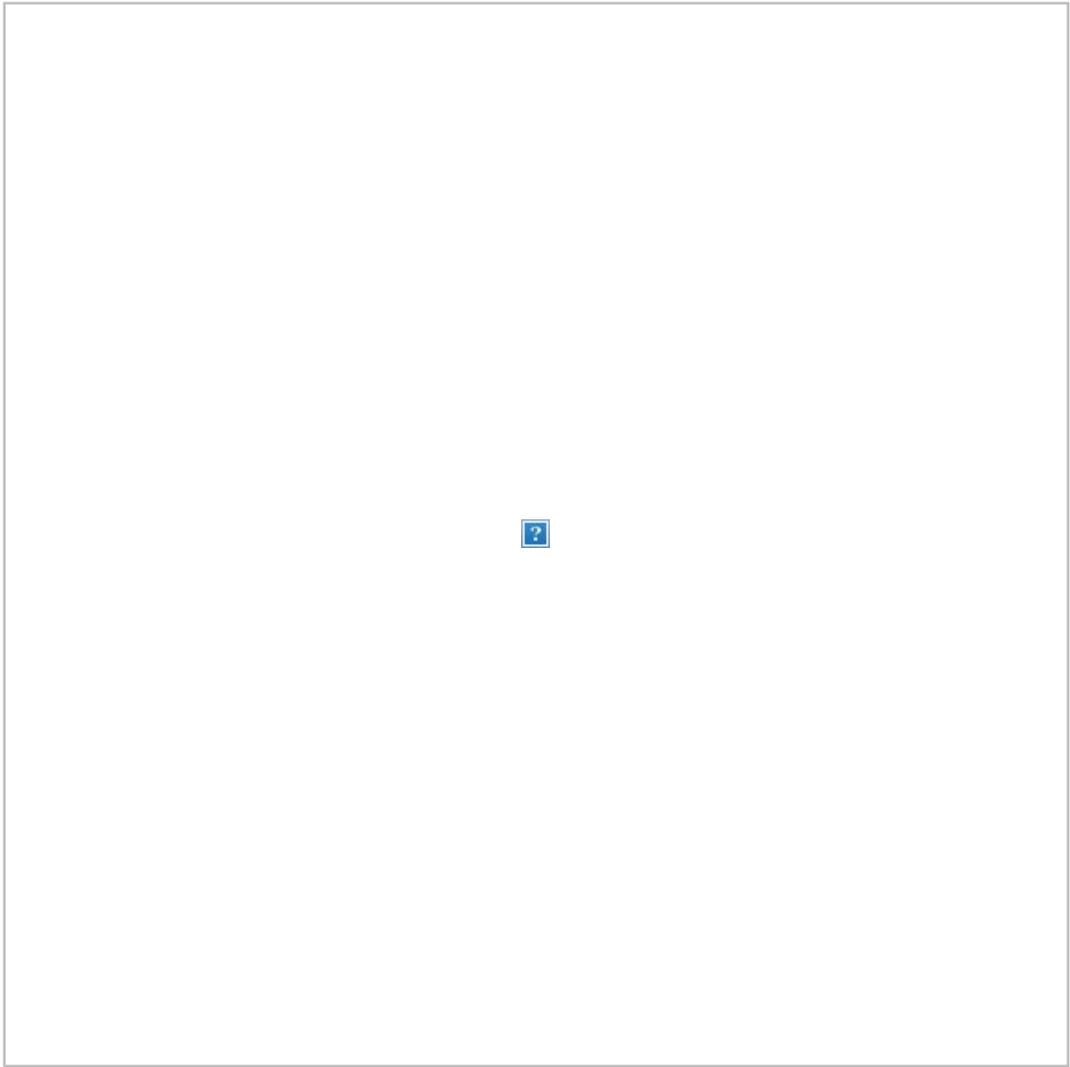
## ***Absentee Voting***

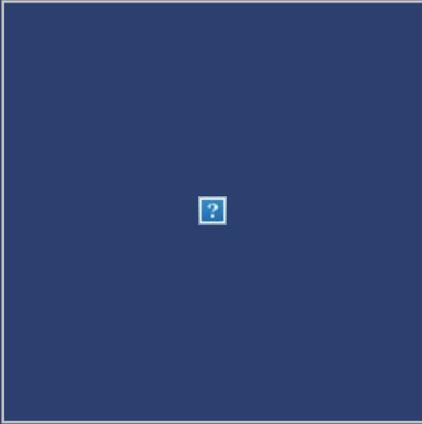
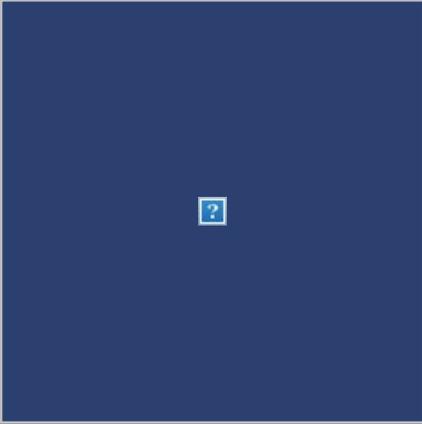
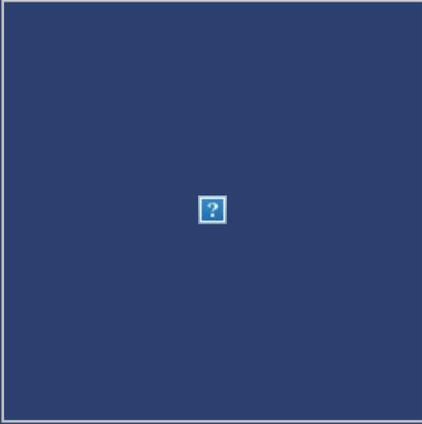
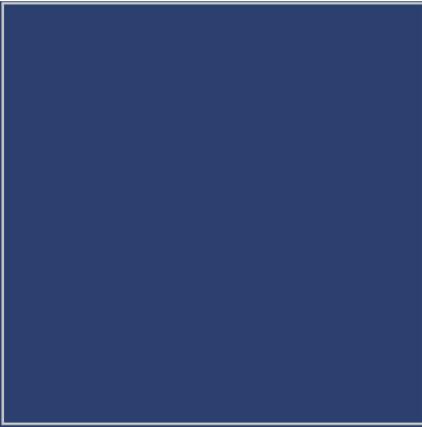
Being away from home is no excuse for not voting! If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot.

### ***Verify Your Voter Registration Status***

Confirm your voter registration status to ensure you are ready to go once the polls open!



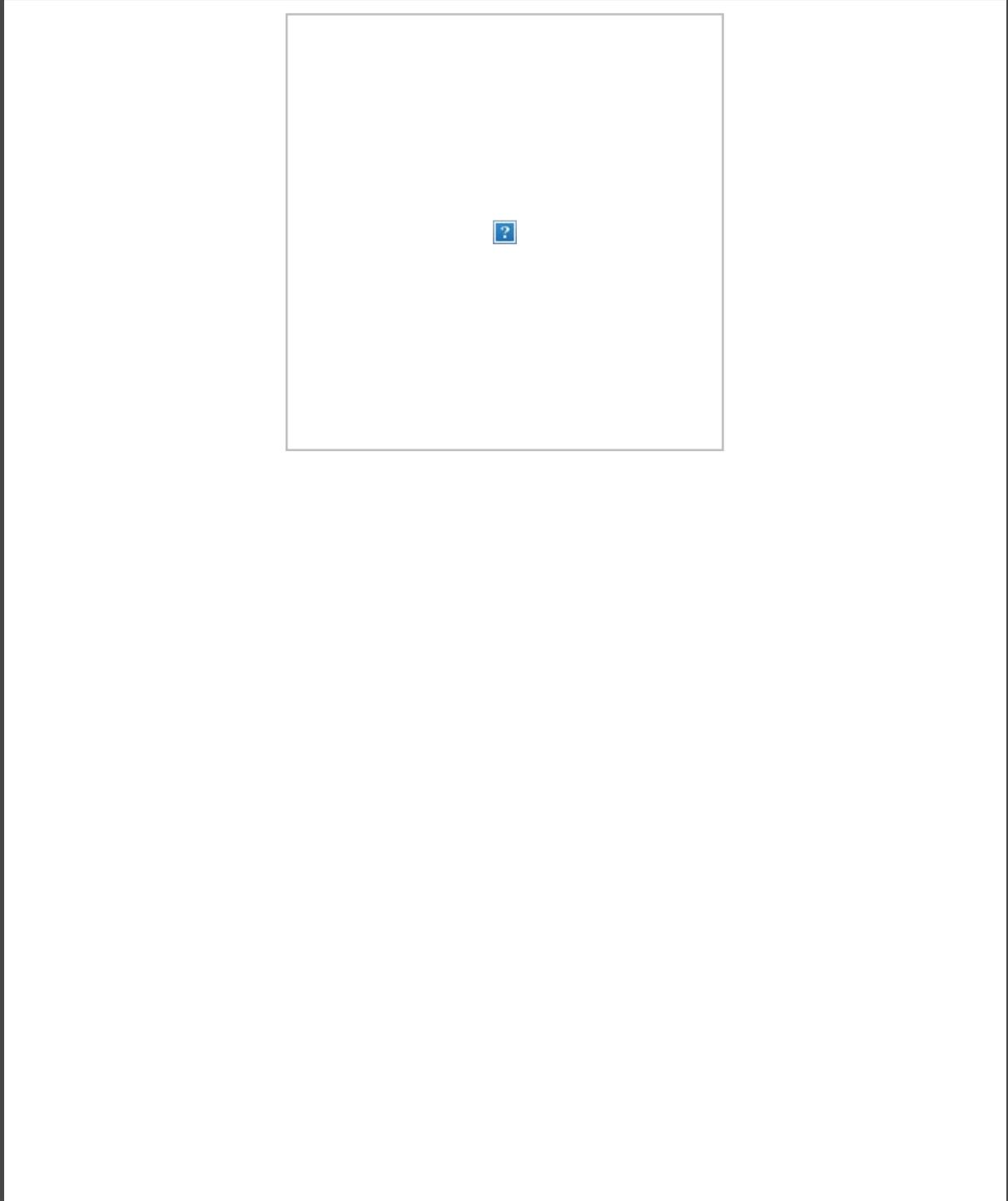
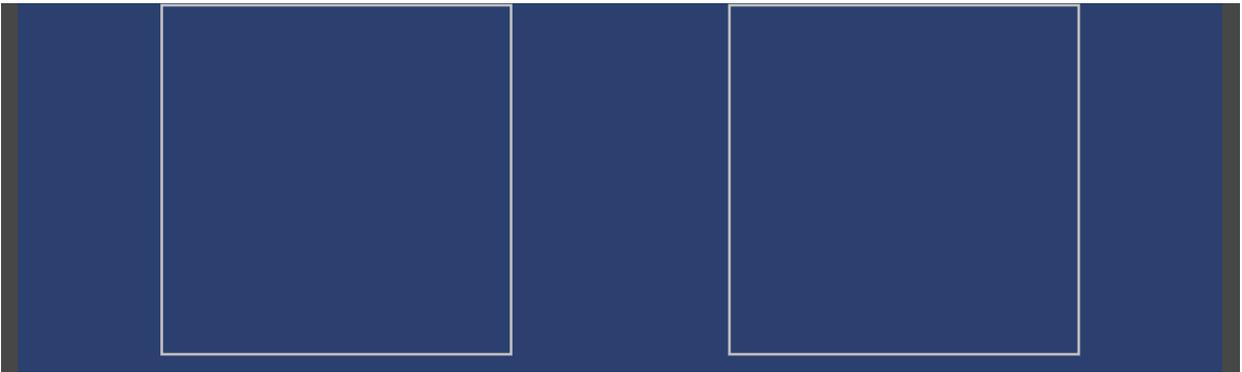




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Our democracy stands at a crossroads. With the right to vote facing unprecedented challenges, it's more important than ever to amplify the voices of Black voters and ensure every vote is counted. This is where you come in.

**[Our volunteers](#)** help drive the NAACP mission forward by dedicating their time to empowering voters to make it to the ballot box. Imagine the impact of your efforts — every call you make or text you send encourages an infrequent voter to exercise their right and participate in shaping our collective future.

**[Sign up to volunteer](#)** with the NAACP and be part of a movement that champions equity and justice for all. Together, let's make history by ensuring every Black voter has their say in the upcoming election.

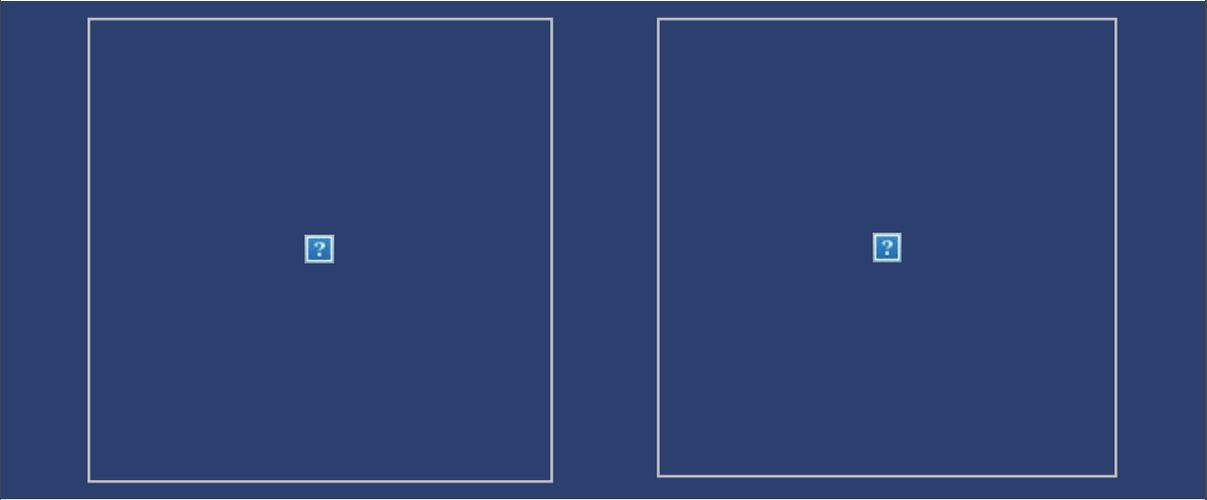
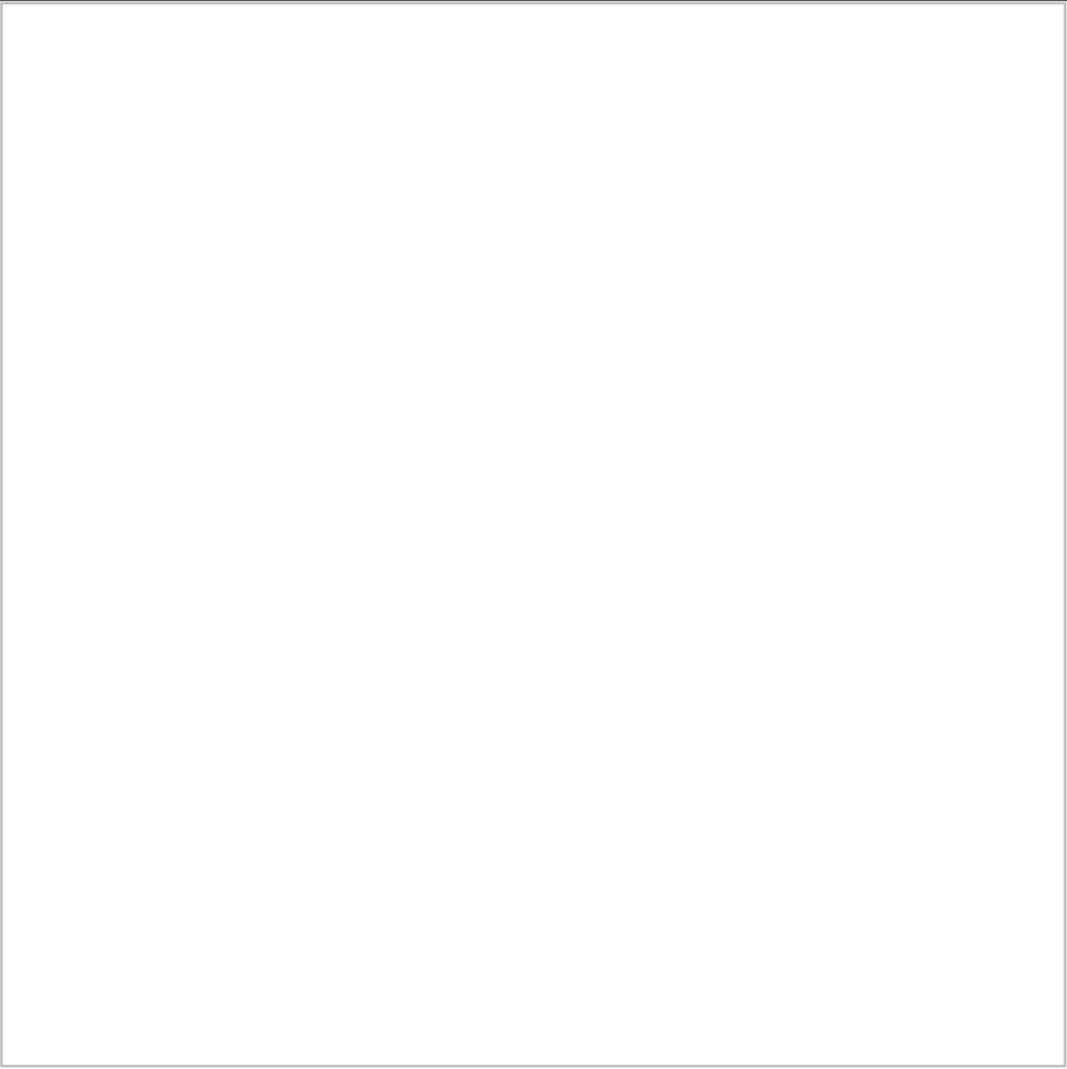
Your voice matters, and so does your action. Join us in making a lasting impact.

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## Wealthier Members of Congress Have Family Links to Slavery

U.S. Senators and Representatives whose family had a history of enslaving others have greater present-day wealth

BY ALLISON PARSHALL

Members of the U.S. congress whose ancestors enslaved people have had a higher median **net worth** than those whose ancestors did not, according to a **new analysis** published on Wednesday in *PLOS ONE*.

The analysis used genealogical data published last year by an investigative team at Reuters, which found that in 2021, at least 100 members of Congress **were descended from enslavers**. This included 8 percent of Democrats and 28 percent of Republicans.

This reporting caught the eye of Neil K. R. Sehgal, a Ph.D. student and computational social science researcher at the University of Pennsylvania. He wondered what this

unique genealogical data might reveal when combined with other publicly available information about members of Congress—particularly their financial disclosure forms.

“Just the fact that this was available—this detailed genealogical data and these financial disclosures for members of Congress—allowed us to explore this link,” Sehgal says. **READ MORE**

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**Green The Church National Summit**, taking place October 6th and 7th in Shreveport, Louisiana! This year's theme, "Homecoming," is a call for us to return to our roots, reconnect with our spiritual community, and rejuvenate our commitment to environmental and social justice.

What Awaits You at the Summit?

This event promises to be a transformative experience, filled with dynamic worship services, engaging panels, and hands-on workshops designed to empower you with the tools and knowledge to make a real difference. Whether you're a church leader, community advocate, student, or just passionate about sustainability, there's something here for everyone.

Key Highlights Include:

- **Inspiring Worship Services:** Begin your journey with Worship Service #1 at St. Mark on Sunday, October 6th at 9:00 AM, led by the powerful Pastor Jimme Gibson. End the day with Worship Service #2 at Morning Star at 6:00 PM, where Bishop Jerry Macklin will bring a message that will resonate deeply with all who attend.
- **Dynamic Panels and Workshops:** Monday, October 7th, will be a full day dedicated to exploring the intersections of green liberation theology, sustainable practices, and strategies for building political and economic power. Learn from

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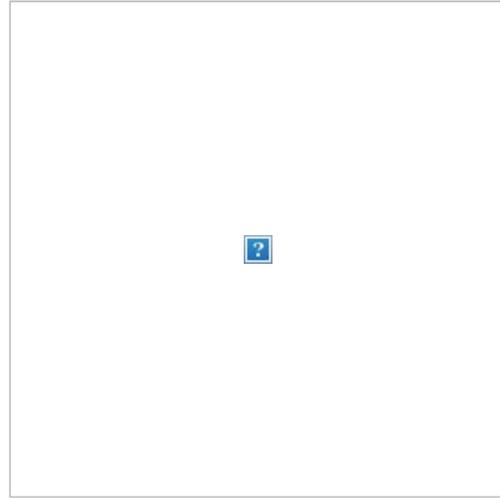
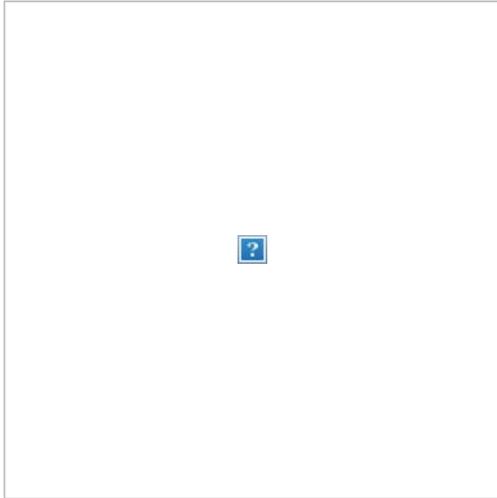
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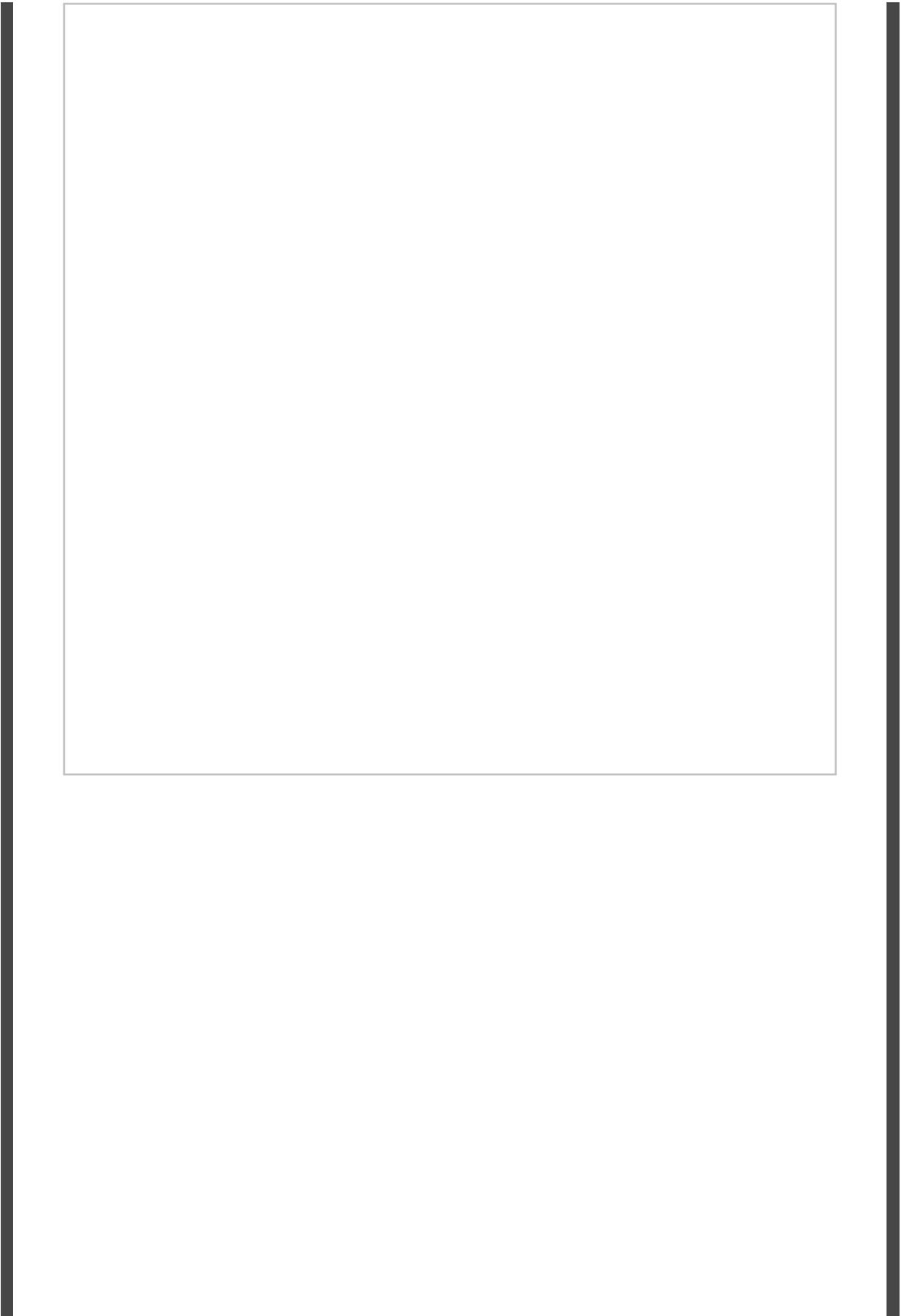
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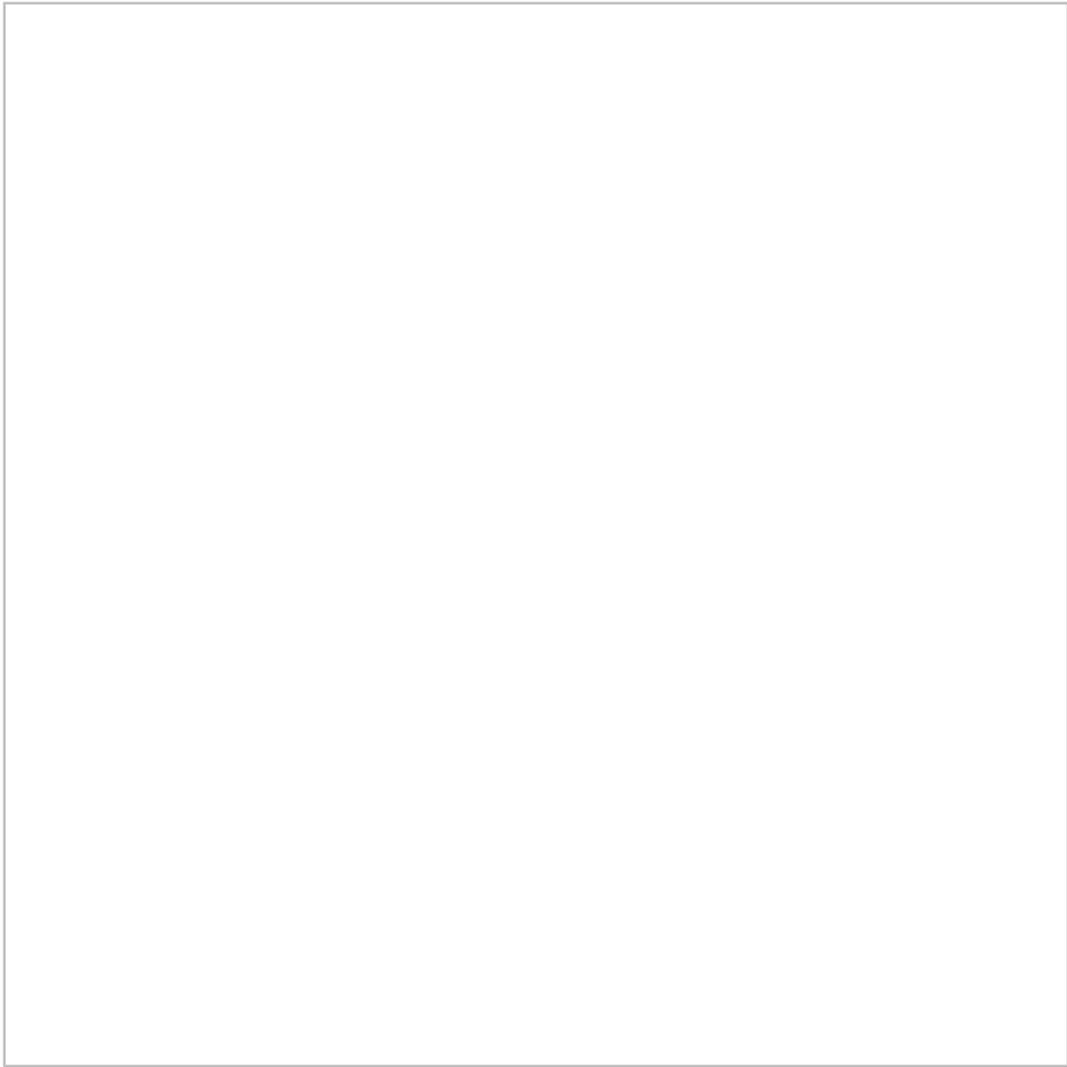
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Warm regards,

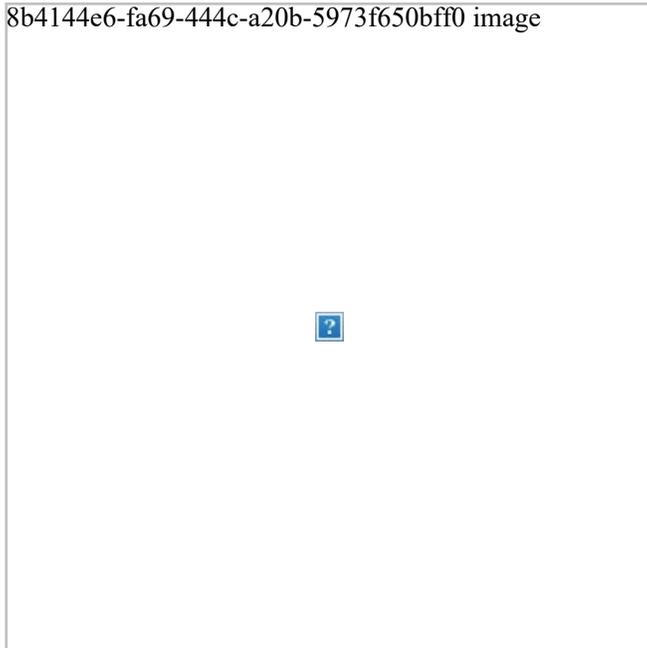
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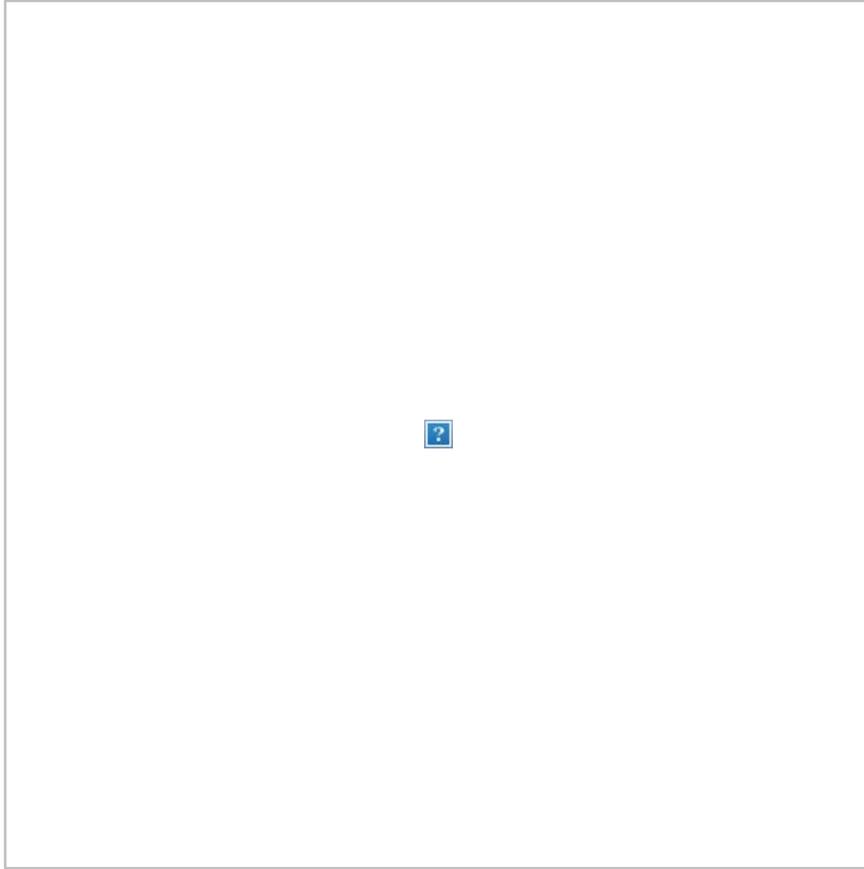




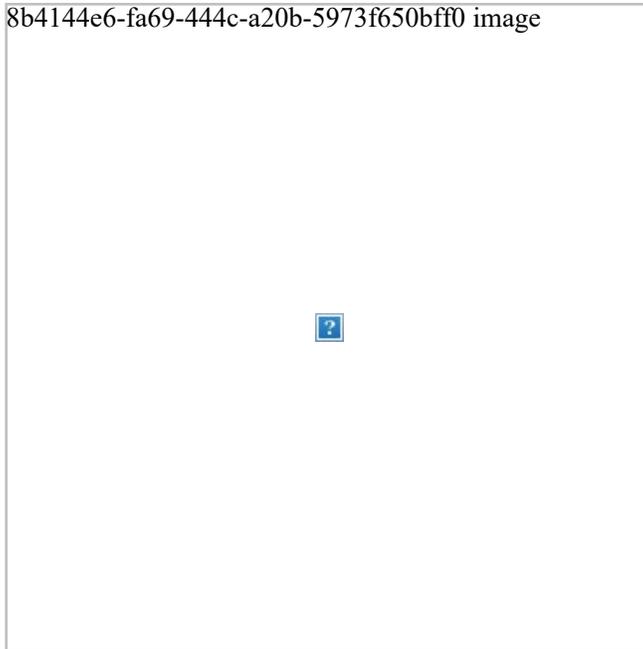


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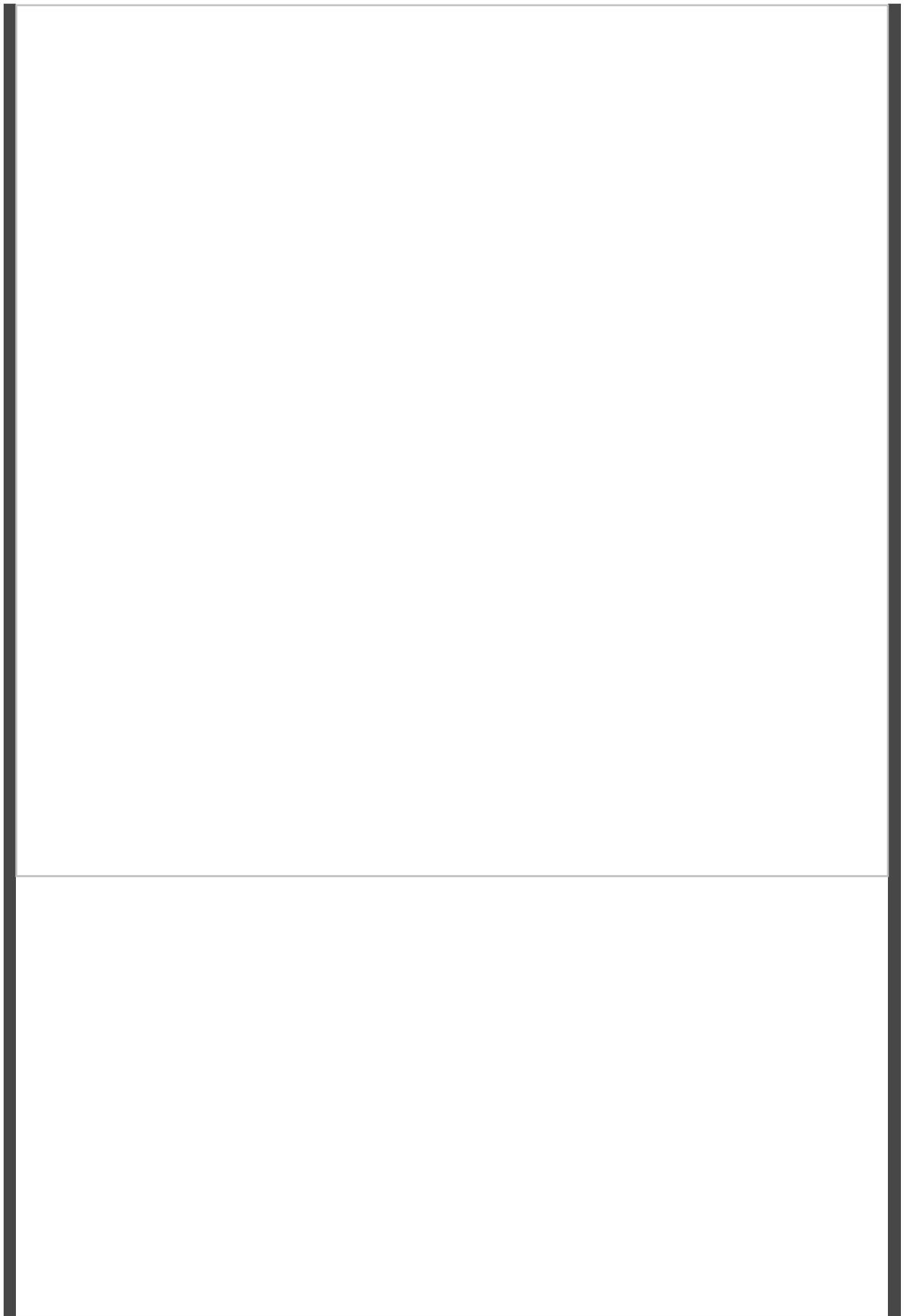


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In the first of the book's three intertwining essays, Coates, on his first trip to Africa, finds himself in two places at once: in Dakar, a modern city in Senegal, and in a mythic kingdom in his mind. Then he takes listeners along with him to Columbia, South Carolina, where he reports on his own book's banning, but also explores the larger backlash to the nation's recent reckoning with history and the deeply rooted American mythology so visible in that city—a capital of the Confederacy with statues of segregationists looming over its public squares. Finally, in the book's longest section, Coates travels to Palestine, where he sees with devastating clarity how easily we are misled by nationalist narratives, and the tragedy that lies in the clash between the stories we tell and the reality of life on the ground.

Written at a dramatic moment in American and global life, this work from one of the country's most important writers is about the urgent need to untangle ourselves from the destructive myths that shape our world—and our own souls—and embrace the liberating power of even the most difficult truths.

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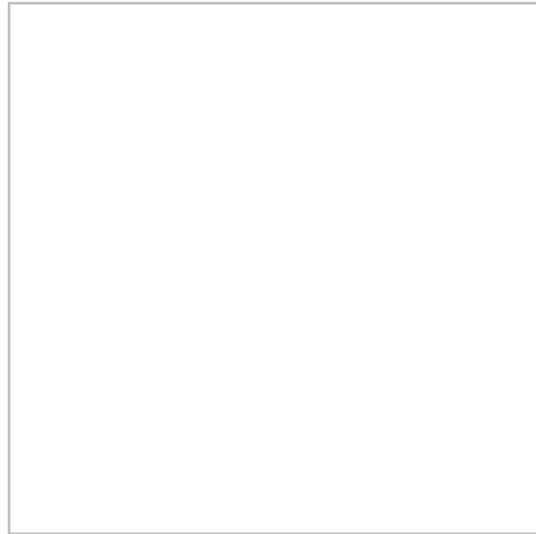
## **South to Black Power**

In the documentary *South to Black Power*, Charles M. Blow, New York Times columnist and best-selling author of *The Devil You Know: A Black Power Manifesto*, sets off across the country on a personal journey. Along the way, he meets with politicians, historians, community activists, colleagues, friends, and family members to test his theory on Black Liberation, which involves a daring strategy for Black Americans to move to southern states to control legislatures and

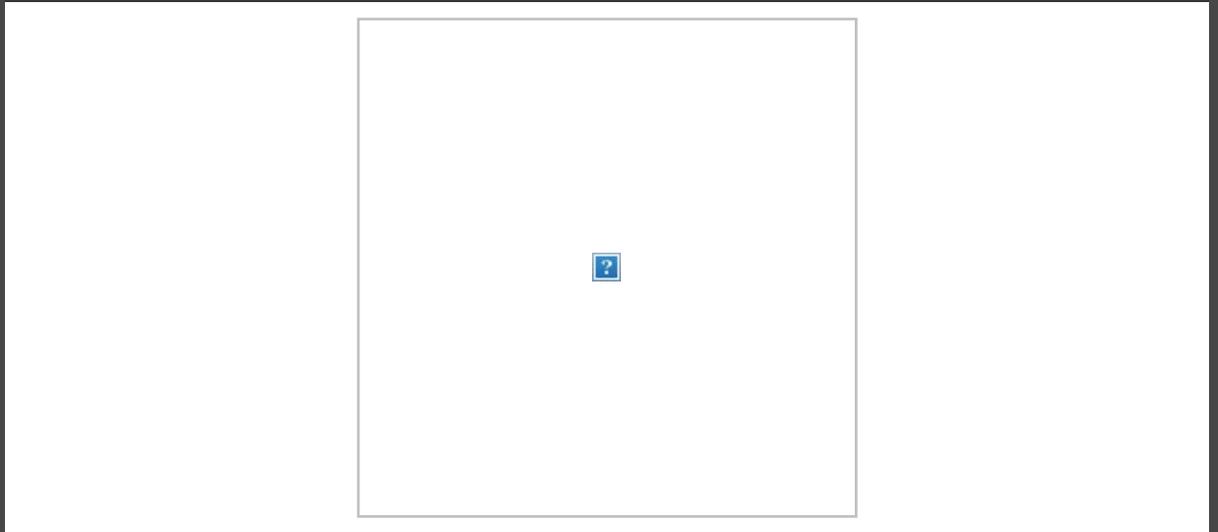
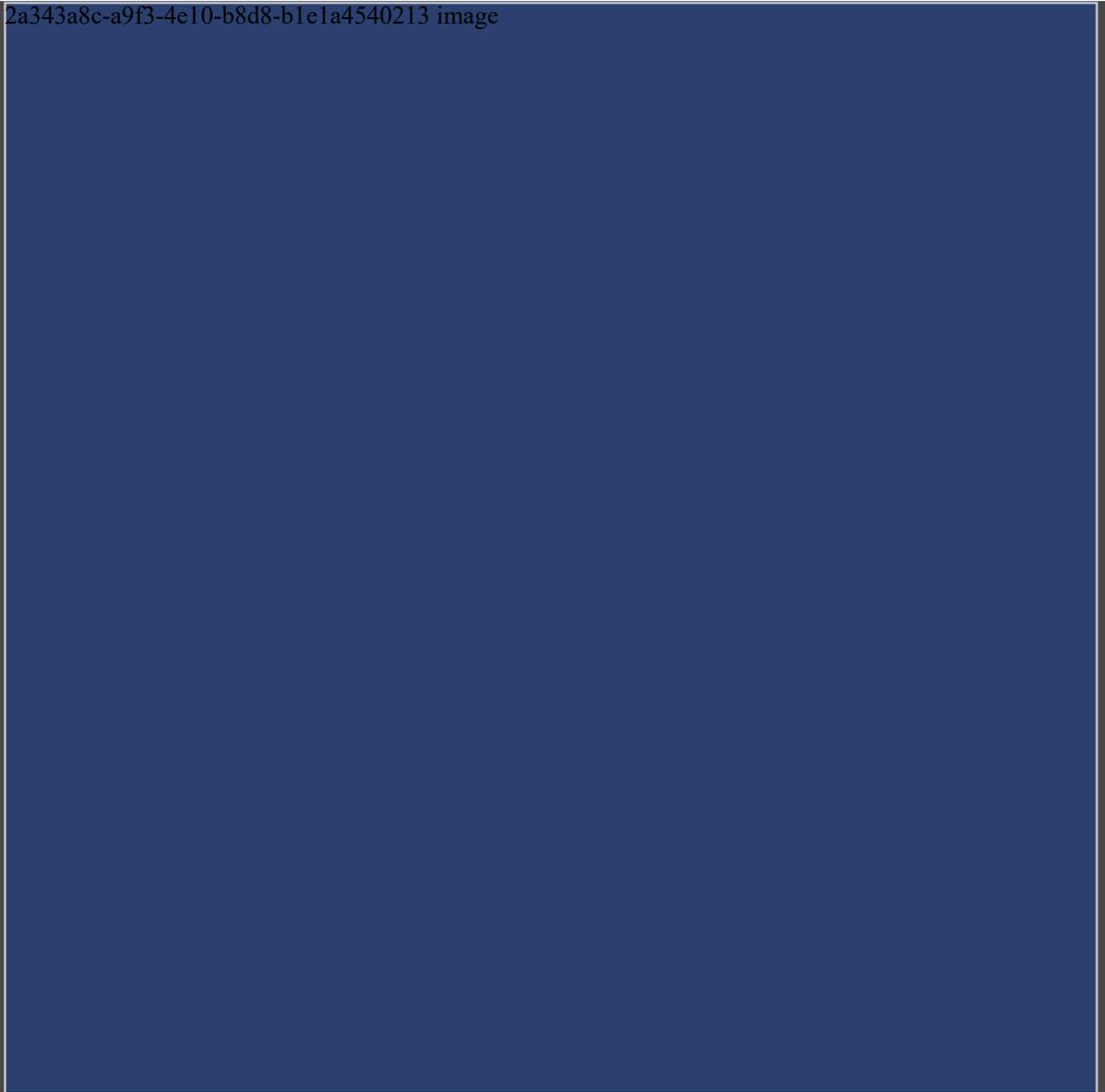
gain greater political power.

HBO Documentary Films presents a This Machine production (part of Sony Pictures Television) South to Black Power.

Directors, Sam Pollard and Llewellyn M. Smith; producers, Sam Pollard, Kelly Thomson, R.J. Cutler, and Elise Pearlstein; executive producers, Trevor Smith and Charles Blow. For Aevitas Entertainment: David Kuhn and Todd Shuster. For HBO: executive producers, Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, and Sara Rodriguez.

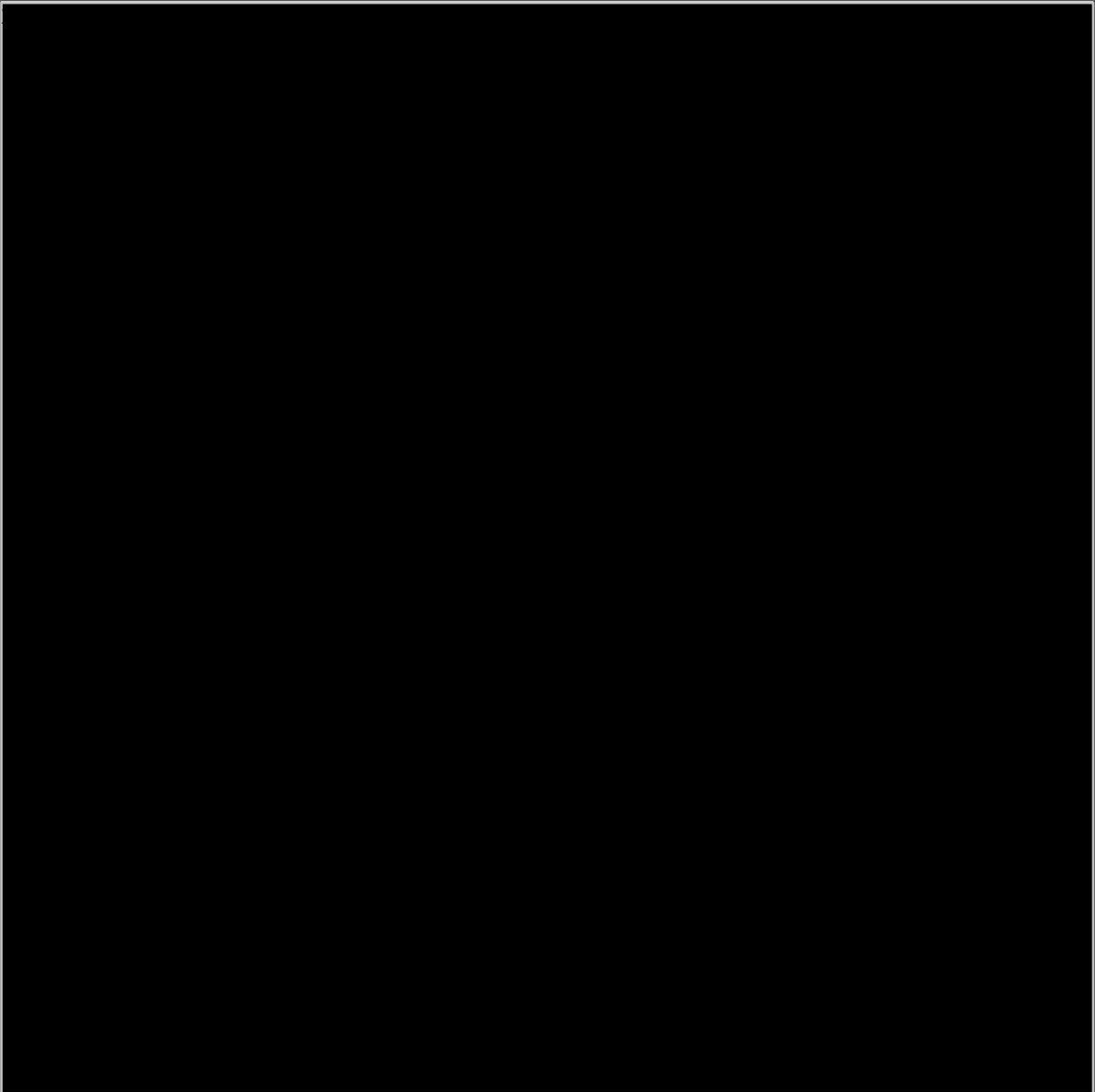


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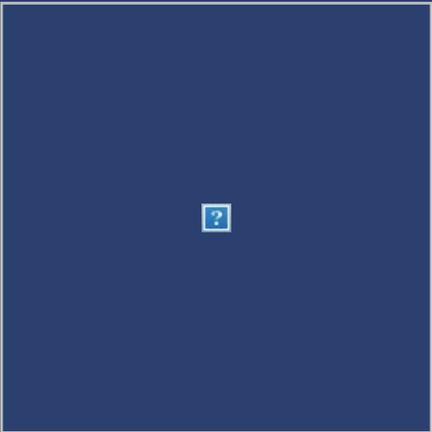


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Join us on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6PM for a community forum (in-person and zoom) on why we must vote YES on Prop 6 and NO on Prop 36. **When we say “protect your people”, we also mean our future generations - from further criminalization and mass incarceration. And voting YES on Prop 6 and NO on Prop 36 will do just that.**

**Hear from trusted community leaders and direct lived experiences on how and why we must win!**

*(Conversation starters include: Yvonne Maxwell of Ujima Adult and Family Services, Raymond Goins of SV De-Bug and NAACP, Sandy Perry of the Affordable Housing Network, J. Vasquez of CURYJ, Cecilia Chavez of SV De-Bug)*

***[Return to Sender: Slavery and the War on Drugs](#)***

***[Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 from 6-7:30 PM](#)***

***To join through zoom: click this link below or scan the QR code in the flier attached:***

***[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8YNqzY5LS-O3ChYBDI46OQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8YNqzY5LS-O3ChYBDI46OQ)***

***To join the forum in person: come to Silicon Valley De-Bug, [701 Lenzen Ave. San Jose, CA 95126](#)***

**More on Prop 36:** Prop 36 expands on the misleading claim that California is experiencing an increase in crime and is funded by conservatives and corporations. It will lock up Black and Brown communities, criminalize unhoused loved ones, and divert millions of dollars from reentry, mental health, substance abuse, and victim reentry programs to build more prisons.

**More on Prop 6:** Prop 6 would ban forced prison labor, prohibit prisons from punishing incarcerated people who seek rehabilitation over forced labor, and amend the State Constitution to read "Slavery and Involuntary Servitude are

Prohibited”.

This forum is co-sponsored by:

*Silicon Valley De-Bug • Asian Law Alliance • Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet • Coalition for Justice and Accountability • Concrete Rose Coalition • Council on American-Islamic (CAIR) California • NAACP: San Jose / Silicon Valley Branch • Pangea Legal Services • San Jose State University Human Rights Institute • Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN) • Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ) • Silicon Valley Rising Action • South Bay Community Land Trust • Ujima Adult and Family Services • Wage Theft Coalition Santa Clara County • Young Women’s Freedom Center*

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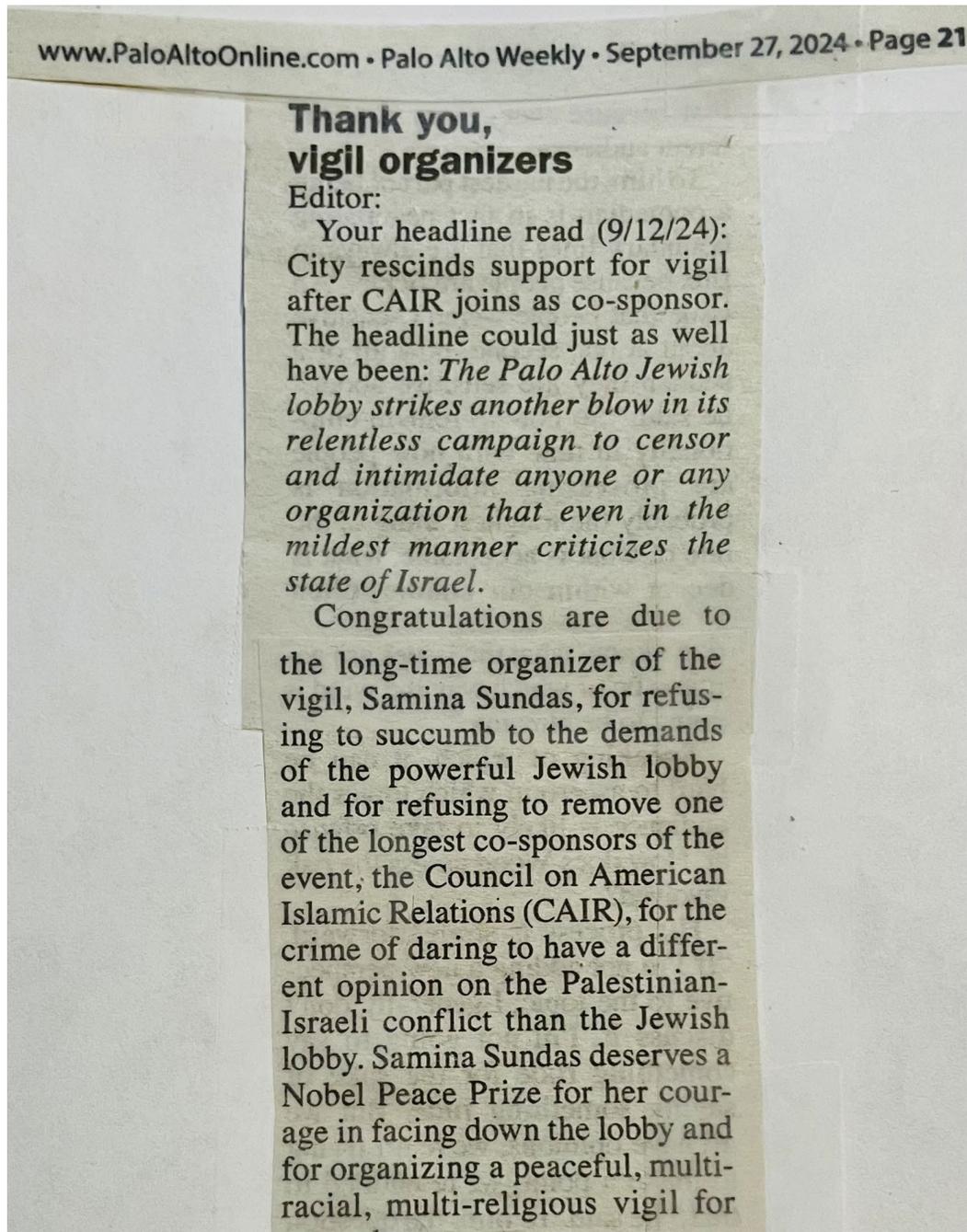
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**From:** [Michelle Higgins](#)  
**To:** [Human Relations Commission](#); [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Invitation to fundraiser for children's charity this Saturday in Palo Alto  
**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2024 5:25:06 AM

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Dear City Council and HRC Members,

This Saturday our Palo Alto-based community group Vigil4Gaza is hosting a fundraiser for HEAL Palestine. We warmly invite you to attend with your families. The event is from 1pm to 3pm at King Plaza.

HEAL Palestine launched on Jan 1st of this year to address the specific and critical needs of Palestinian children in Gaza. This work includes coordinating and funding medical evacuations out of Gaza for children who have suffered catastrophic injuries, most commonly amputations.

One of these children is Ahmed, a 15-year-old boy from Gaza who is a triple amputee, having lost both his legs and part of his left hand in a bomb blast. He is currently in the Bay Area being fitted with prosthetics and receiving rehabilitation services. Ahmed, along with his mother, will be our special guests of honor at the fundraiser. We first met Ahmed when we were part of the Bay Area welcome on his arrival at SFO and are truly in awe of his resilience and spirit. Dr. Subeh, the Bay Area doctor who operated on Ahmed while on a medical mission to Gaza, did not expect Ahmed to survive his injuries.

Here is one of many news stories covering Ahmed's journey:

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/double-amputee-gaza-explosion-treatment/3601321/>

Co-founders of HEAL Palestine, Steve Sosebee and Dr. Zeena Salman, will be attending and speaking on Saturday. Steve co-founded the highly regarded Palestinian Children's Relief Fund 33 years ago and remained there until Dec 31, 2023. He left to launch and lead as HEAL Palestine's Executive Director on Jan 1st, 2024. Vigil4Gaza is extremely proud to be supporting the work of HEAL and has to date raised over \$50,000 for the organization through previous fundraising efforts.

You can learn more about HEAL Palestine here:

<https://www.healpalestine.org/about-us/>

The event itself is free to attend and open to all. We are excited to have live music by award winning Palestinian-American oud musician and composer Clarissa Bitar, Palestinian food provided by local grocer Real Produce, a tatreeze demonstration, a children's book corner, Henna artists, and art activities.

Please be in touch if you have questions. If you cannot attend but would like to make a contribution you can [donate here](#). Thank you in advance for your interest in this event and we look forward to hopefully welcoming you on Saturday.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Higgins on behalf of the Vigil4Gaza community



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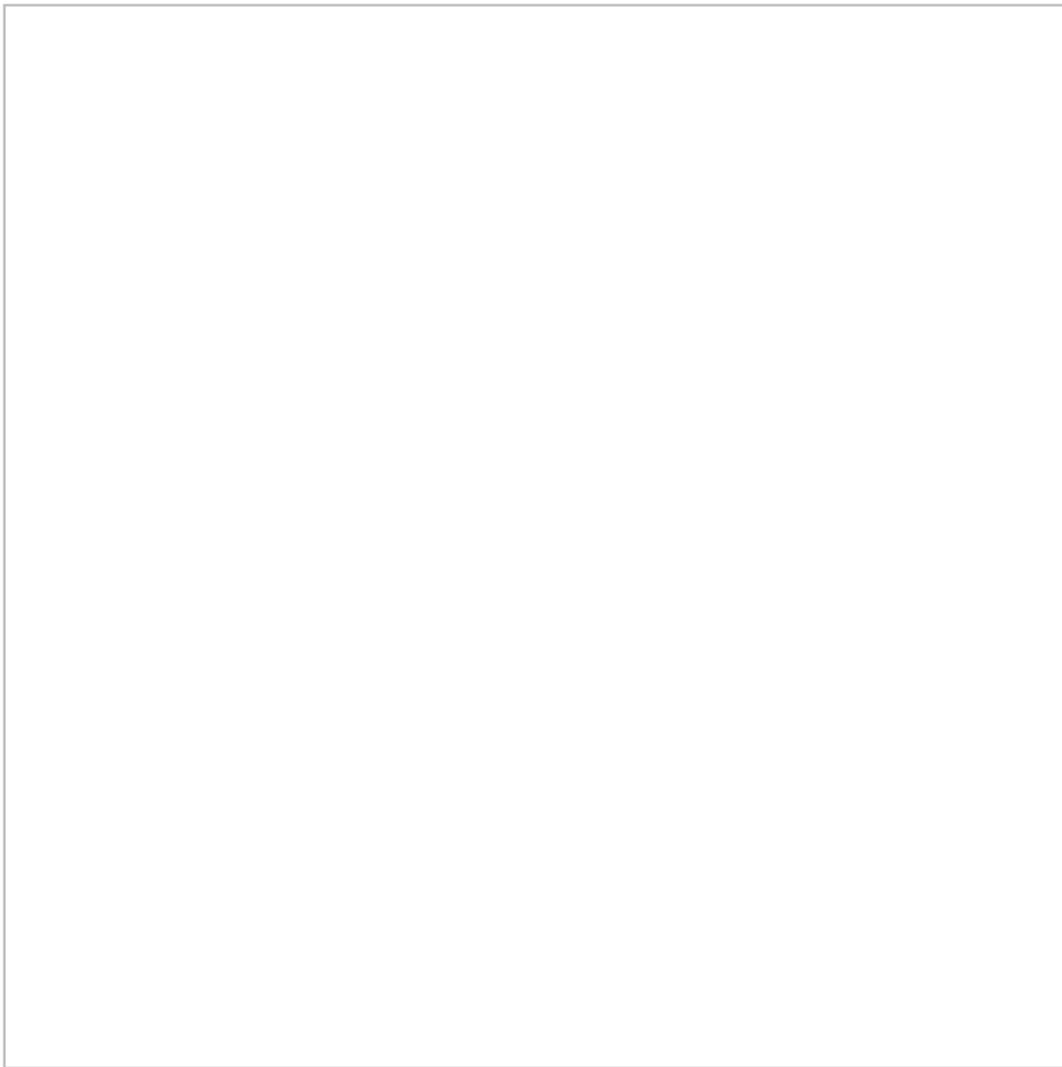
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1. Identify an office that you would like to hold
2. Complete the attached consent form (one must have been an Active member of the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP branch from May 1st until the election which will be November 14th)
3. Submit the completed form to the Secretary of the Nominating Committee which is Sarah Wright sarahw0003@outlook.com by Thursday, October 10th at 7pm. **Click Here**



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**Why I Vote: A Personal Journey  
Through History and Civic Duty**

Voting is not just a civic duty for me; it's a deeply personal reflection of my family's history and the struggles of my ancestors. My connection to this act is woven into the fabric of my lineage, each thread representing a story of resilience and hope.



One of my ancestors faced the harrowing journey of the Trail of Tears. Whether they were enslaved or free remains uncertain, but their experience embodies the profound challenges that many in our community endured. This historical trauma fuels my passion for voting, a means to honor their legacy and ensure their sacrifices are not forgotten.

My great uncle, Hunter, was a sharecropper, toiling tirelessly to make ends meet in a system designed to exploit his labor. His struggles remind me of the importance of participating in a system that has the power to bring about change. Voting is my way of expressing gratitude for the hard work and perseverance of those who came before me.

I think of my grandparents and parents, who lived under Birmingham, Alabama's racial segregation ordinances. They confronted the daily reality of discrimination and injustice, often with their dignity and spirit under siege. Their stories are woven into my own, and I carry them with me each time I cast my vote. It is a tribute to their strength, a testament to their hope for a better future.

In the eighth grade, I met a man who could not sign his name, instead using an "X" as his signature, and another who could not read. Their circumstances were stark reminders of the barriers that still exist in our society. Voting is my way of advocating for educational access and equality, ensuring that future generations have the opportunities that were often denied to those before them.

My father dedicated 25 years to the United States Navy, serving with honor and sacrificing for the freedoms that many take for granted. Today, I have two nephews deployed somewhere in the world, continuing the family tradition of service. I vote to uphold the values they fought for, to protect our democracy, and to amplify the voices of those who have defended our rights.

This year, I was aggravated and inspired by Ali Alexander's assertion that the battle is more spiritual than cultural, more spiritual than political. Voting transcends the act itself; it becomes an even more pressing civic duty to engage in the ongoing struggle for justice and equity. It is about standing up for the marginalized and ensuring that our shared humanity guides our decisions.

Thus, my reasons for voting are deeply rooted in a legacy of struggle, resilience, and hope. I vote to honor my ancestors, to uplift my family, and to advocate for a future that embraces equality for all. It is a small but significant way to honor the battles fought by those who came before me and a commitment to fighting for those yet to come. **Rev. Jethroe Moorre II**



Dear San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP Family,

I am delighted to announce the induction of our new secretary, Sarah Wright, into our esteemed organization. Sarah is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Instructional Science and Technology, coupled with her role as an employee in the Governor's Office.

Sarah's commitment to philanthropy and social infrastructure development is commendable. She has actively contributed to the community by coaching young athletes, serving our Armed Forces as a caseworker with the American Red Cross, and ensuring the safety of our Santa Clara County parks. Her dedication to empowering others and fostering a safer, more inclusive environment aligns perfectly with the values we uphold within the NAACP.

We are excited to welcome Sarah to our leadership team, where her skills, passion, and experience will undoubtedly enhance our efforts in promoting justice and equality. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Sarah as she embarks on this important role.

Sincerely,



## **Op-Ed: Proposition 36 is a backward mass incarceration plan that solves nothing**

As leaders of organizations and agencies that support those impacted by mass incarceration, poverty and substance use, we have a loud and urgent call to stop Proposition 36 and the irrevocable damage it will bring to our entire community if passed.

The proposition is falsely guised as an attempt to reduce crime, homelessness and substance use. In reality, the proposition will only exacerbate the issues it claims to address.

Proposition 36 is literally a proposal to go backward. It aims to overturn the advances in public safety secured through the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014. That proposition, which was overwhelmingly supported by voters, reclassified six low level felony offenses to misdemeanors and earmarked the savings secured through cost reductions in prison sentences to actual solutions: drug and mental health treatment,

housing, re-entry services and more.

The initiative worked: it significantly lowered the prison population, providing millions to fund needed programs to get people back on their feet and out of a cycle of addiction, and reduced recidivism, meaning less people re-offending once released. So despite the sensational, fear-stoking propaganda of the Yes on Proposition 36 campaign, crime rates have gone down since the passage of Proposition 47.

This holds true today. The latest California Department of Justice data revealed a decrease in crime in 2023, including violent and property crime. These statistics were ironically recently **shared by San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan** as he celebrated San Jose being the “safest big city” in the Bay Area, even as he makes false claims of crime spikes to argue for Proposition 36.

This truism isn't to discount the reality that our communities are still struggling and deserve support. Our people are suffering with trying to survive in the most expensive place to live in the country, with a lack of treatment and mental health supports, and with jails and prisons being the most significantly invested “answer” to public health, housing and economic needs. It's why in 2022, Santa Clara County declared substance use and mental health a **public health crisis** rather than a reactionary demand for more incarceration.

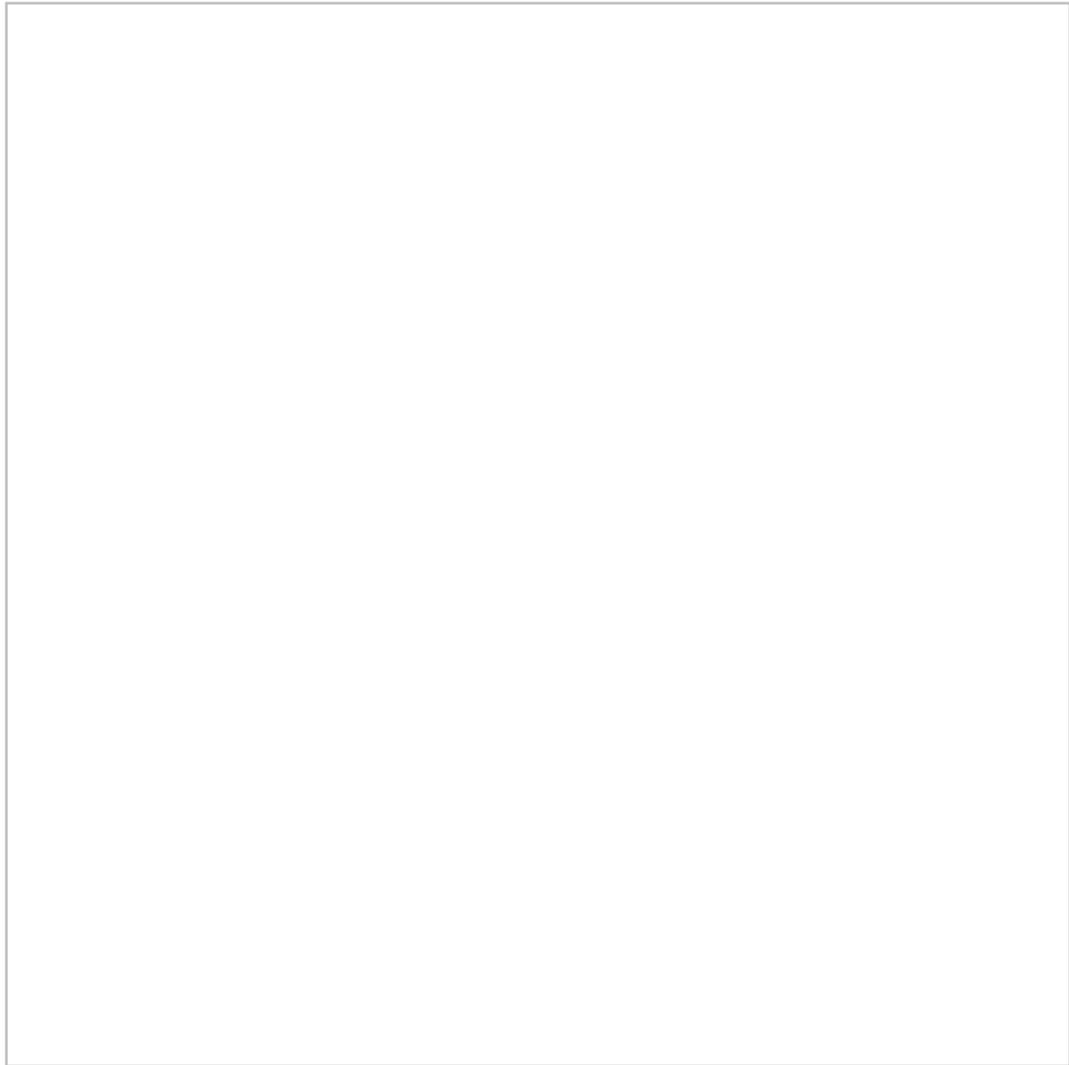
That is why Proposition 36 being promoted as the “Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act” is so dangerously disingenuous. Punishing someone with a felony for a low level retail charge does not magically give them housing. Incarcerating someone with a substance abuse issue does not solve an addiction. Sending someone to prison makes them less economically stable and less likely to find employment upon return to our community saddled with a prison record.

The reality is Proposition 36's plan to essentially vanish and warehouse homeless and poor people in prisons is as shortsighted as it is sinister. Our people will come back to us after being incarcerated, just worse off.

Tellingly, Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen — someone we have often been at odds with when debating the criminal legal system — is also against Proposition 36. He rightfully pointed out that Proposition 36's claim that it will result in “court ordered treatment” was a fool's promise. In a **Mercury News article** he states, “What this initiative doesn't do is provide more funding for drug treatment... If there's not a bed available, you're not addressing it.” He goes on to say, “We're not going to punish our way out of drug addiction. We've tried it and it didn't work.” The only certain impact Proposition 36 will have is greatly expanding the prison population and depleting California of what the Legislative Analyst's Office estimates will be hundreds of millions of dollars annually. We don't need to go back to prison overcrowding, the failed war on drugs that decimated communities of color or criminalizing public health issues. We need to say no to Proposition 36, and yes to real solutions.

**Molly O'Neal is chief public defender for Santa Clara County, the Rev. Jeff Moore is president of the NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley and Raj Jayadev is founder of Silicon Valley De-Bug.**





## WHY DID KENDRICK LAMAR MENTION LECRAE AND DEE-1 ON NEW SINGLE?

BY MITCHELL ATENCIO

Following up his overwhelming victory in a rap battle with Drake earlier this year, and the news that he would perform at Super Bowl LIX next February, Kendrick Lamar dropped a surprise single last night, mentioning Christian rappers Lecrae and Dee-1 in the song.

The song, which was released to Instagram at 8 p.m. EST, coinciding with the start of the MTV Video Music Awards, was posted without a caption and with an obscure photo of black Nike Air Force 1s as the cover. On the music app Genius, the song was tentatively titled “**Watch the Party Die.**”

In the chorus, Lamar prays to God.

God, give me life, dear God, please give me peace  
Dear God, please keep these lame n----s away from me  
Dear God, keep me shining, the f--- do they really think?  
Pocket-watching, you must be the police  
God, bless these words, dear God, bless how I think  
Dear God, draw the line, they tryna confuse 'em with me

Dear God, please, forgive me, you knowin' how hard I tried  
I think it's time for me to watch the party die

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## Can Voter Suppression Hand The 2024 Election to Trump?

by Thom Hartmann for The Hartmann Report June 20, 2024

New York Times bestselling investigative reporter Greg Palast, on **my radio/TV program**, laid out the dimensions of the problem, particularly since Clarence Thomas was the tie-breaking vote in *Shelby County v Holder* to gut the protections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Palast started in Georgia, looking into 2018 voter purges done by then-Secretary of State (the state's top elections official) Brian Kemp in the runup to his challenge to

Stacey Abrams for that state's governorship. Kemp purged roughly a half-million Georgia voters from the rolls that year, and **Palast obtained the complete list.**

The Palast Investigative Fund hired a contractor that verifies names and addresses for Amazon — which has a multi-billion-dollar interest in making sure their delivery lists are clean — to examine each and every one of those roughly half-million voters.

While over 150,000 of them were people who'd legitimately moved out of state in recent years, fully **340,134 were mostly Black people** who lived in the state and had not moved from their voting address. **READ MORE**



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**Here's how you can get involved today:**

- **EDUCATE:**

Spread the word about the dangers of Project 2025. Use the following resources to engage your family, friends, neighbors, and community:

**1. Social Media Toolkit**

**2. Our 2025 Webpage**

**3. All-Units Call Recording**

**4. Talking points and Our 2025 policy positions**, for additional information please reach out to your local branch.

- **VOLUNTEER:**

Increased Black voter turnout will ultimately stop Project 2025. Sign up to call or text potential voters to make sure they're ready for Election Day. Visit here to [Volunteer](#) or text VOLUNTEER to 20707 to volunteer this fall.

- **VOTE:**

**Our collective voice has the power to protect our rights and shape our future. Visit [A Vote for Democracy](#) to check your voter registration, make a plan for Election Day, and report any voting-related issues you run into.**

Let's stay united, informed, and committed to protecting our community and the progress we've made. Your involvement is crucial, and together, we can make a difference.

All In,



## **LATINO CHURCHES AND THE RISE OF RIGHT-WING POLITICS**

Is “miraculous meritocracy” driving some believers towards a gospel of entitlement?

BY **TONY TIAN-REN LIN**

ALL THE SUNDAY School classes were gathered at a plaza in Buenos Aires. After months of preparation, we were there for the churchwide tournament. Participation was mandatory; the competition was public. Glory or shame for all to see. Our task was to recite by memory an arbitrary list created by the teachers — the Lord’s Prayer, Psalm 23, names of all twelve apostles, the books of the New Testament and, for extra credit, the Old Testament ... in order. A church elder stood ready to score children in each category.

My arrogant 9-year-old self stepped up first. Everyone knew I was going to be a pastor. My parents had helped me. My sister and I had practiced. I had to know this

stuff. The elder at the “Lord’s Prayer station” nodded for me to begin. “Padre nuestro que estas ... .” He began to shake his head. “En los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre ... .” He made a noise with his tongue; his face looked like he had sucked a lemon. “No” he commanded, waving his hands. “In Taiwanese!”  
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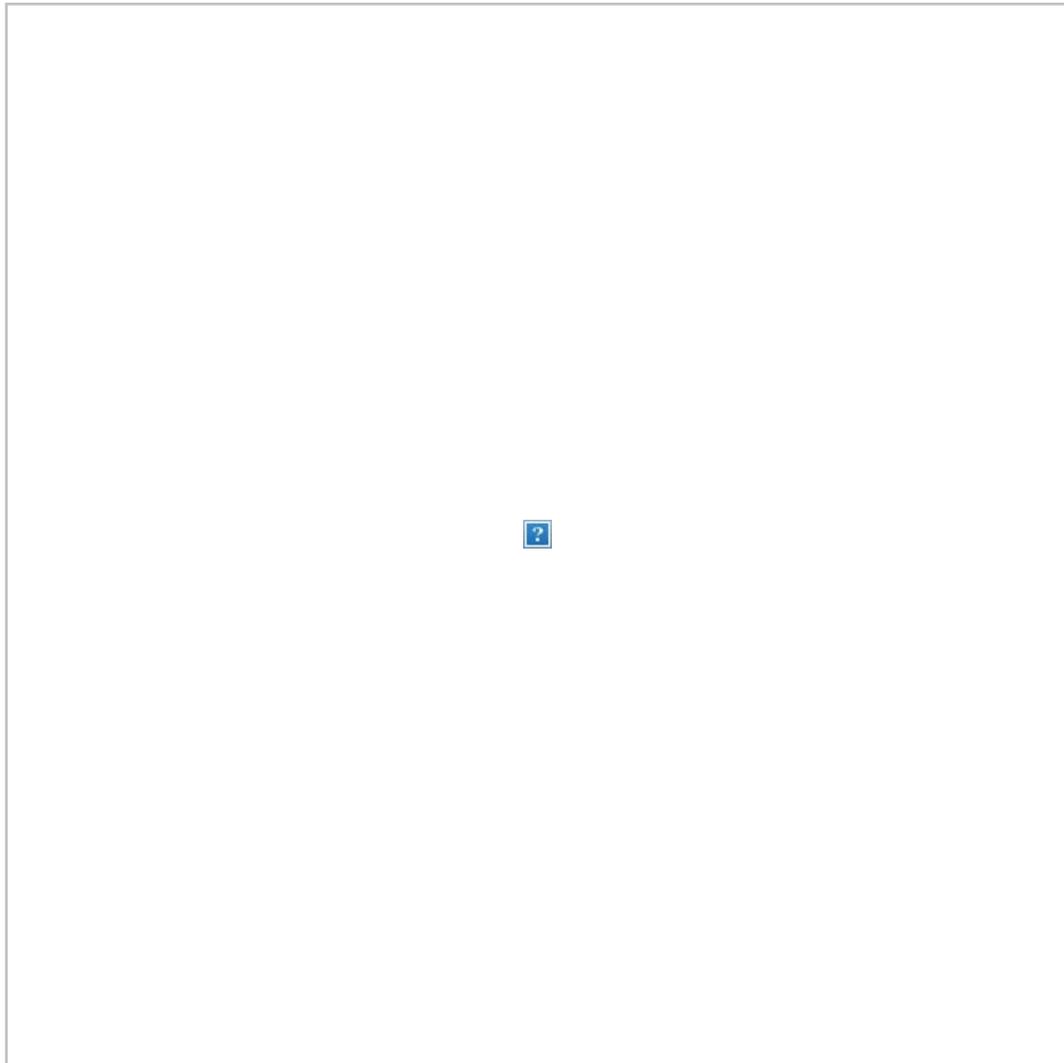
## **How Christians Can Counter Christian Nationalism** Scholars, pastors, and activists on hopeful action to undo this heretical belief system.

**WEAPONIZED CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM** seeks a “Christian” government that would erode civil rights and undercut election integrity and democratic principles. It endorses the use of violence to obtain or maintain power; embraces white supremacy; and distorts Christian language, symbols, and identity into tools for political manipulation and gain.

At the same time, beliefs about “God and country” exist on a wide spectrum. White Christian nationalism is sometimes supported by people who are not white. And stifling all participation by people of faith in public life is not a suitable alternative to

nationalism.

In other words: It's complicated. You're not alone if you are confused, concerned, or dismayed by these topics. But hopeful action is possible. The following short essays by scholars, pastors, and activists offer insights on Christian nationalism and how to dismantle it. —The Editors **READ MORE**



In this critical election year, it is imperative that we work together to safeguard voters' rights and fair access to the polls.

With that in mind, we are excited to invite you to an important and timely training session hosted by the Council of Presidents of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. and NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where we will explore the ways you can volunteer your time, talent, and resources to voters' rights and election protection efforts leading up to, on, and after election day. During this session, LDF will also shed light on the voter intimidation trends and tactics we saw in the 2020 and 2022 election cycles and the tactics voters may encounter in this upcoming election.

Training attendees will be able to take this vital knowledge back to their

communities, chapters, family, and friends and will have a clear path forward on how they can activate and mobilize in the voters' rights and election protection space.

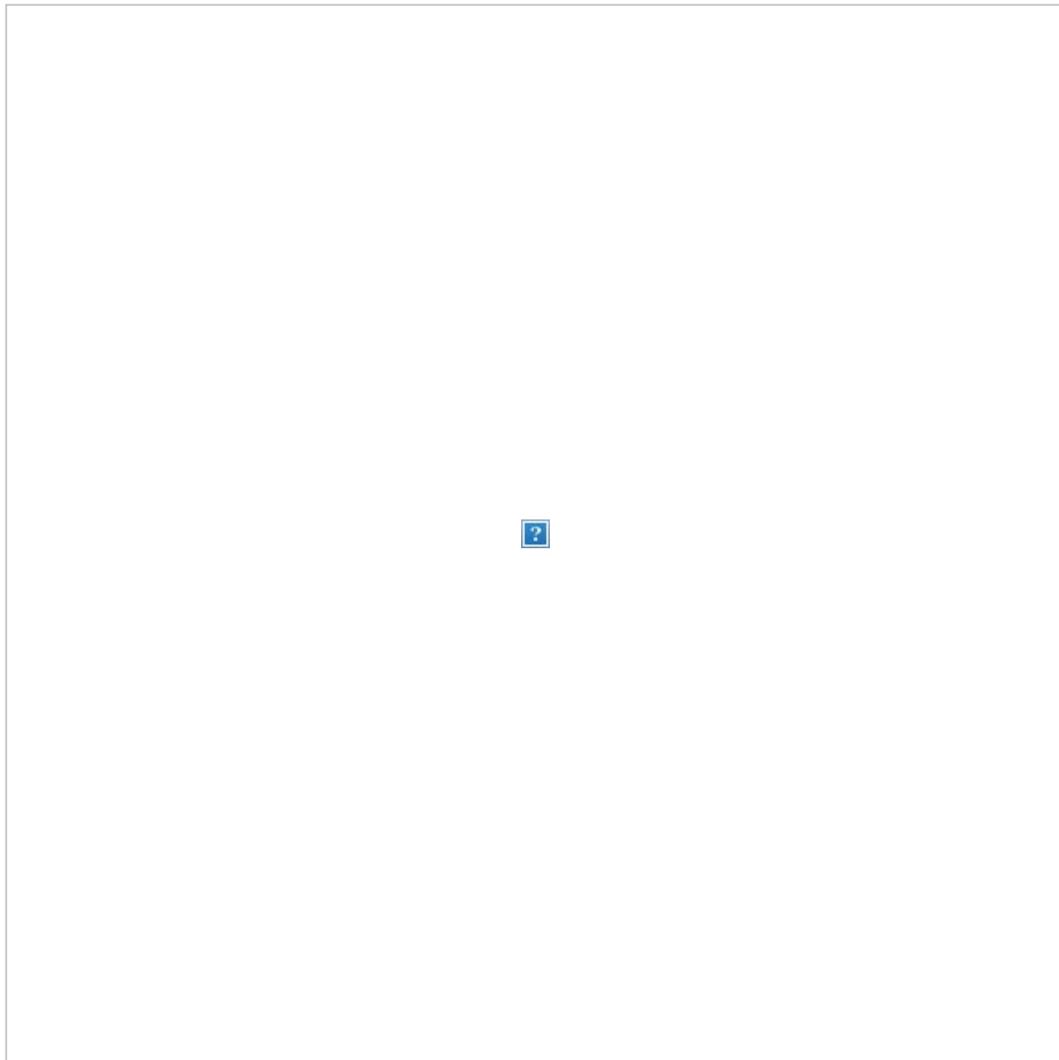
We welcome anyone passionate about protecting the integrity of our electoral process. Your participation can make a direct impact on preserving our constitutional right to vote.

Training Details:

Date: September 25, 2024

Time: 8:00pm ET

Registration: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Rpkb1bSeSAGvifJQY360Og](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Rpkb1bSeSAGvifJQY360Og)



Now more than ever, it's important to wear your activism on your sleeve (literally). We are thrilled to announce that new NAACP t-shirts are available for order (and pre-order) in the NAACP Store. Show your support by wearing these statement T-shirts:

“Our Black Job Is Voting” T-shirt — **[Pre-Order here.](#)**

“Political As Hell” T-shirt — [\*\*Order here.\*\*](#)  
"All In" T-shirt — [\*\*Order here.\*\*](#)



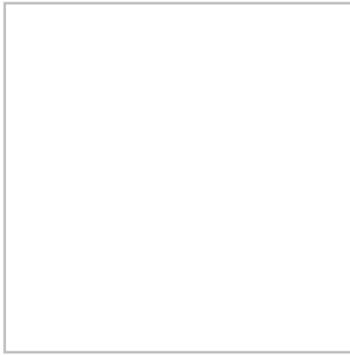
Celebrating civic holidays is a crucial part of strengthening our democracy. At the NAACP, we believe these holidays provide an essential platform for uplifting and empowering our communities. By participating in these events, we can highlight the importance of voter registration, education, and participation. **National Voter Registration Day** and **National Black Voter Day** emphasize the importance of registering to vote.

- **National Voter Education Week** is focused on informing citizens about their rights and the voting process, enabling them to make informed decisions.
- **Vote Early Day** encourages early participation in elections.
- On **Election Hero Day**, we honor the dedication and hard work of poll workers and election officials who uphold the integrity of our electoral system.
- On **Election Day**... we head to the polls!

Together, these civic holidays serve as a reminder and call to action for all of us to engage actively in the democratic process. By doing so, we not only honor our right to vote but also contribute to a more inclusive and representative government.

P.S. Are you an NAACP member? Through September 20, we are challenging each unit to register 50-100 voters. **Visit our site to learn more.**





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## ***Register to Vote***

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete.  
Exercise your right to defend democracy by registering to participate  
in upcoming elections.

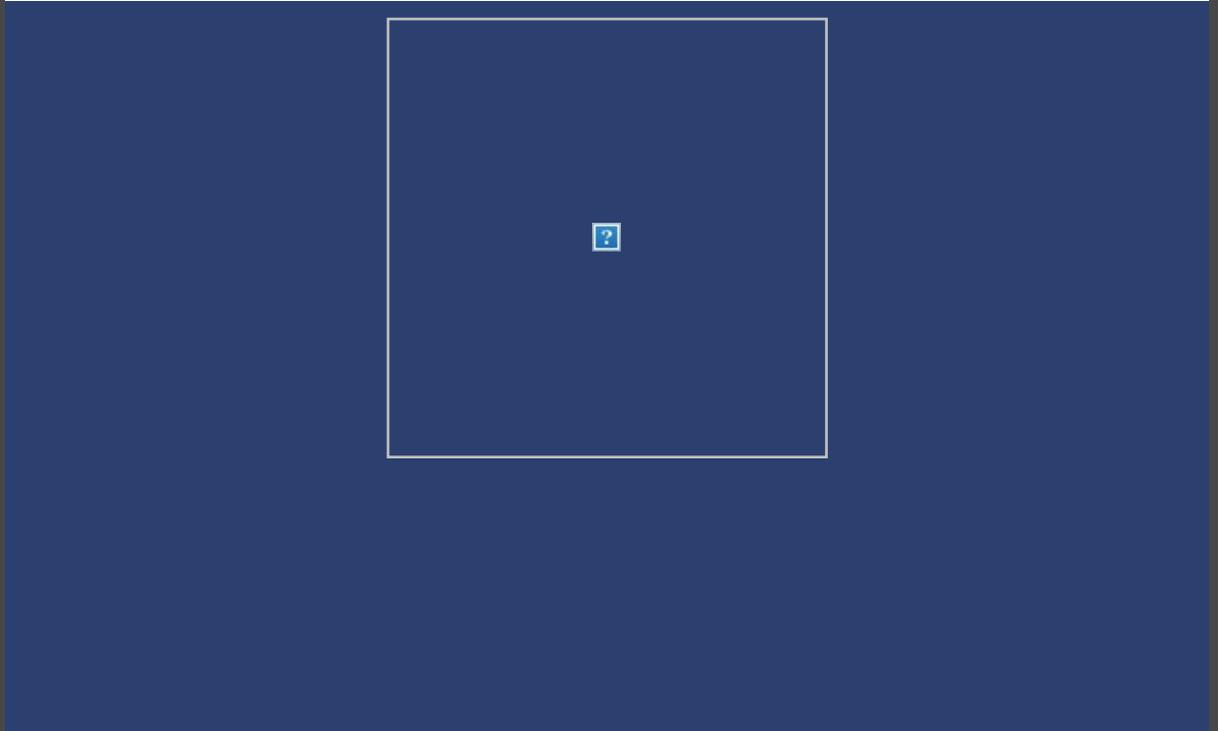
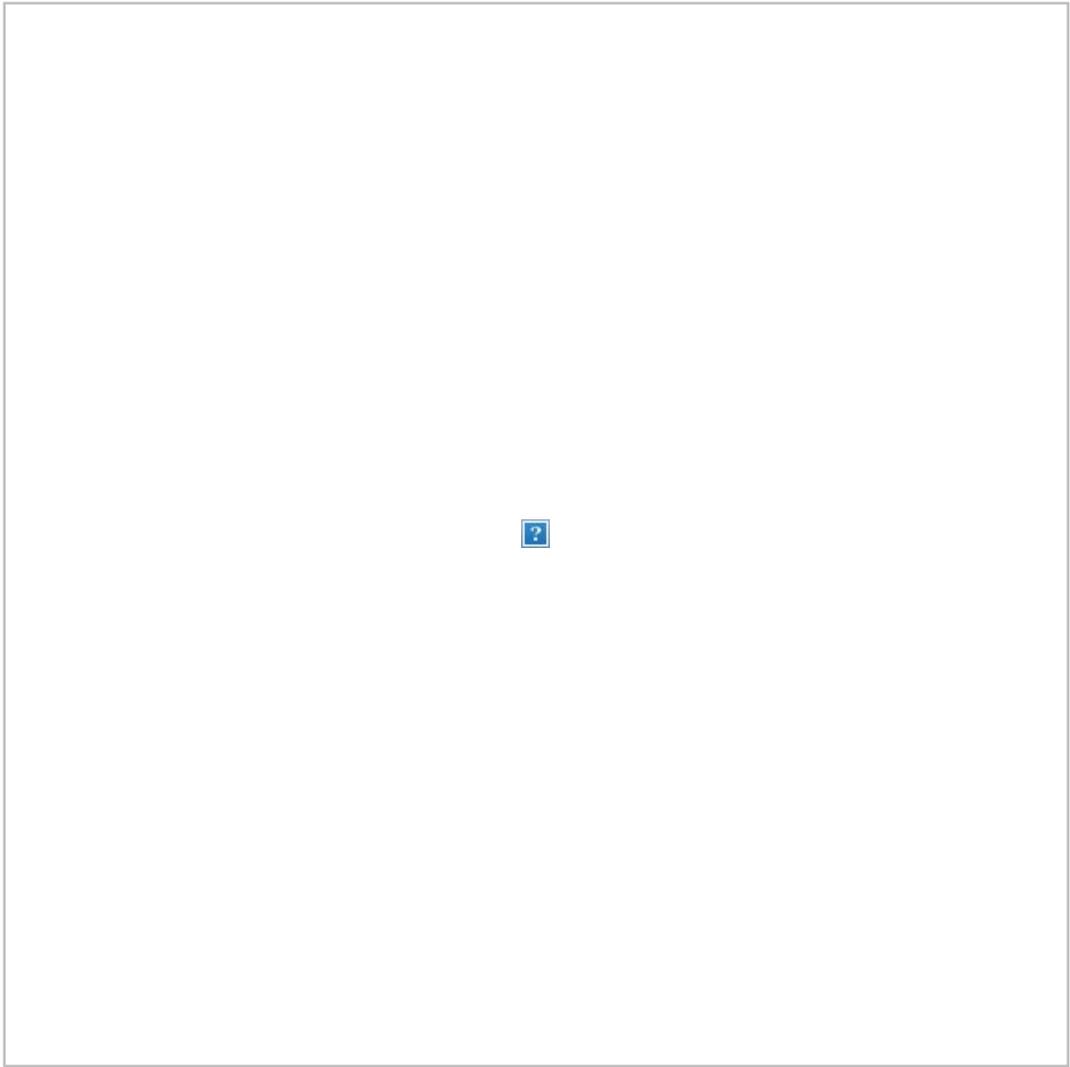
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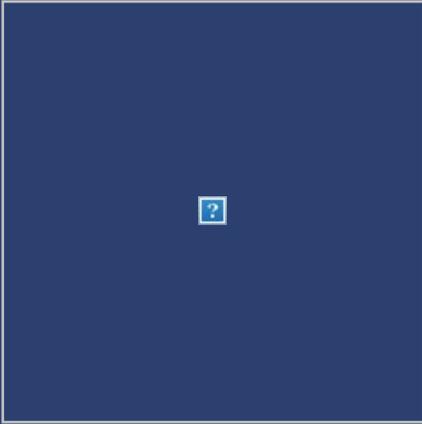
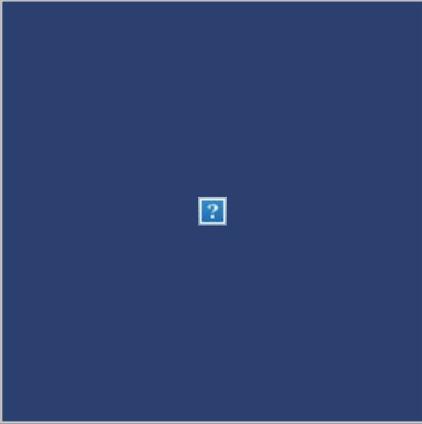
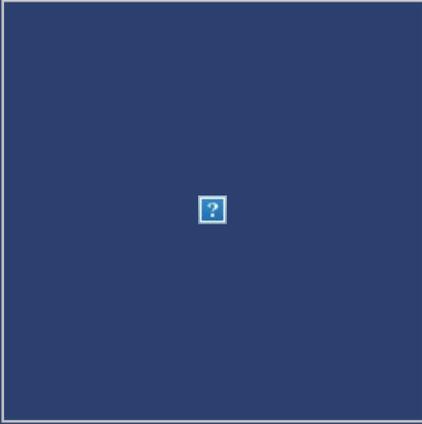
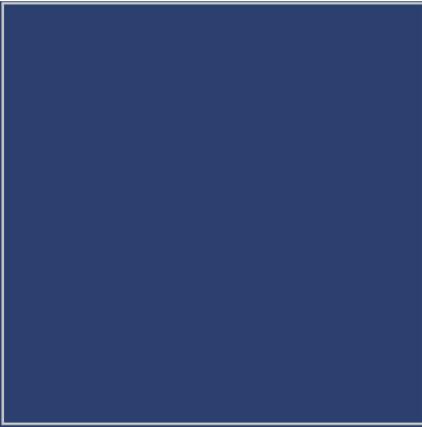
Being away from home is no excuse for not voting! If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot.

### ***Verify Your Voter Registration Status***

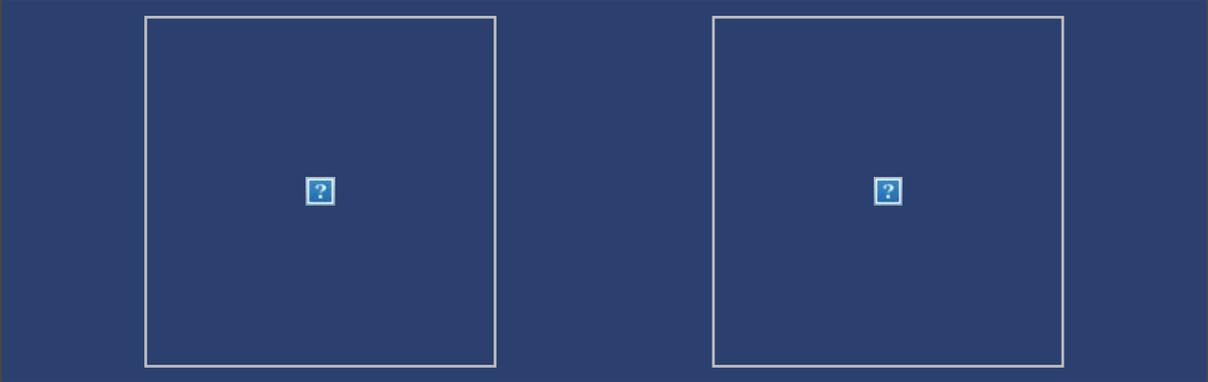
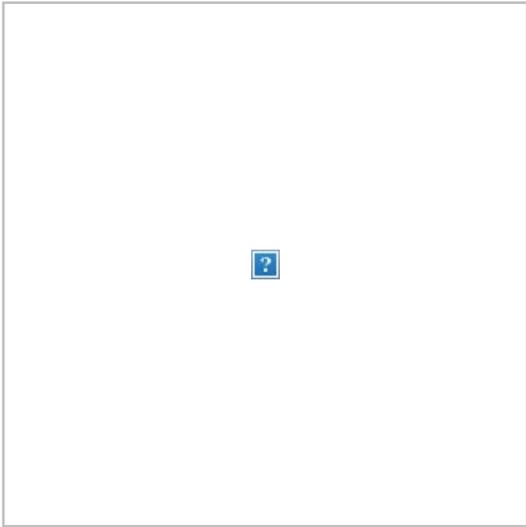
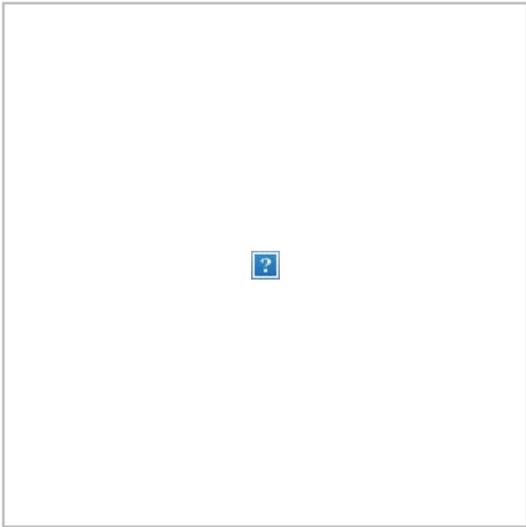
Confirm your voter registration status to ensure you are ready to go once the polls open!

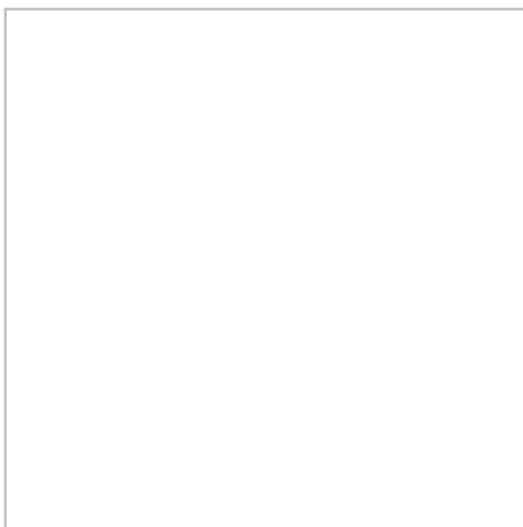












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Our democracy stands at a crossroads. With the right to vote facing unprecedented

challenges, it's more important than ever to amplify the voices of Black voters and ensure every vote is counted. This is where you come in.

**Our volunteers** help drive the NAACP mission forward by dedicating their time to empowering voters to make it to the ballot box. Imagine the impact of your efforts — every call you make or text you send encourages an infrequent voter to exercise their right and participate in shaping our collective future.

**Sign up to volunteer** with the NAACP and be part of a movement that champions equity and justice for all. Together, let's make history by ensuring every Black voter has their say in the upcoming election.

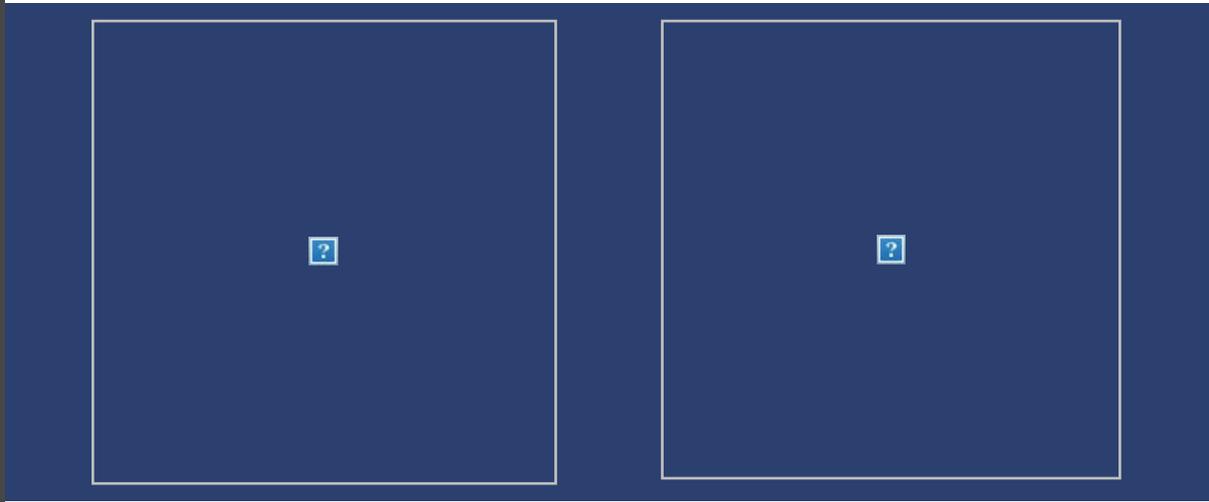
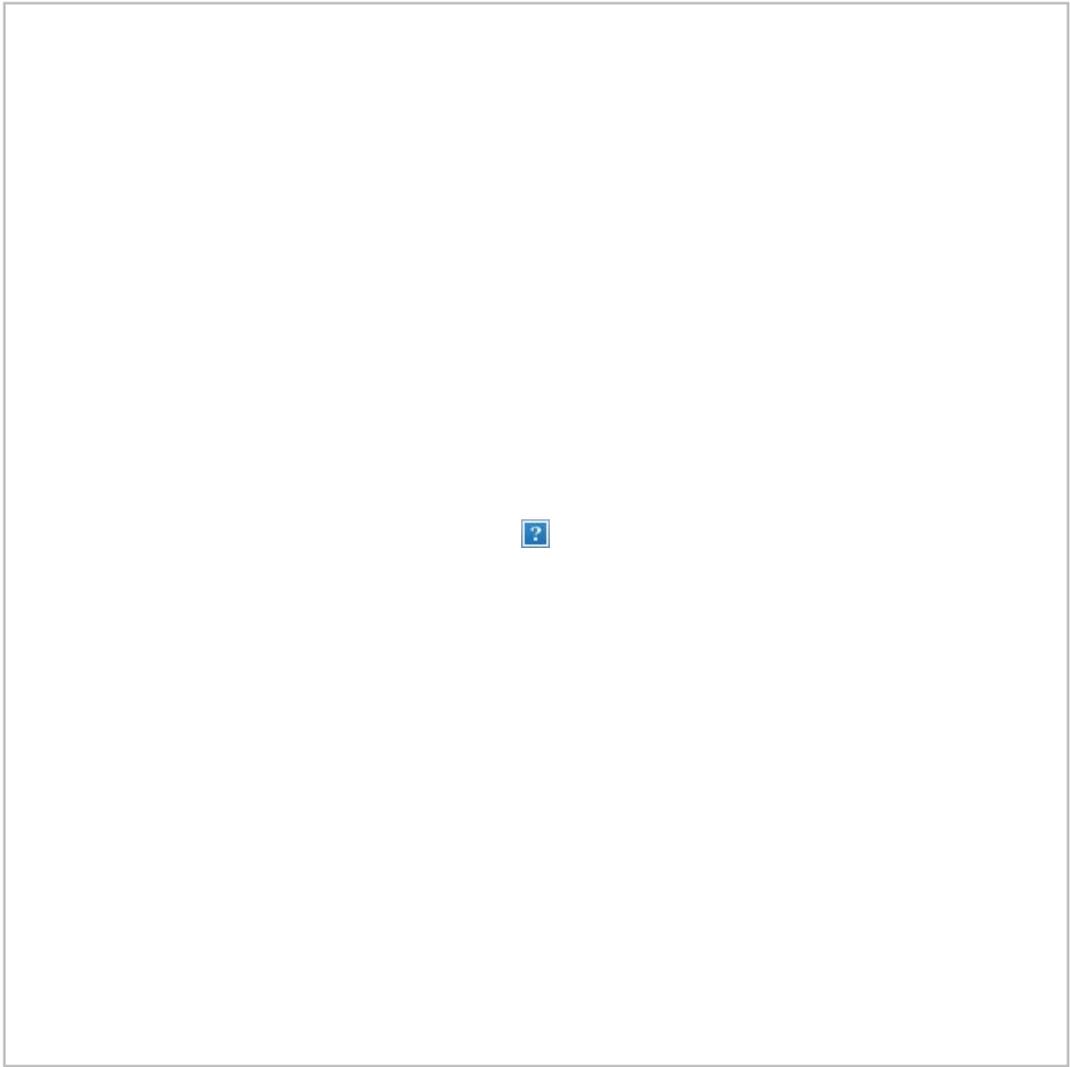
Your voice matters, and so does your action. Join us in making a lasting impact.

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## Wealthier Members of Congress Have Family Links to Slavery

U.S. Senators and Representatives whose family had a history of enslaving others have greater present-day wealth

BY ALLISON PARSHALL

Members of the U.S. congress whose ancestors enslaved people have had a higher median **net worth** than those whose ancestors did not, according to a **new analysis** published on Wednesday in *PLOS ONE*.

The analysis used genealogical data published last year by an investigative team at Reuters, which found that in 2021, at least 100 members of Congress **were descended from enslavers**. This included 8 percent of Democrats and 28 percent of Republicans.

This reporting caught the eye of Neil K. R. Sehgal, a Ph.D. student and computational social science researcher at the University of Pennsylvania. He wondered what this

unique genealogical data might reveal when combined with other publicly available information about members of Congress—particularly their financial disclosure forms.

“Just the fact that this was available—this detailed genealogical data and these financial disclosures for members of Congress—allowed us to explore this link,” Sehgal says. **READ MORE**

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**Green The Church National Summit**, taking place October 6th and 7th in Shreveport, Louisiana! This year's theme, "Homecoming," is a call for us to return to our roots, reconnect with our spiritual community, and rejuvenate our commitment to environmental and social justice.

What Awaits You at the Summit?

This event promises to be a transformative experience, filled with dynamic worship services, engaging panels, and hands-on workshops designed to empower you with the tools and knowledge to make a real difference. Whether you're a church leader, community advocate, student, or just passionate about sustainability, there's something here for everyone.

Key Highlights Include:

- **Inspiring Worship Services:** Begin your journey with Worship Service #1 at St. Mark on Sunday, October 6th at 9:00 AM, led by the powerful Pastor Jimme Gibson. End the day with Worship Service #2 at Morning Star at 6:00 PM, where Bishop Jerry Macklin will bring a message that will resonate deeply with all who attend.
- **Dynamic Panels and Workshops:** Monday, October 7th, will be a full day dedicated to exploring the intersections of green liberation theology, sustainable practices, and strategies for building political and economic power. Learn from

thought leaders and practitioners who are leading the charge for change in their communities.

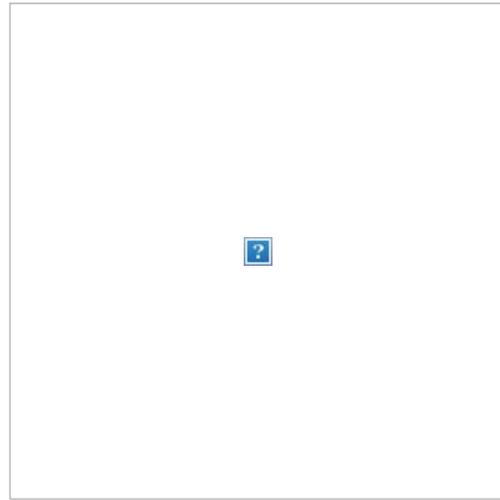
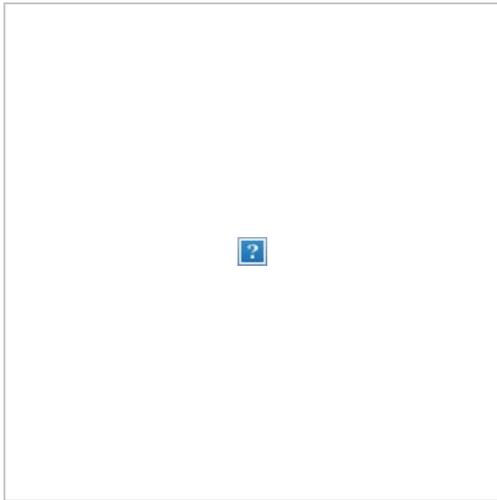
- **Exclusive Bus Tour:** Enhance your summit experience with our special bus tour through Holly, Louisiana, where you'll visit key historic sites such as St. Mark Baptist Church, St. Mark Graveyard, and more. This tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the rich history and natural beauty of the region.

**Register Today** and join us in Shreveport for an unforgettable time of inspiration, connection, and action.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Green The Church



**RSVP NAACP Inclusive Economy September Forum Call w/ CFPB-Thursday, September 26th, from 6:00 PM—7:00 PM EST**, we will host our

bimonthly Inclusive Economy Forum Call. This will be a webinar format, providing an interactive platform for NAACP members, such as yourself, to connect, hear updates from the NAACP Inclusive Economy team, and learn about ways to engage in work related to housing and economic development.

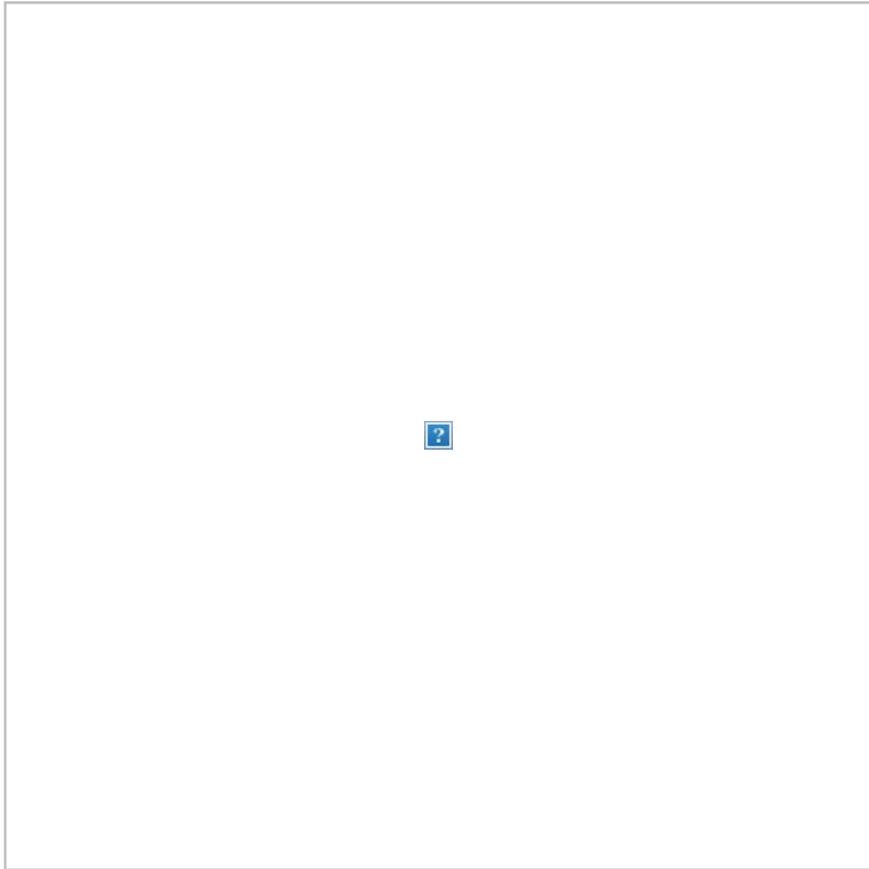
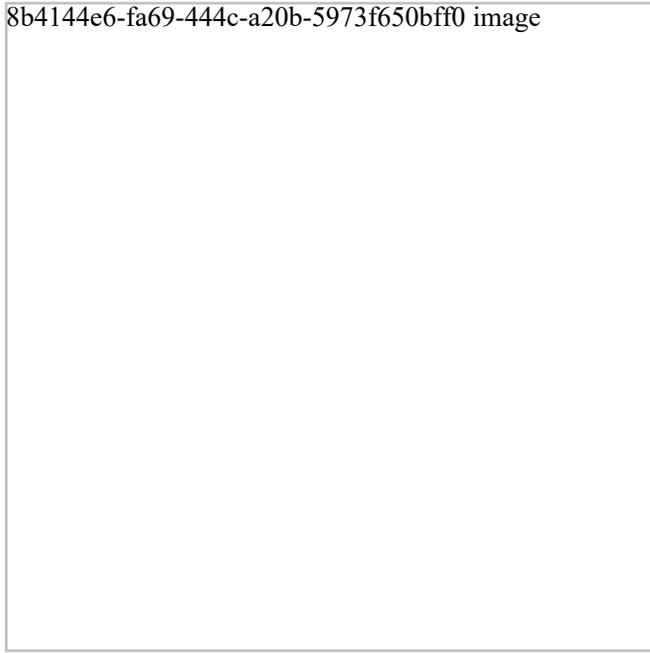
We are excited to announce part two of our three-part series with our special guests, the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**, a U.S. government agency dedicated to ensuring banks, lenders, and other financial institutions treat you fairly. This September webinar will be a follow-up opportunity for our members to learn more about what the CFPB is doing. CFPB staff will provide us with an overview of crucial policy updates, including those related to student lending, and a brief Q+A session at the end of the event.

You do not want to miss this critical webinar and your chance to interact directly with the CFPB. Please be sure to **RSVP here no later than Monday, 9/23**. We will send additional meeting information to registrants alongside the meeting Zoom link. Your participation is what makes these calls successful, and we are grateful for your

commitment to our cause.  
Warm Regards,  
Lindsey Walker



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## **2024 Branch Election Manual**

**Election date and time (Saturday 11.23.24 - 9am-1pm)**

Good Morning Freedom Fighters,

You will find the New Branch Election Manual below. Let me know if you have any questions about any of the information provided. The manual includes the new election rules effective June 1, 2024. Thanks!

### **2024 Branch Elections**

We are approaching Branch Election time, and we are dedicated to providing the best information to assist you in this effort. There will be three webinars to cover the election manual and the election process.

***Click Here: 2024 New Branch Election Manual***



## **Negroes and the Gun: The early NAACP championed armed self-defense**

By Prof. Nicholas Johnson,

When W.E.B. Dubois patrolled his home with a shotgun after the 1906 Atlanta race riot, he was an aberration. But not how you think. Dubois reports that he was unusual among his contemporaries because until that point he did not own a gun.

Dubois's gun purchase and his aggressive statements following the riot were not passion-of-the-moment things that he would regret. They were part of a continuing engagement of the practice and philosophy of armed self-defense. As editor of the NAACP's flagship magazine *TheCrisis*, Dubois continued to champion armed self-defense as a core private interest. Indeed, in some instances, Dubois seemed to cast self-defense as a duty. After a lynching in Gainesville, Fla., he wrote: "No Colored man can read an account of the recent lynching in Gainesville without being ashamed of his people. Without resistance they let a white mob whom they outnumbered two to one, torture, harry and murder. In the last analysis lynching of Negroes is going to stop when the

cowardly mob is faced by effective guns in the hands of people determined to sell their souls dearly.” **READ MORE**

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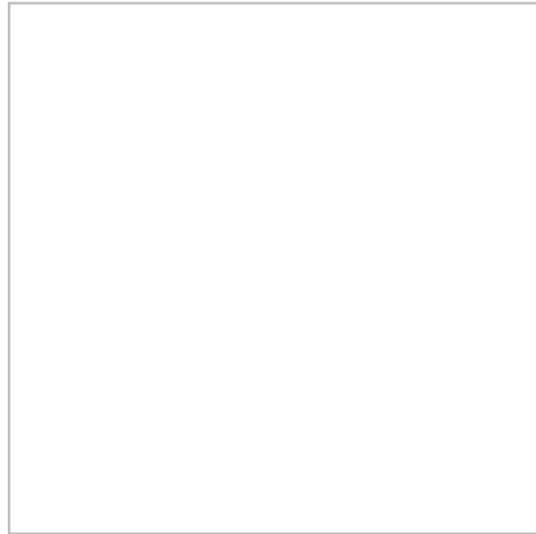
## South to Black Power

In the documentary *South to Black Power*, Charles M. Blow, New York Times columnist and best-selling author of *The Devil You Know: A Black Power Manifesto*, sets off across the country on a personal journey. Along the way, he meets with politicians, historians, community activists, colleagues, friends, and family members to test his theory on Black

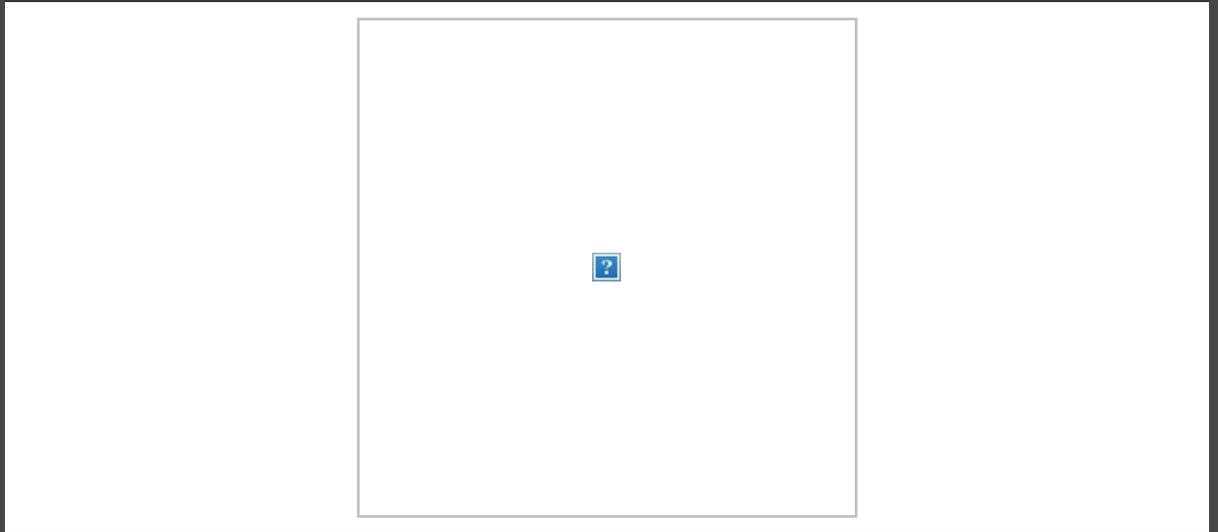
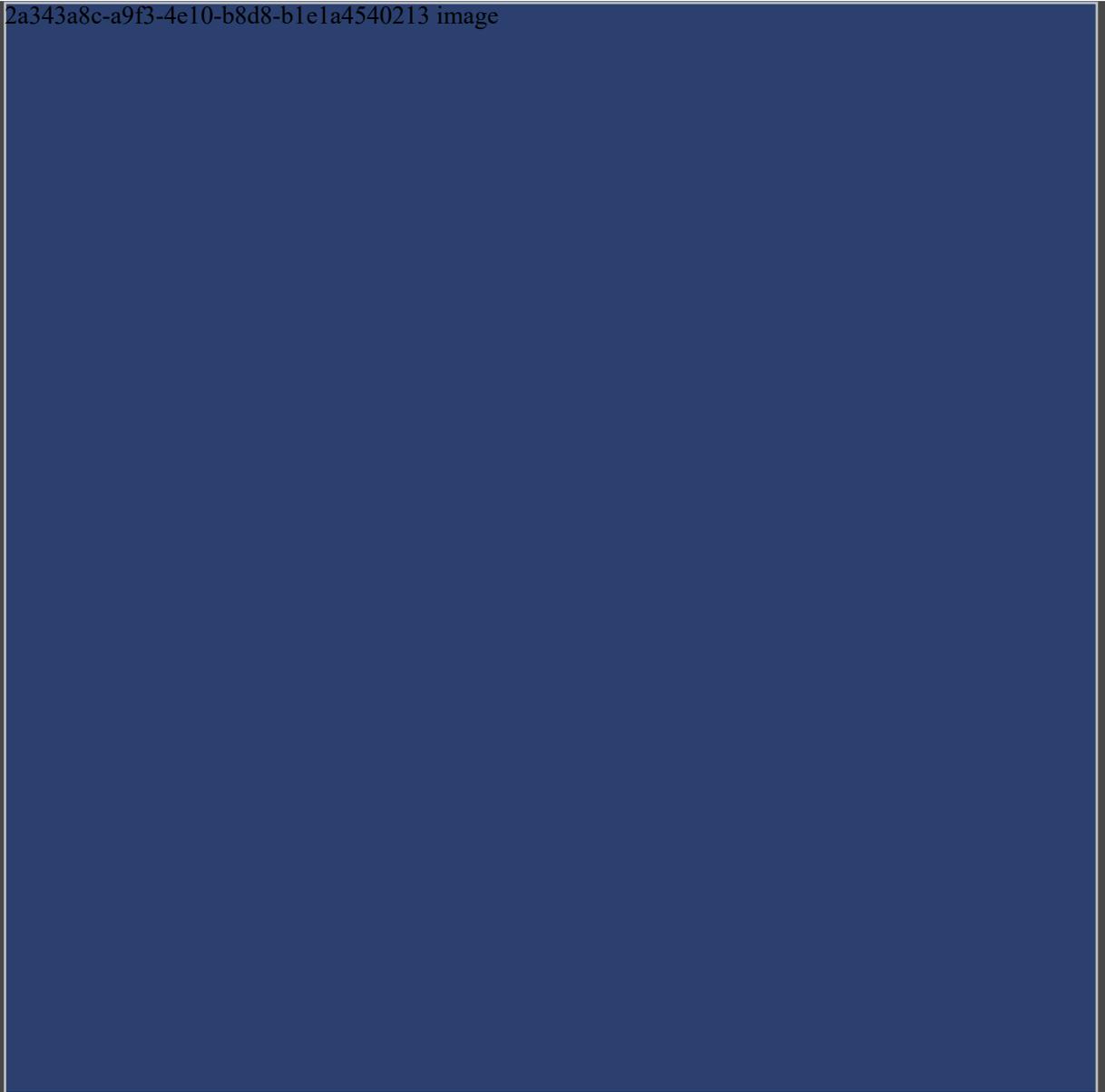
Liberation, which involves a daring strategy for Black Americans to move to southern states to control legislatures and gain greater political power.

HBO Documentary Films presents a This Machine production (part of Sony Pictures Television) South to Black Power.

Directors, Sam Pollard and Llewellyn M. Smith; producers, Sam Pollard, Kelly Thomson, R.J. Cutler, and Elise Pearlstein; executive producers, Trevor Smith and Charles Blow. For Aevitas Entertainment: David Kuhn and Todd Shuster. For HBO: executive producers, Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, and Sara Rodriguez.

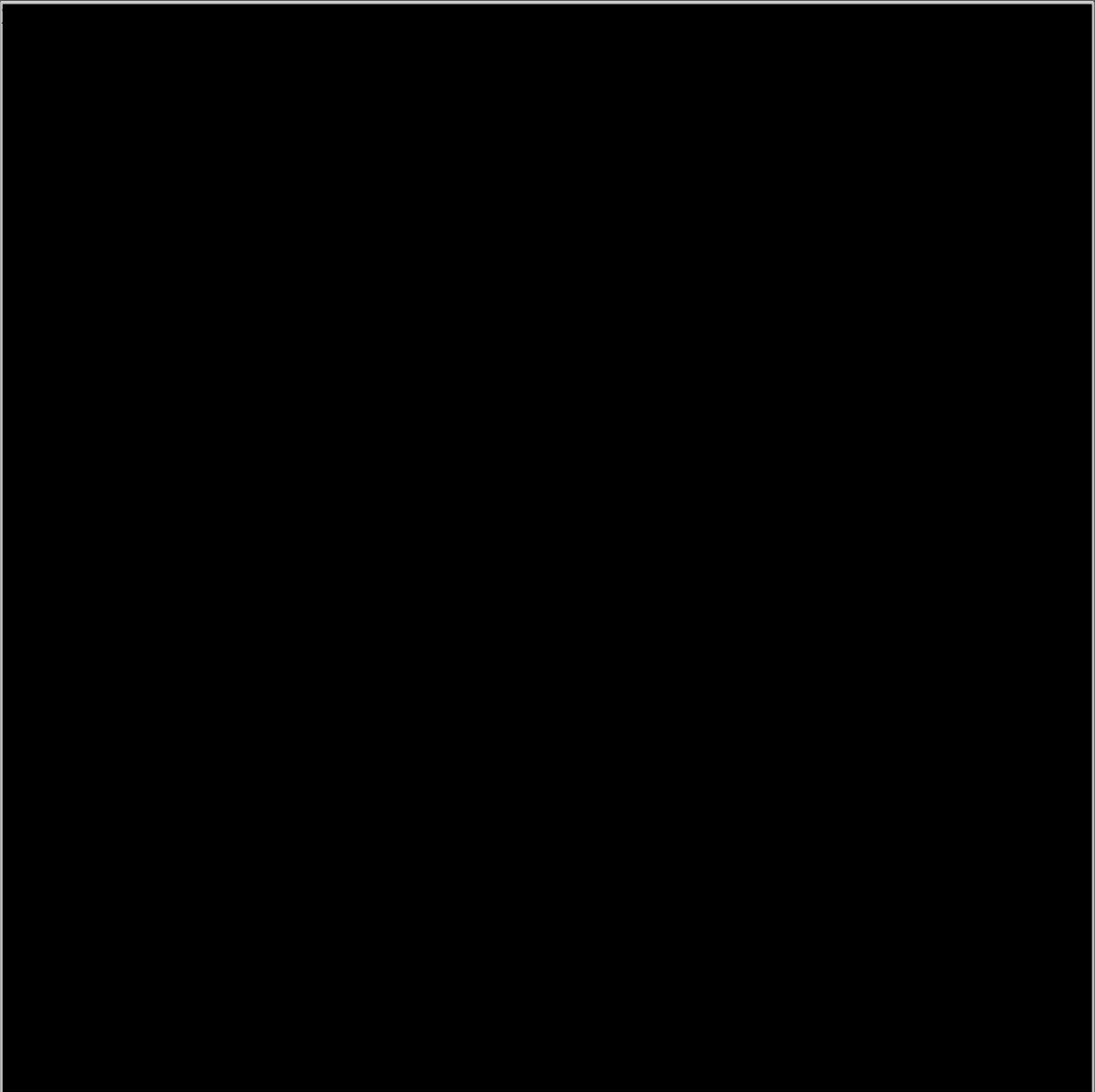


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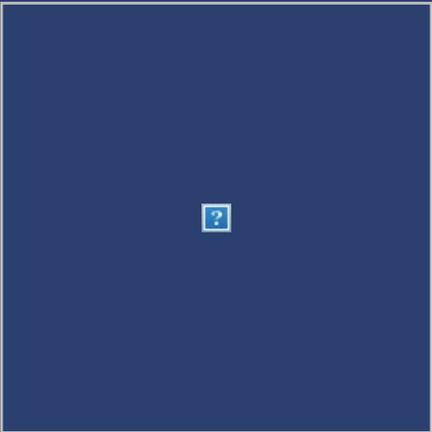


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Anne

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Is this accurate? Gold in 1960 Olympics?

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Date: Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 5:25 AM

Subject: Montana's Kamala Harris ballot snafu explained

To: Roberta Ahlquist <[roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu](mailto:roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu)>

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Dear Roberta,

At our inaugural Free Press Fest event earlier this month, one of the attendees raised their hand during a discussion to say: *“I came here as a young person feeling burnt and looking for hope – and my hope is restored. I wanted to be in a room full of people that believes in democracy and who wanted to know the truth no matter how hard it hurts. I do believe that you’re allowing for hope to grow and to prosper.”* – Kelsen, Helena MT

Our strength comes from members like these who believe in the power of the press and the value of protecting it. These are the people who make MTFP possible. And if you give \$1 or more this year, you’re a member, too.

Our fall membership campaign runs now through September 30, and we need to raise \$25,000 as a critical piece of our community-supported fundraising this year. **Will you pitch in to help ensure our future?**

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**PS — A generous MTFP supporter has offered to match up to \$3,000 in donations to our fall campaign.** Don't miss your chance – give now to [double your gift and make twice the impact!](#)

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**[Kamala Harris back on Montana's overseas ballot](#)**

Montana citizens living or serving in the armed forces overseas have long been able to cast their ballots from afar. But an error in that system reportedly left Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris off those digital ballots briefly on Friday — an error Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen says is now fixed. By Alex Sakariassen

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## **[Sausage season 2024: spicy Italian](#)**

A year ago we launched Wide Open Table with the introductory offering of a uniquely Montanan huckleberry sage sausage recipe. On the year anniversary of this column, I'm offering a second recipe for your homemade sausage arsenal

that just happens to be the most popular at my household: spicy Italian. By Jon Bennion

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[Nonprofit founder, Amy Adams, left, looks over donated food with Helena High teacher Erin Cleveland.](#) □



### **[Helena resident creates nonprofit continuing her mission to feed students, families](#)**

After learning about homeless students within the Helena school district, Amy Adams asked how she could help. When she was directed by school officials to donate to local organizations that provide services for the unhoused, Adams didn't feel that was enough. By JoVonne Wagner

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Hi everyone:

Just a reminder that we have a convention on Oct. 2, on building "Dialogue Across Divides." If you have not already done so, please register and we'll send you the Zoom link to the event.

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. for a virtual convening on "Dialogue Across Divide."

Presenters Marquez Equalibria, Assistant Deputy Director of Community Conflict Resolution in California's Dept. of Civil Rights, and researcher Marisela Venolia, a graduate student in history at California State University, Northridge, will discuss resources listed on CAHRO's website that can help you craft clear statements and conduct productive dialogue.

To RSVP, email [CAHRO.Official@gmail.com](mailto:CAHRO.Official@gmail.com). The Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

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Hi Henry,

Law enforcement in this country has a long history of systemic racism and violence against African Americans and people of color. The Palo Alto Police Department is no exception. Anyone who runs for office or holds office in Palo Alto who refuses to acknowledge this fact doesn't deserve to hold office. Vile law enforcement in this country is much like the super vile IDF in Israel.

We should sit down and discuss these issues before election day.

Aram

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Linda & Roberta

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Human Relations Commissions (HRCs) play a vital role in responding to community-wide conflict and hate. Understanding that role CAHRO recently prepared resource guides to help new and old commissioners perform their duties on commissions across the state. CAHRO also functions as a clearinghouse of useful information for commissions seeking relevant information in response to their local priorities. CAHRO's main responsibilities have been educational leading the organization to pursue development of conferences and virtual convenings with panels composed of experts in their field.

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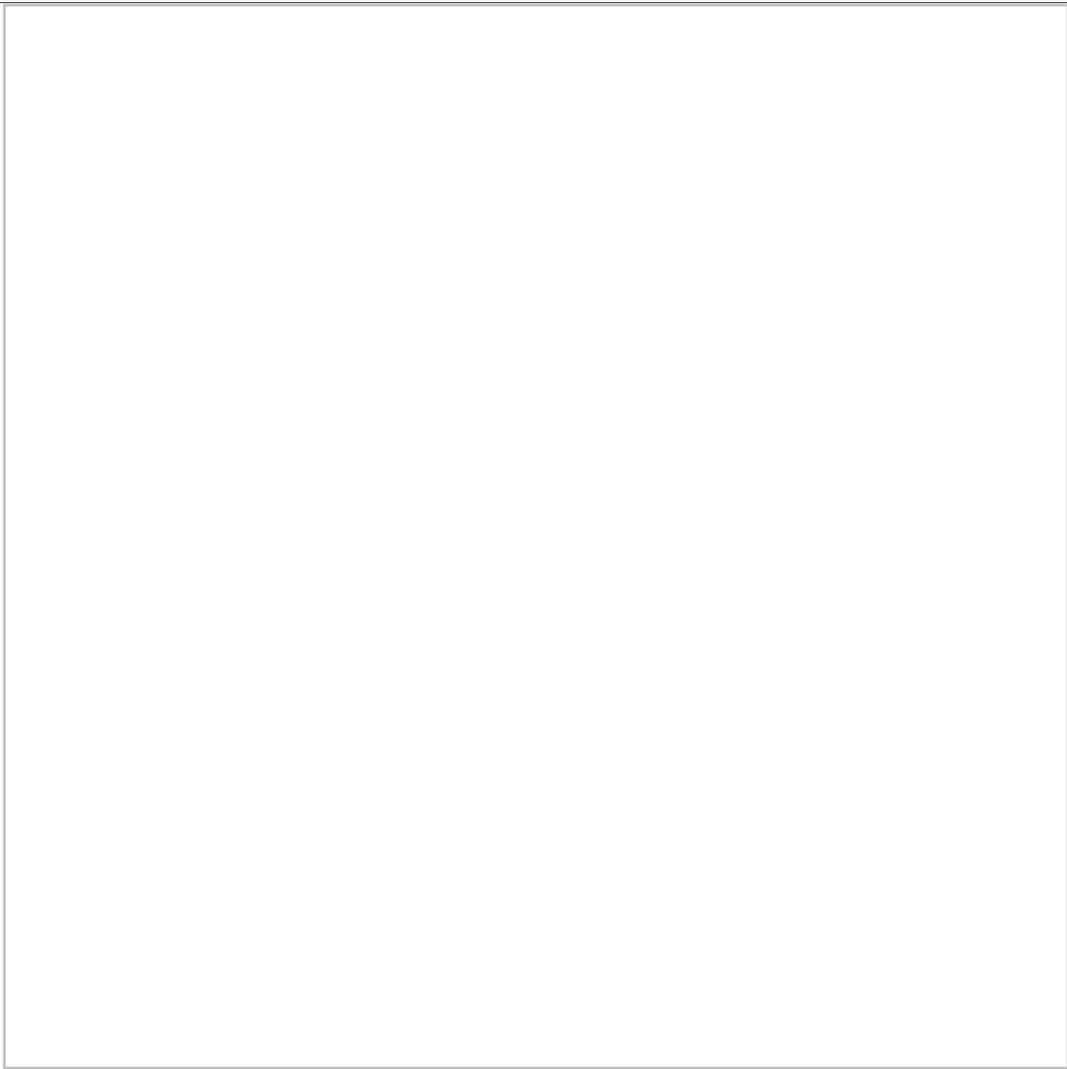
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## **America Founded as a Christian Nation**

The United States of America often finds itself at the crossroads of faith and governance, a tension that has driven heated debates for centuries. Amidst this discourse, the assertion that America is a “Christian nation” remains a powerful yet misleading narrative. The reality, however, is that the founding fathers were primarily deists, and their vision for the nation was rooted in Enlightenment ideals rather than a strictly Christian doctrine.



To understand this complex interplay between religion and governance, we must first challenge the notion of America as a Christian nation. The founding fathers, including figures like Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and George Washington, espoused a belief system informed by Enlightenment thinking. They valued reason, science, and individual rights, which starkly contrasted with the dogmatic perspectives often

associated with traditional Christianity. Their writings — from the Federalist Papers to the Declaration of Independence — reflect a commitment to principles of liberty and the separation of church and state, founding ideals that were intended to foster a pluralistic society.

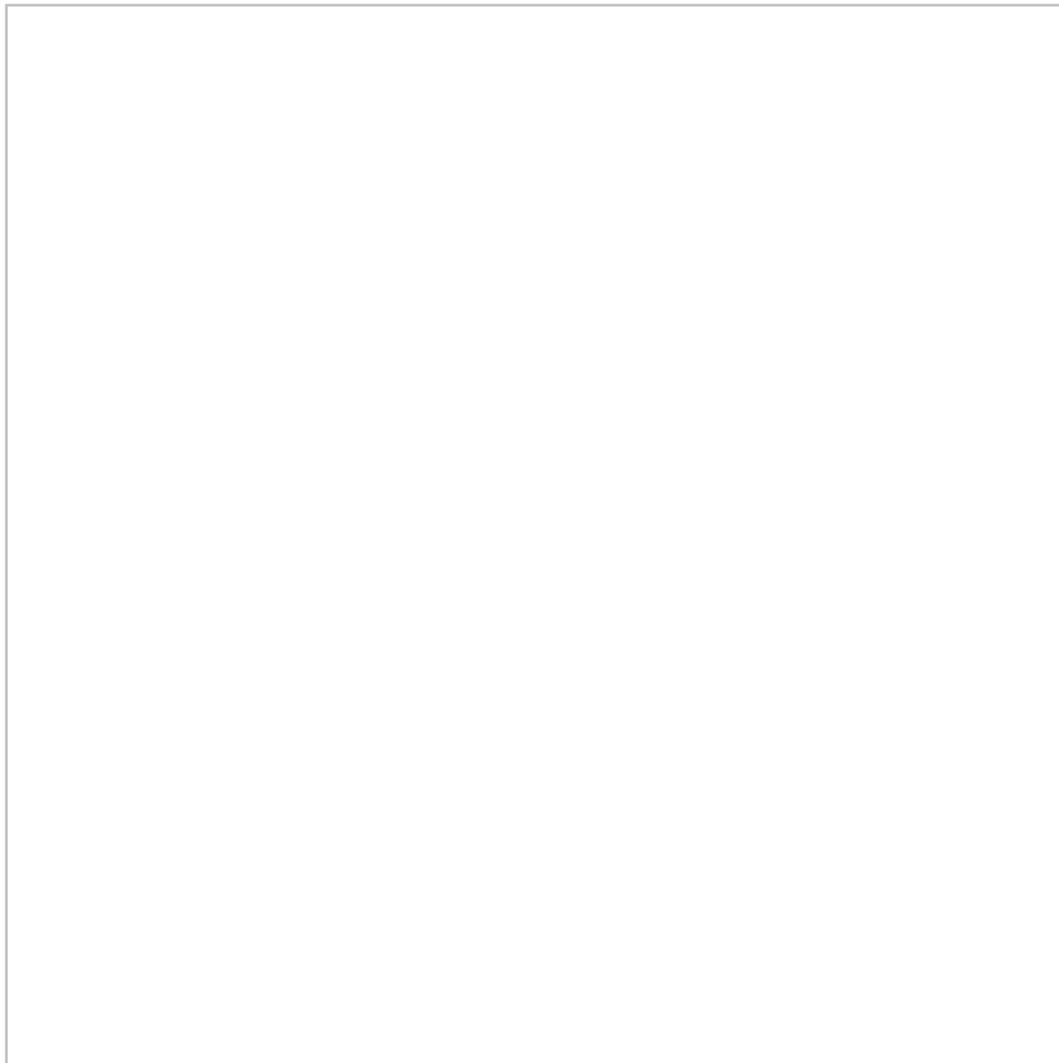
The desire among some evangelical groups to frame America as a Christian nation can be seen as a reaction to the increasing secularization of society. This perspective seeks to reinforce a particular cultural identity that aligns with their religious doctrine. By claiming a historical Christian foundation, they aim to legitimize their viewpoints, influence policy, and restore what they perceive as moral decay. This aligns with a broader trend where religious groups seek to reclaim authority in an evolving sociocultural landscape.

However, this narrative often overlooks the diversity of beliefs that characterized early America. The nation was founded by individuals from various religious backgrounds, including Catholics, Quakers, and Jews, as well as those who identified as agnostic or atheist. The First Amendment of the Constitution explicitly prohibits the establishment of religion, ensuring that no single faith could dominate the public sphere. This foundational principle was intended to protect both religious freedom and the integrity of governance from sectarian influence.

Moreover, the documents that define the nation's prevailing tendency reflect a commitment to pluralism and secularism. The Treaty of Tripoli, ratified in 1797, famously states that “the government of the United States is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion.” Such declarations underscore the founders' intention to create a society where religion could thrive without imposing itself on governance.

While Christianity has undeniably played a significant role in shaping American culture, the assertion that the United States was founded as a Christian nation is more myth than fact. The founding fathers' commitment to deism and Enlightenment principles provided a framework for a secular government that values individual rights and religious diversity. As we navigate contemporary societal challenges, it is crucial to honor this legacy by recognizing and preserving the secular foundations upon which America was built. Doing so not only respects the original vision of the nation but also fosters an inclusive environment where all beliefs can coexist.

**Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP**



For decades, hair relaxers have been marketed to Black women, despite growing evidence linking them to serious health risks. The National Institutes of Health’s 2022 “Sister Study” revealed an increased risk of uterine cancer, especially for frequent users.

The NAACP is partnering with Singleton Schiber to challenge these harmful practices and seek justice for those affected. **Sign our petition** and add your voice to this important fight for industry reforms that prioritize women’s health.



## Op-Ed: Proposition 36 is a backward mass incarceration plan that solves nothing

by **Vicente Vera**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

A coalition of elected officials that Gov. Gavin Newsom dismissed as “just a couple mayors,” is raising hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to reverse lenient rules on retail and drug crimes.

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan announced the “Yes on 36” ballot measure committee with Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen and Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho on Aug. 14 to call for **tighter laws and jail sentences on retail theft and drug crimes**. But supporters of the criminal justice reforms that 2014’s Proposition 47 brought to California, said Proposition 36 will only increase the jail population and roll back funds for mental health and drug treatment programs.

Silicon Valley De-Bug founder Raj Jayadev said Proposition 36 would only ensure mass incarceration and expansion of prisons.

“Prop 36 turns back the clock to a time of failed law on drug policies, racialized criminalization of communities of color and poor people, and in the most practical ways,” Jayadev told San José Spotlight. “It is designed to incarcerate vulnerable people.”

If California voters pass Proposition 36 on the Nov. 5 ballot, the total prison population could increase by a few thousand people, according to the **Legislative Analyst’s Office**. About 90,000 people are incarcerated across the state.

Known as the Increase Drug and Theft Penalties and Reduce Homelessness Initiative, Proposition 36 would bring back felony charges for thefts of money or property worth less than \$950, along with felony charges for people possessing **fentanyl**. **READ MORE**





In an effort to develop knowledge and awareness of the Department of Justice (DOJ) resources and programs, Attorney General Rob Bonta's **Office of Community Awareness, Response, and Engagement (CARE)** hosts quarterly virtual presentations that are open to the public. These webinar presentations are opportunities to hear, learn, and ask questions directly with DOJ staff regarding the DOJ's various divisions, sections, bureaus, and offices.

We invite you to join our next *Demystifying the DOJ webinar* event which will highlight the Racial Justice Bureau (RJB). Please see below for more information on how to register and attend:

**Demystifying the Department of Justice  
Racial Justice Bureau (RJB)  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
10:00 AM -11:00 AM  
Virtual Presentation  
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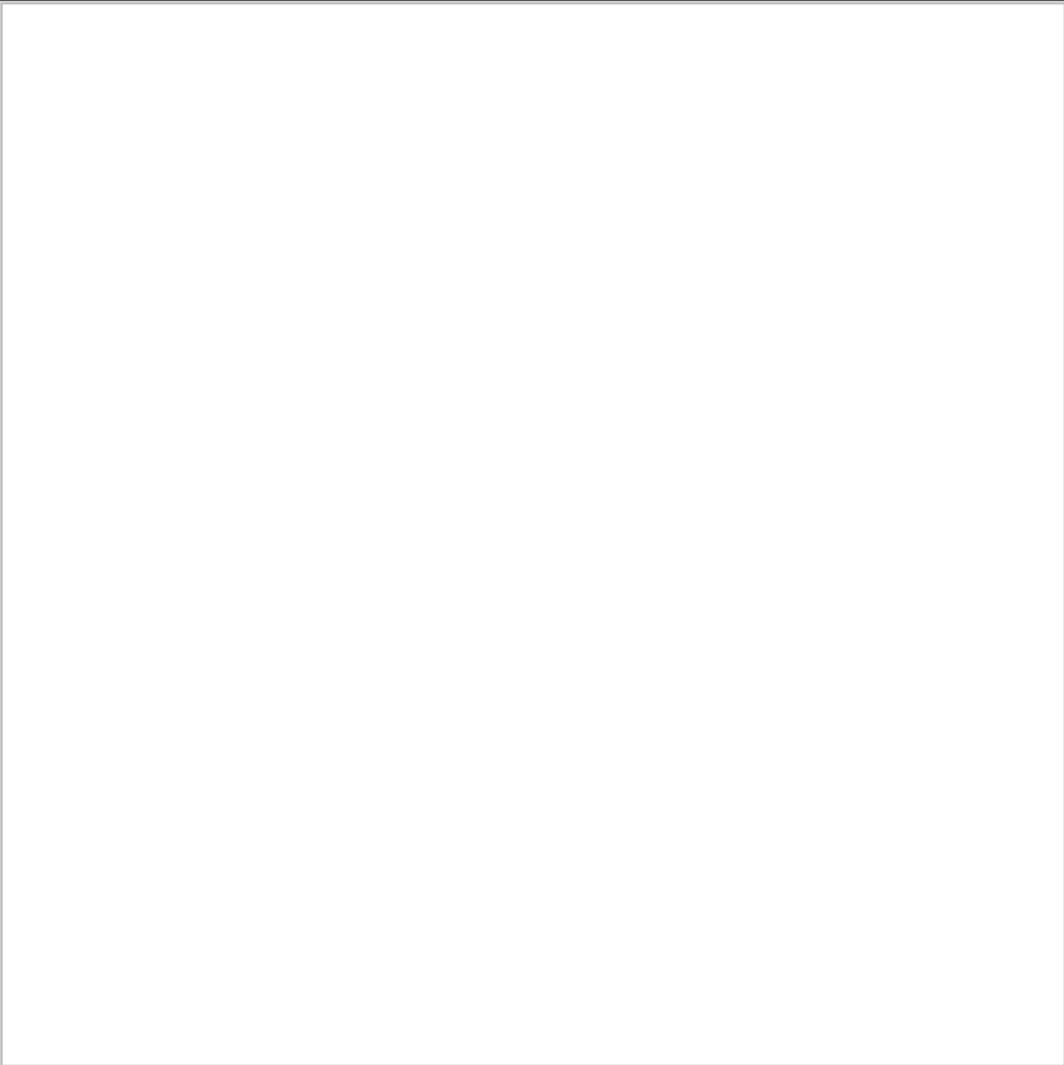
The Racial Justice Bureau (RJB) was established by AG Bonta to increase focus on racial and social justice issues across DOJ's civil rights work and support new and ongoing efforts to protect all Californians. RJB helps the DOJ advance racial justice through investigations, litigation, amicus briefs, public reports, and other publications.



## **Big Lies on the National Stage**

In Tuesday's presidential debate, former President Trump reiterated the Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen, a claim rejected by more than 60 courts. He also repeated falsehoods about a "migrant crime wave" and noncitizen voting — myths thoroughly debunked by a comprehensive **collection of research** the Brennan Center has compiled in recent months. With such rumors seemingly aimed at undercutting the credibility of the upcoming election, we remain committed to **fighting fear with facts as the campaign progresses.**





**Project 2025** threatens to undo decades of progress for our communities, stripping away our rights and silencing our voices. This extremist, right-wing agenda seeks to take us back, but NAACP is fighting forward with **Our 2025** — a bold vision that champions higher wages, quality education, and justice for all.

We refuse to let this radical manifesto dictate our future. We must fight, we must advocate - we must vote - to ensure that **Our 2025** becomes our reality.

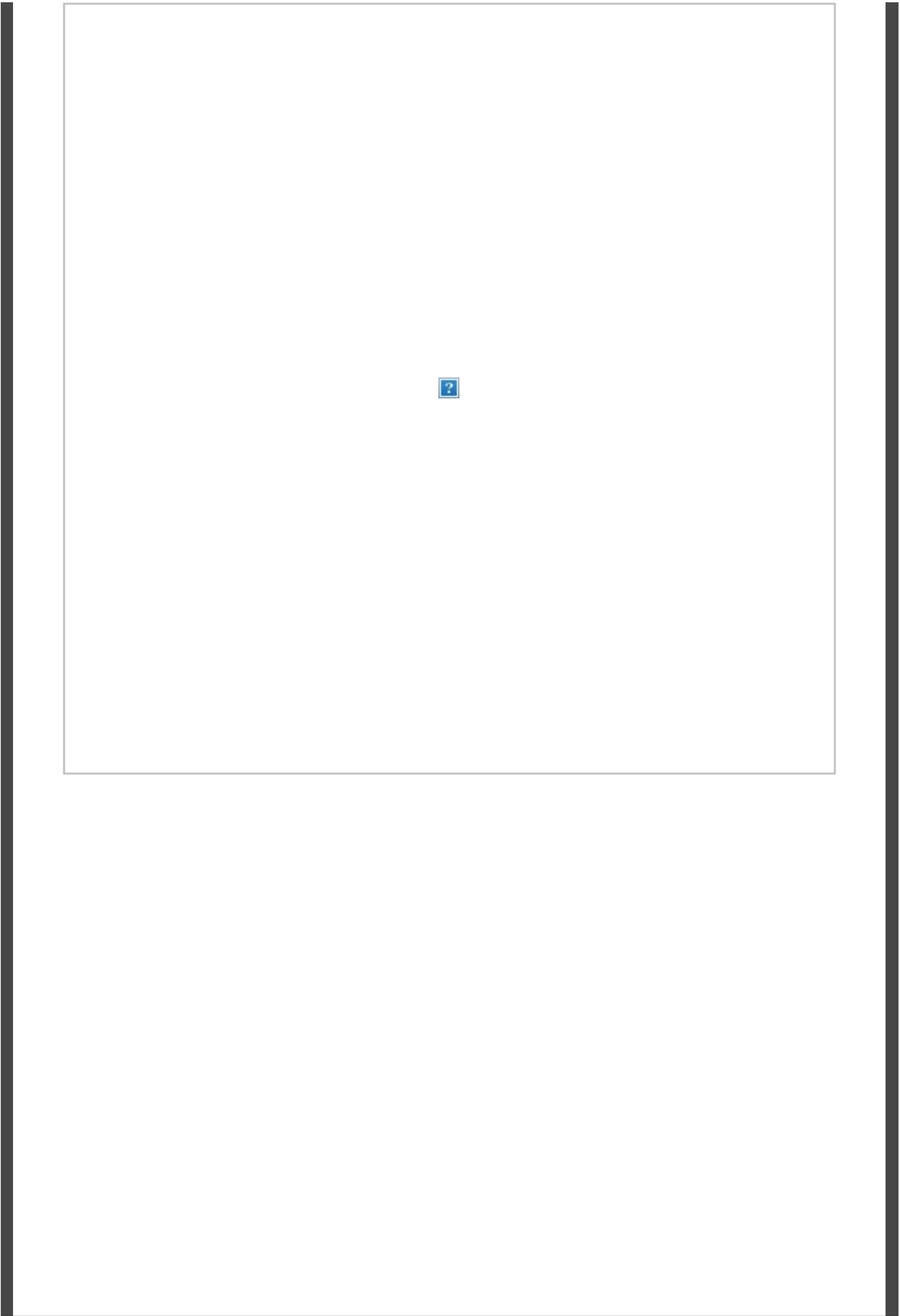


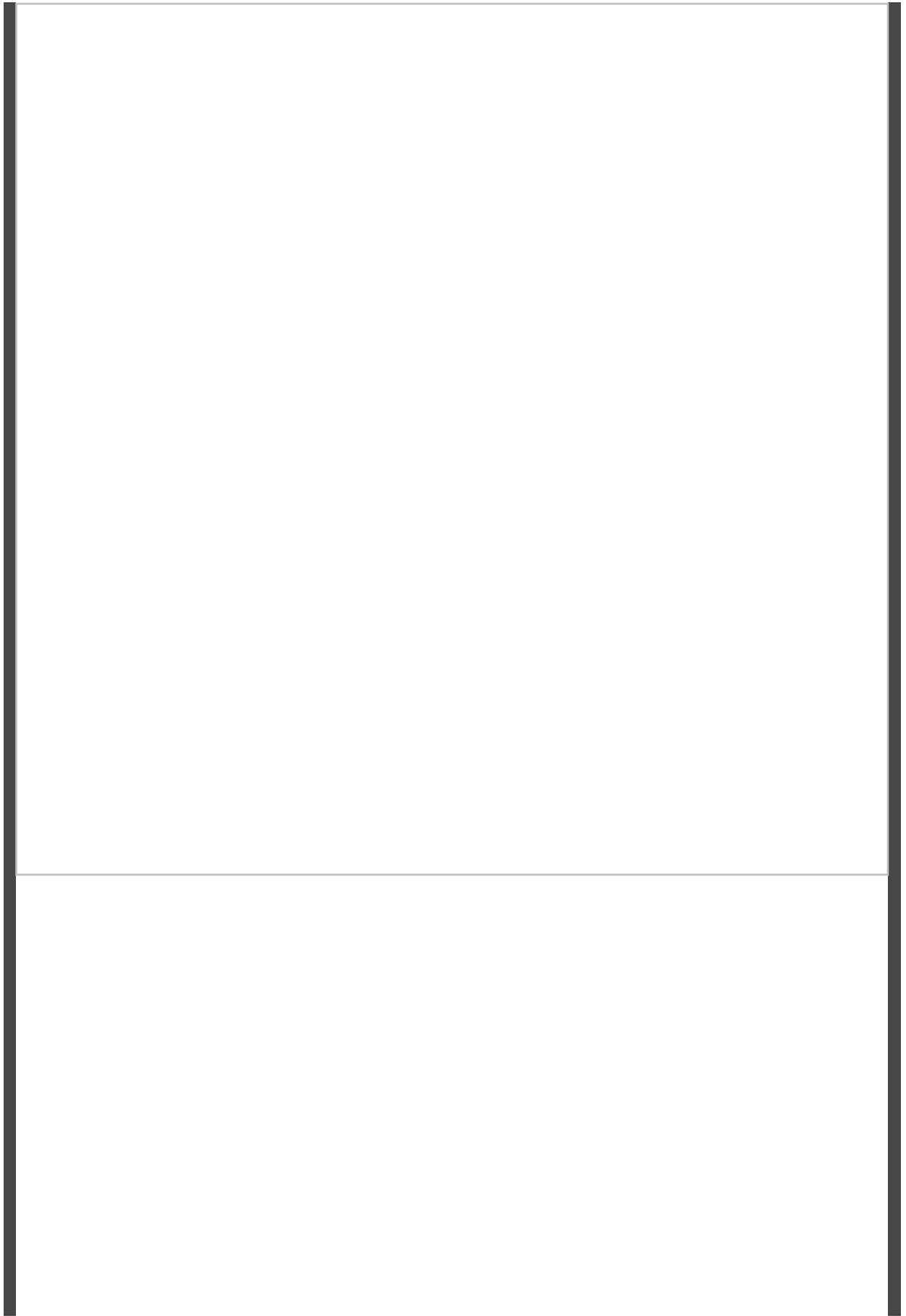
The president of the NAACP's **South Dade** branch said he'll request a meeting with the mayor and police director over the treatment of Miami Dolphins star wide receiver Tyreek Hill during a traffic stop.

"I'm aware of other incidents similar to this in the community, where a traffic stop was escalated to something that it didn't necessarily have to. And so this is a common pattern of behavior," said Harold Ford, president of the NAACP chapter.

"I don't know what in their training says it has to go there, but when egos and attitudes get in the way, people can seriously, seriously get hurt, if not worse."

Hill's treatment – witnessed by teammates, captured on social media and then shown on officers' body camera video – once again put a lens on police use of force against unarmed black men. The bodycam, released Monday, showed the officers aggressive interactions with Hill. **READ MORE**



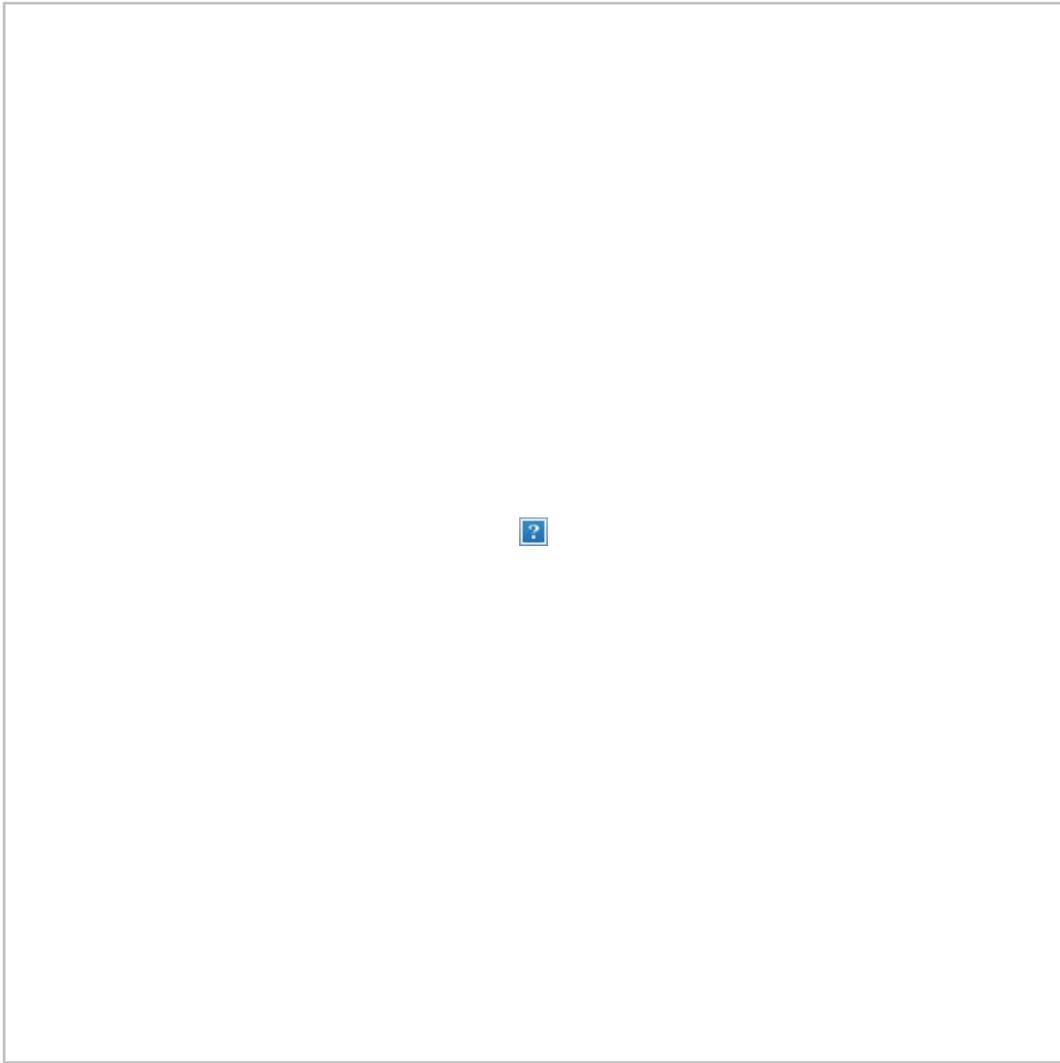


## Nearly Half of Renter Households Are Cost-Burdened, Proportions Differ by Race

Over 21 million renter households spent more than 30% of their income on housing costs in 2023, representing nearly half (49.7%) of the 42.5 million renter households in the United States for whom rent burden is calculated. Although the median ratio of income-to-housing costs for **renters** remained unchanged from 2022 at 31%, there are differences in the income-to-housing cost ratio when comparing across householder's race. That's according to newly available data tables released today from the 2023 **American Community Survey (ACS)**, 1-year estimates.

"Housing costs rose between 2022 and 2023 for both homeowners and renters. The median cost of housing for renters rose from \$1,354 to \$1,406 (after adjusting for inflation)," said Molly Ross, a survey statistician with the U.S. Census Bureau. "And new data from the 2023 ACS, 1-year estimates show that the share of a rented household's income that goes towards these housing costs differs by householder race."

**Read More**



Now more than ever, it's important to wear your activism on your sleeve (literally). We are thrilled to announce that new NAACP t-shirts are available for order (and pre-order) in the NAACP Store. Show your support by wearing these statement T-shirts:

"Our Black Job Is Voting" T-shirt — **Pre-Order here.**

"Political As Hell" T-shirt — **Order here.**

"All In" T-shirt — **Order here.**



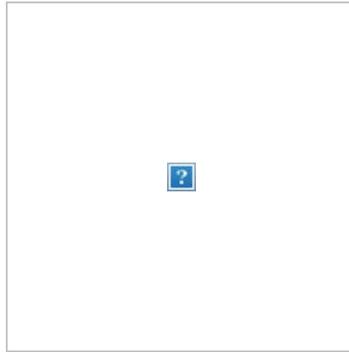


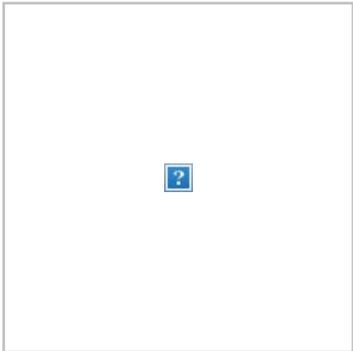
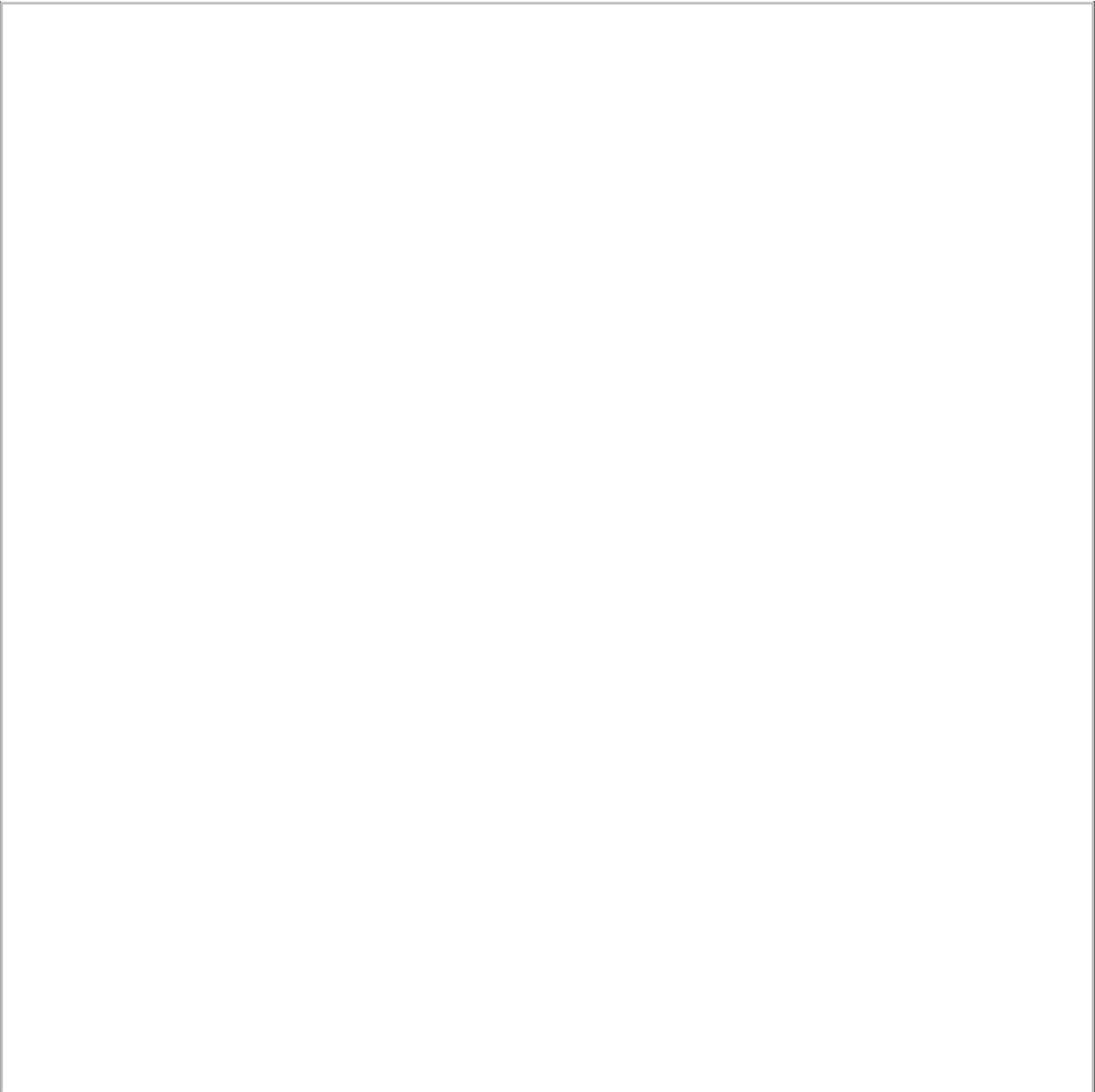
Celebrating civic holidays is a crucial part of strengthening our democracy. At the NAACP, we believe these holidays provide an essential platform for uplifting and empowering our communities. By participating in these events, we can highlight the importance of voter registration, education, and participation. **National Voter Registration Day** and **National Black Voter Day** emphasize the importance of registering to vote.

- **National Voter Education Week** is focused on informing citizens about their rights and the voting process, enabling them to make informed decisions.
- **Vote Early Day** encourages early participation in elections.
- On **Election Hero Day**, we honor the dedication and hard work of poll workers and election officials who uphold the integrity of our electoral system.
- On **Election Day**... we head to the polls!

Together, these civic holidays serve as a reminder and call to action for all of us to engage actively in the democratic process. By doing so, we not only honor our right to vote but also contribute to a more inclusive and representative government.

P.S. Are you an NAACP member? Through September 20, we are challenging each unit to register 50-100 voters. **[Visit our site to learn more.](#)**





Topic: NAACP ASVA STATE/STATE CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: Sep 16, 2024 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

NAACP ASVA WEBINAR - PRESENTATIONS

1. BENEFITS EQUITY FOR VETERANS, FAMILIES & SURVIVORS; CHERYL RAWLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR , OFFICE OF EQUITY ASSISTANCE U.S. DEPT. VETERANS AFFAIRS

2. THE IMPACT OF PROJECT 2025 ON ACTIVE MILITARY, VETERANS & FAMILIES; CEDRIC C. HAYNES V.P. POLICY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, NAACP

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## ***Register to Vote***

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete. Exercise your right to defend democracy by registering to participate in upcoming elections.

## ***Absentee Voting***

Being away from home is no excuse for not voting! If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot.

### ***Verify Your Voter Registration Status***

Confirm your voter registration status to ensure you are ready to go once the polls open!



Greetings, Leaders,  
9/16 - Join us for We Fight! You Vote: Voter Education, Engagement, and Protection, a webinar designed to provide essential information and tools to empower voters in **North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Texas, and South Carolina**. With voting laws constantly changing, staying informed is our strongest defense. Register today to learn

strategies that help voters navigate the process with confidence and take control of their vote.

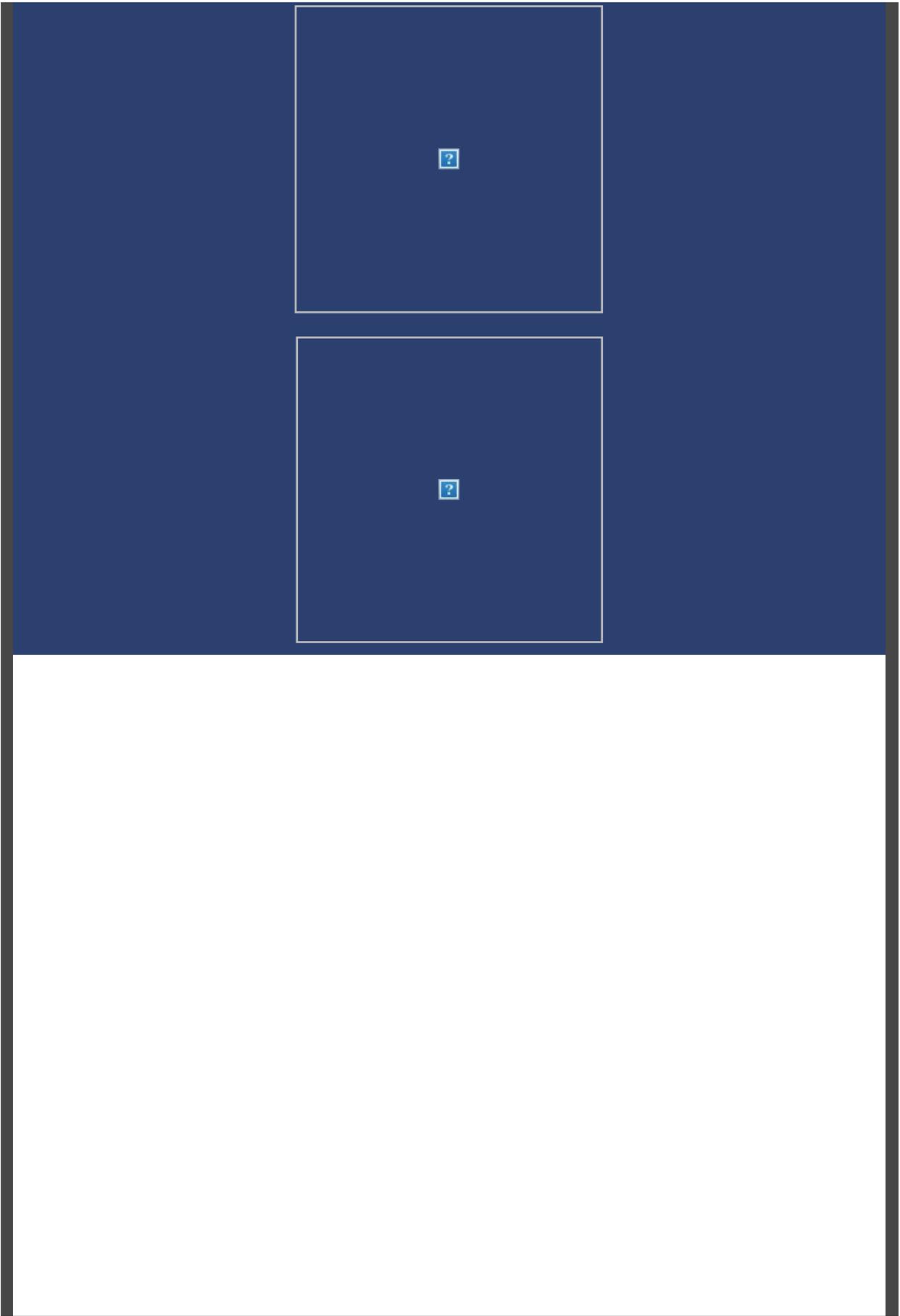
Register **here**.

**Sign up to:**

- This is the most important election of our lifetime. From now until election season, we need your help to turn out as many voters as possible. Sign up to volunteer and contact voters within your community. Sign up **here!**

## **Help us increase Black voter turnout For Culture. For Community**







**The Experts' Guide to**

# Free and Fair Elections

Sep. 19// 3–4 p.m. ET  
Virtual Event

Election workers are unsung heroes, ensuring behind the scenes that our elections run smoothly and securely. Yet many people don't fully grasp what their job entails, leaving room for election deniers to spread misinformation. This lack of understanding has fueled a disturbing rise in threats, intimidation, and abuse against election officials since 2020. As we approach another critical election marked by rampant misinformation and attacks on our democracy, it's more important than ever to know the facts about election administration.

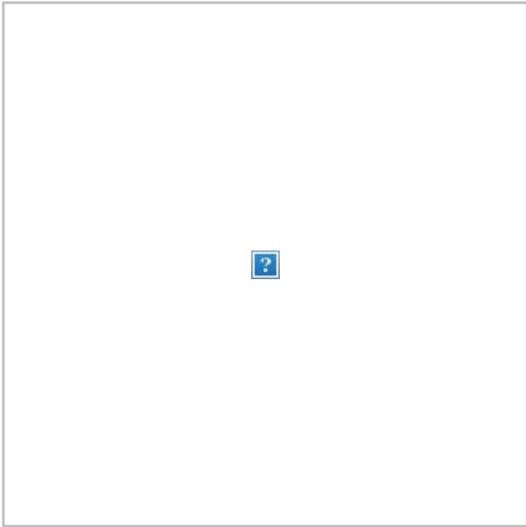
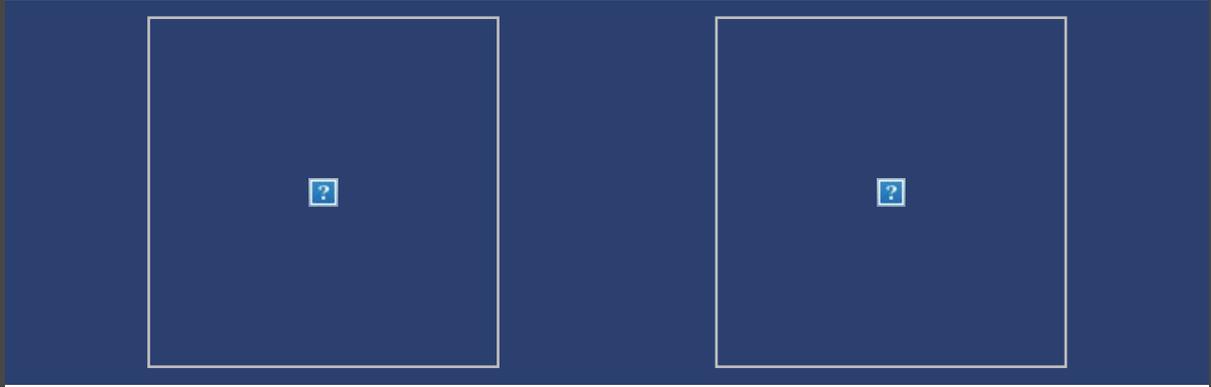
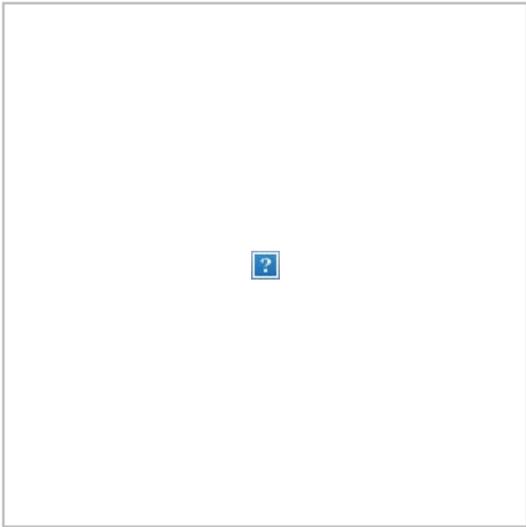
Join us for a live event at 3 p.m. ET on Thursday, September 19, that will spotlight these essential but often overlooked professionals. The discussion will offer a unique opportunity to hear firsthand from the people who make our elections possible as they share their day-to-day challenges and the vital role that they play in protecting democracy.

Panelists:

- **Adrian Fontes**, Secretary of State, Arizona
- Brenda Cabrera, Former Director of Elections, Fairfax, Virginia
- **Brianna Lennon**, County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri
- Moderator: **Natalie Tennant**, Former Secretary of State, West Virginia

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Our democracy stands at a crossroads. With the right to vote facing unprecedented challenges, it's more important than ever to amplify the voices of Black voters and ensure every vote is counted. This is where you come in.

**[Our volunteers](#)** help drive the NAACP mission forward by dedicating their time to empowering voters to make it to the ballot box. Imagine the impact of your efforts — every call you make or text you send encourages an infrequent voter to exercise their right and participate in shaping our collective future.

**[Sign up to volunteer](#)** with the NAACP and be part of a movement that champions equity and justice for all. Together, let's make history by ensuring every Black voter has their say in the upcoming election.

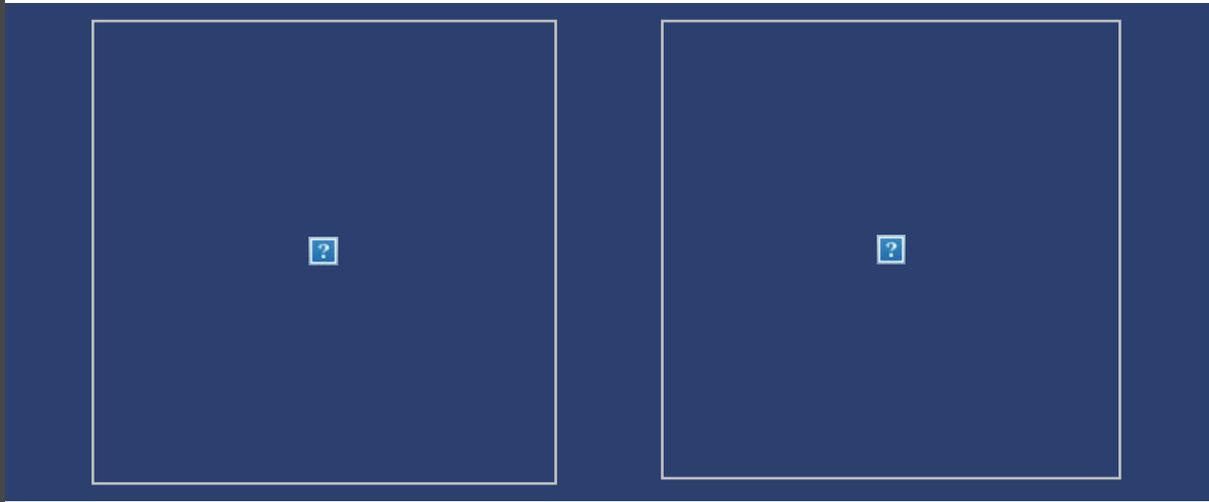
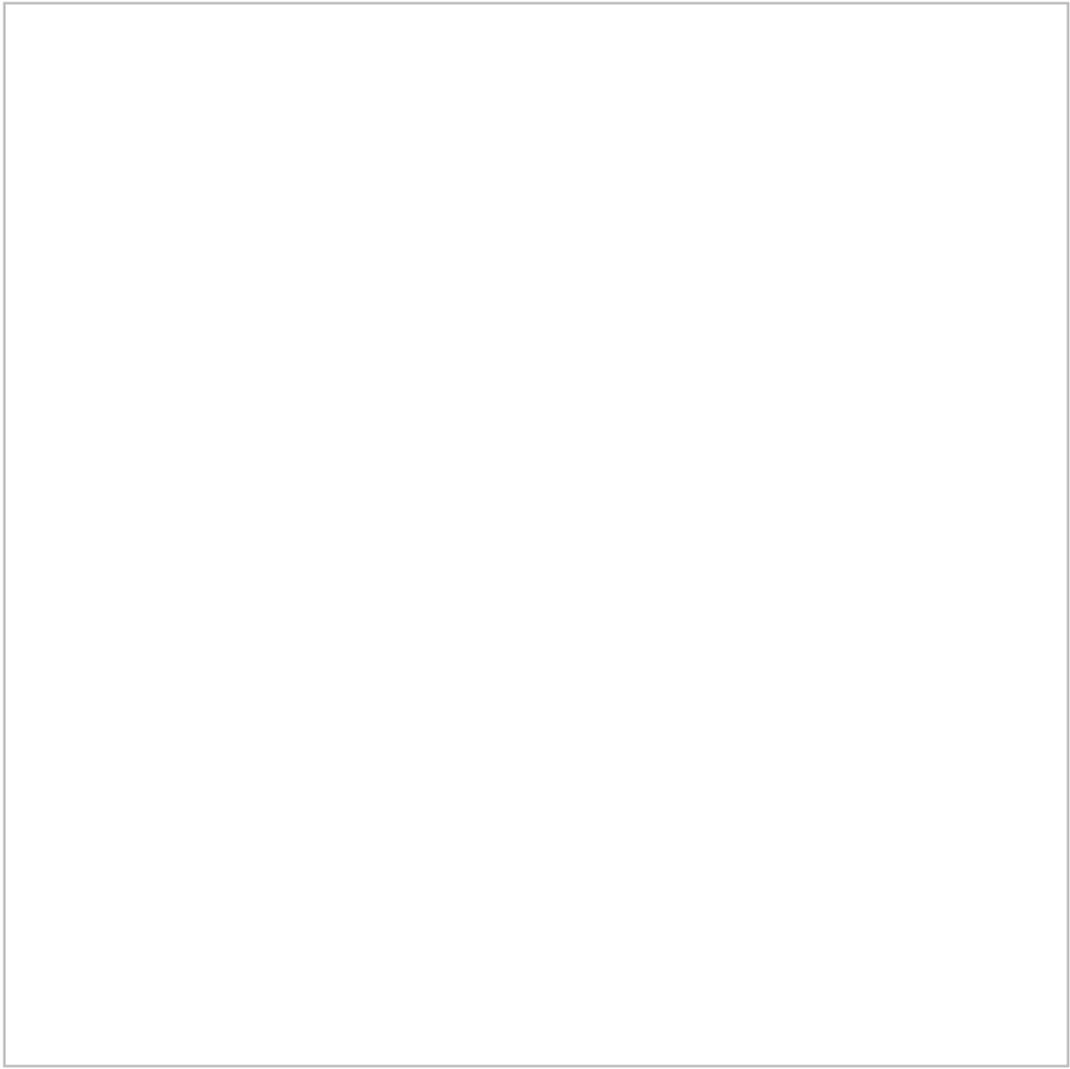
Your voice matters, and so does your action. Join us in making a lasting impact.

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**NAMI Virtual Town Hall Presents:  
Mental Health Equity: Building Strategic Partnerships to Improve Access to  
Mental Health Care and Reduce Suicide Risk in Black/African Ancestry  
Communities**

**Thursday, September 26 | 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. ET**

As we recognize September as Suicide Prevention Month, it's important to address that our nation is facing an alarming rise in suicide rates among Black/African ancestry men. Despite the essential role of mental health in overall wellbeing, members of Black/African ancestry communities often encounter significant barriers to accessing care, from stigma to a lack of culturally relevant services.

Join the Community Health Equity Alliance initiative for a powerful Virtual Town Hall where our panel of mental health champions explore how strategic partnerships and community-driven solutions can help improve access to care and reduce these rising suicide rates.

Moderated by Daniel H. Gillison, Jr. Chief Executive Officer, NAMI, our panelists will also:

- Explore the importance of promoting 988.
- Learn how you can help ensure crisis response equity.
- Discover policy solutions that address this urgent public health crisis.

Panelists:

- Rev. Dr. Que English, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Victor Armstrong, Vice President for Health Equity and Engagement, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Together, we can all make a positive difference in our communities because this  
CRISIS CAN'T WAIT.

**ACT NOW AND REGISTER**

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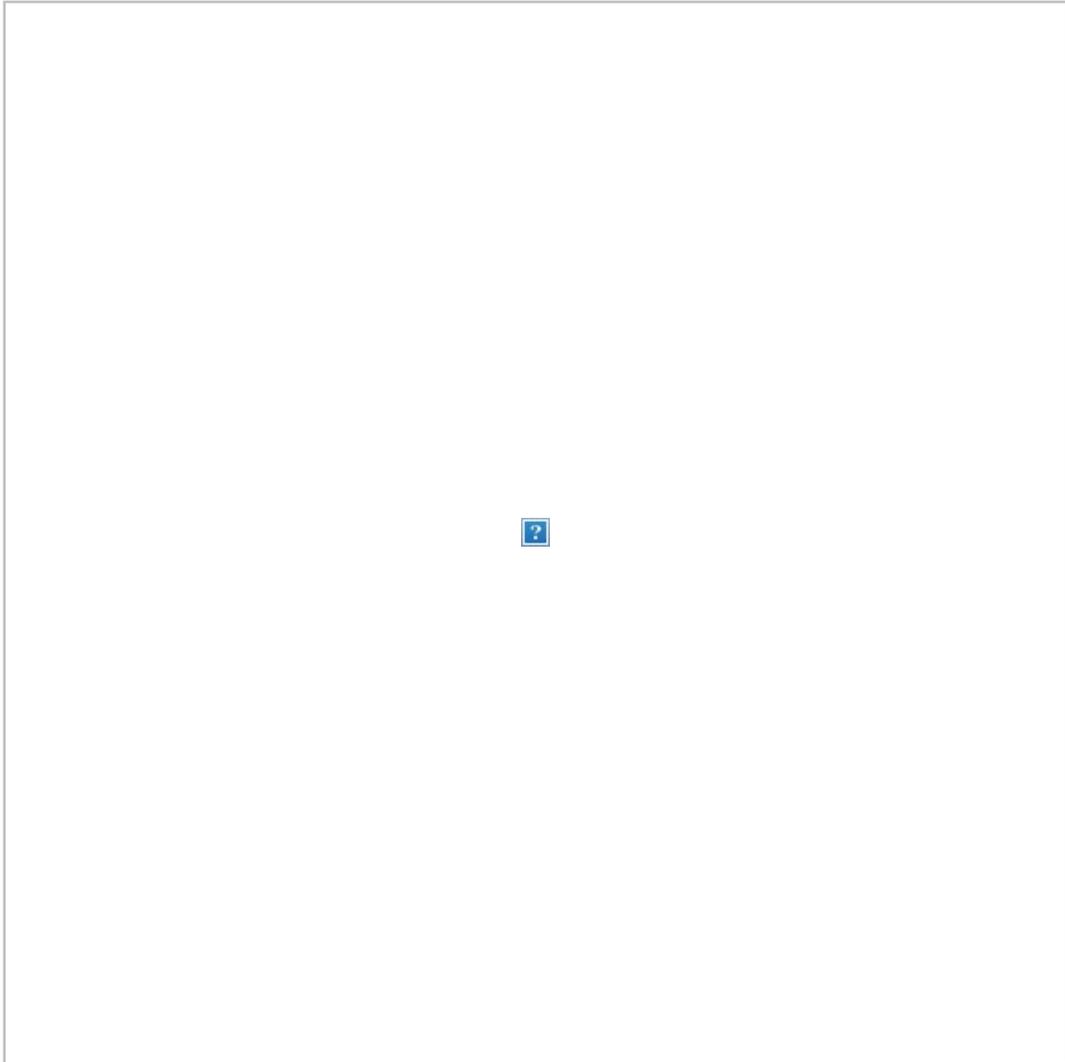
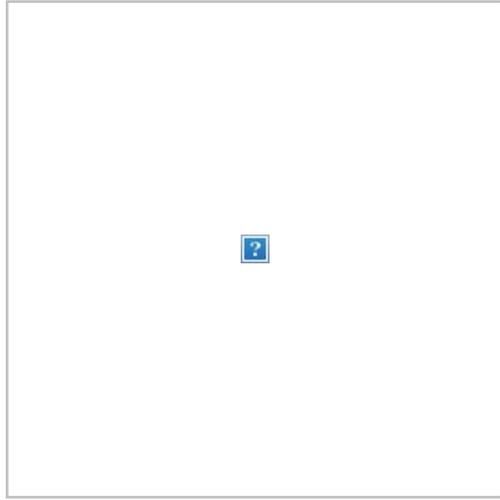
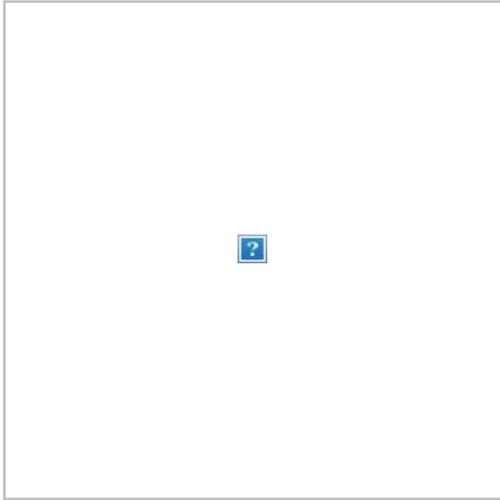


## **Tainted Trials and Stolen Justice**

### **Carlos R. Harris Story**

Carlos R. Harris was wrongfully convicted for the attempted murder of Robert “Bobby” Carr, assault with a deadly weapon and robbery in concert on August 23, 2005. Santa Clara County is filled with occurrences of tainted trials and stolen justice. Carlos has maintained his innocence in the planning and attack of Robert a.k.a. Bobby Carr to date.

Carlos co-hosted a BBQ at a friends apartment complex labor day weekend in 2004. He invited his family and friends to join him and celebrate the holiday at a close friend’s home. Carlos left the BBQ at the apartment complex early to meet up with a friend he ran into earlier that day. On the evening of the BBQ in the laundry room of Carlos friend’s apartment complex Robert Bobby Carr was robbed and attacked by Carlos’s co-defendants. Carlos was not aware of the attack until much later that evening when he was picked up down the street from the apartment complex by his wife and several associates (so-called friends) who confessed to the setup, robbery and attempted murder of Robert Bobby Carr which Carlos was not apart of. Robert Bobby Carr recovered the attack and eventually submitted a written statement identifying his attackers and Carlos does not fit the description. The victim stated he never met or saw Carlos before. **READ MORE**



**RSVP NAACP Inclusive Economy September**

## **Forum Call w/ CFPB-Thursday, September 26th, from 6:00 PM—7:00 PM EST**

, we will host our bimonthly Inclusive Economy Forum Call. This will be a webinar format, providing an interactive platform for NAACP members, such as yourself, to connect, hear updates from the NAACP Inclusive Economy team, and learn about ways to engage in work related to housing and economic development.

We are excited to announce part two of our three-part series with our special guests, the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**, a U.S. government agency dedicated to ensuring banks, lenders, and other financial institutions treat you fairly. This September webinar will be a follow-up opportunity for our members to learn more about what the CFPB is doing. CFPB staff will provide us with an overview of crucial policy updates, including those related to student lending, and a brief Q+A session at the end of the event.

You do not want to miss this critical webinar and your chance to interact directly with the CFPB. Please be sure to **RSVP here no later than Monday, 9/23**. We will send additional meeting information to registrants alongside the meeting Zoom link. Your participation is what makes these calls successful, and we are grateful for your commitment to our cause.

Warm Regards,  
Lindsey Walker



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## **2024 Branch Election Manual**

**Election date and time (Saturday 11.23.24 - 9am-1pm)**

Good Morning Freedom Fighters,

You will find the New Branch Election Manual below. Let me know if you have any questions about any of the information provided. The manual includes the new election rules effective June 1, 2024. Thanks!

### **2024 Branch Elections**

We are approaching Branch Election time, and we are dedicated to providing the best information to assist you in this effort. There will be three webinars to cover the election manual and the election process.

***Click Here: 2024 New Branch Election Manual***



## **Negroes and the Gun: The early NAACP championed armed self-defense**

By Prof. Nicholas Johnson,

When W.E.B. Dubois patrolled his home with a shotgun after the 1906 Atlanta race riot, he was an aberration. But not how you think. Dubois reports that he was unusual among his contemporaries because until that point he did not own a gun.

Dubois's gun purchase and his aggressive statements following the riot were not passion-of-the-moment things that he would regret. They were part of a continuing engagement of the practice and philosophy of armed self-defense. As editor of the NAACP's flagship magazine *TheCrisis*, Dubois continued to champion armed self-defense as a core private interest. Indeed, in some instances, Dubois seemed to cast self-defense as a duty. After a lynching in Gainesville, Fla., he wrote: "No Colored man can read an account of the recent lynching in Gainesville without being ashamed of his people. Without resistance they let a white mob whom they outnumbered two to one, torture, harry and murder. In the last analysis lynching of Negroes is going to stop when the

cowardly mob is faced by effective guns in the hands of people determined to sell their souls dearly.” **READ MORE**

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**Florida's Negro War: Black  
Seminoles and the Second  
Seminoles War 1835-  
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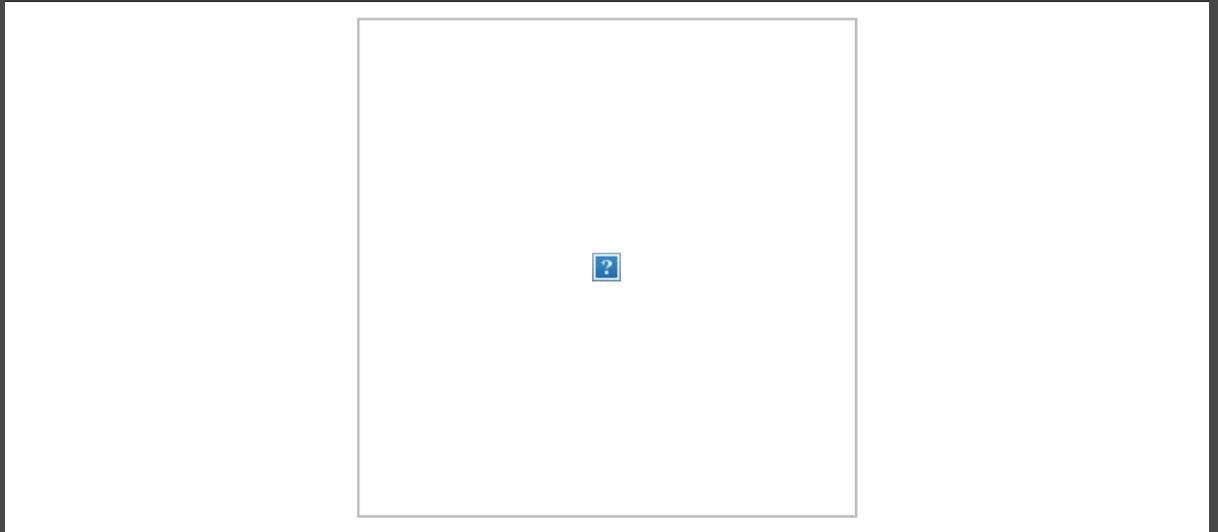
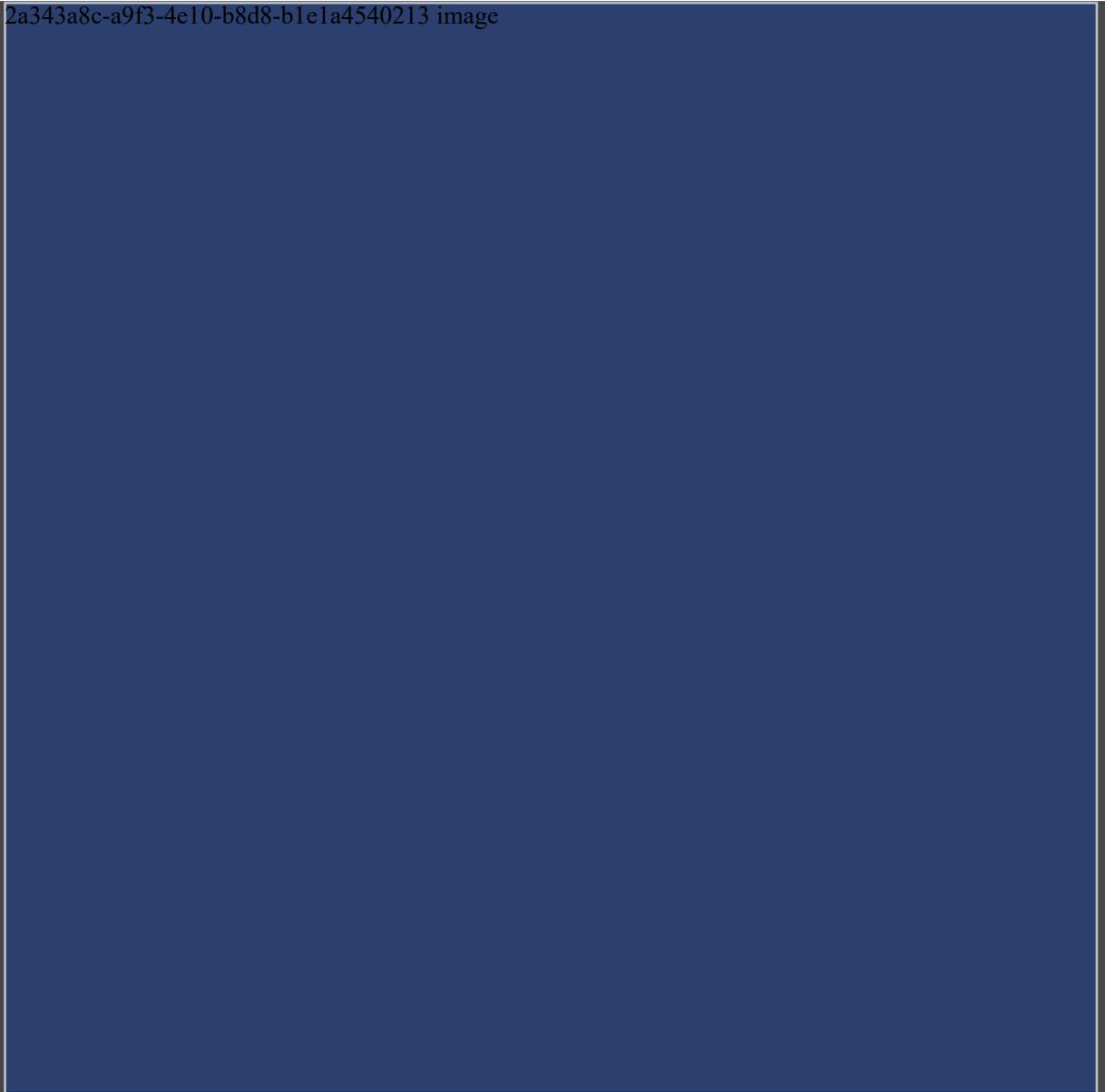
by Anthony E Dixon (Author)

From 1817 to 1858, the United States

government engaged in a bitter conflict with the Seminole Nation. This conflict would result in three distinct wars. The Second Seminole War (1835-1842) was conducted under the Indian Removal Policy of the 1830's. This war was a result of the American plantation societies' relentless efforts to enslave the Black Seminole population. The United States government's objective became to return as many Black Seminoles, if not all, to slavery. Evidence proves that the efforts of the U.S. military to place Blacks in bondage were not only a major underlying theme throughout the War, but at various points, the primary goal. It is clear that from the onset of the war, the United States government, military, and state militias grossly underestimated both the determination and the willingness of the Black Seminole to resist at all cost. Thus, this book will not only make the argument that the Second Seminole War was indeed a slave rebellion, but perhaps the most successful one in United States' history.

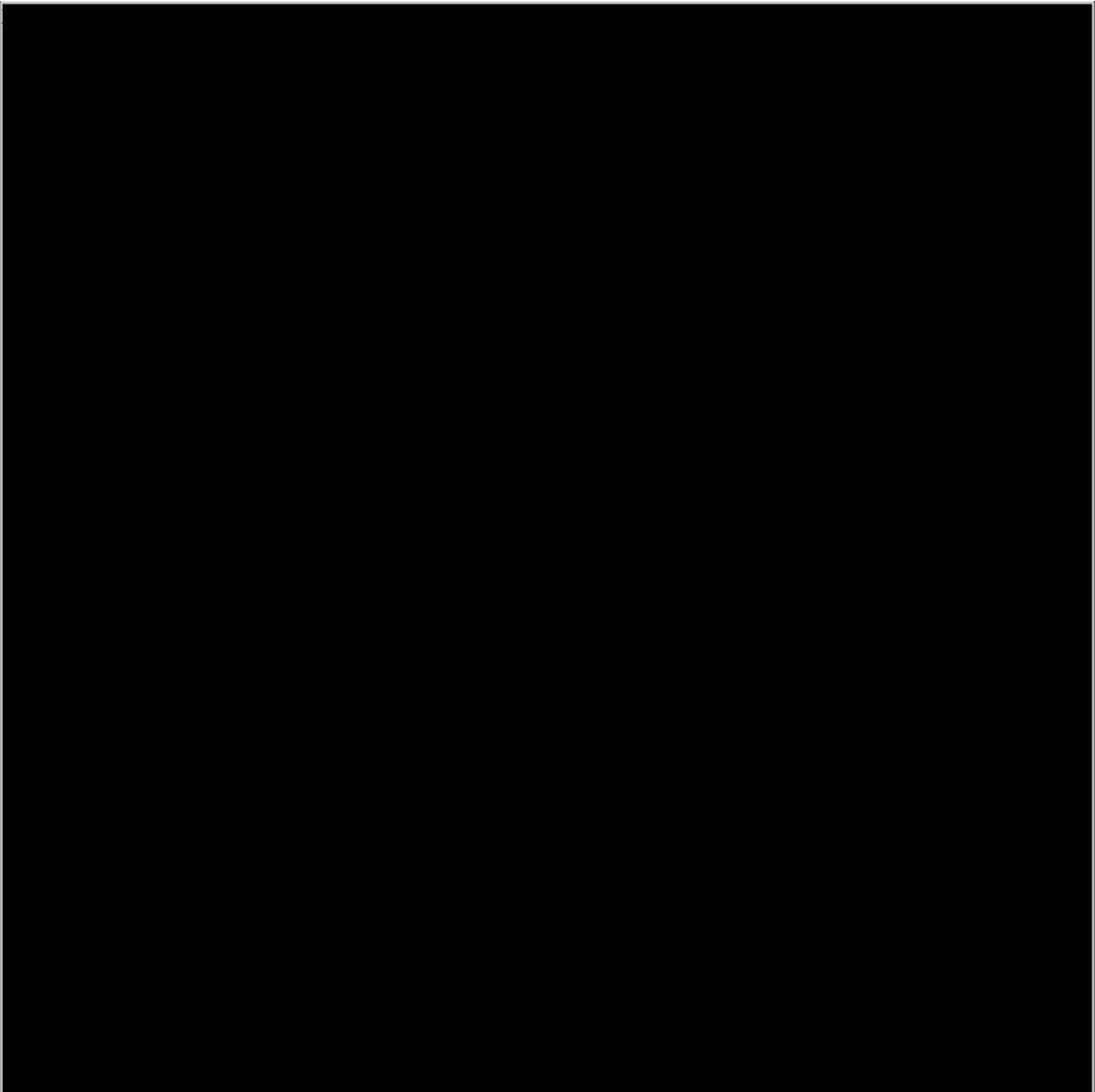


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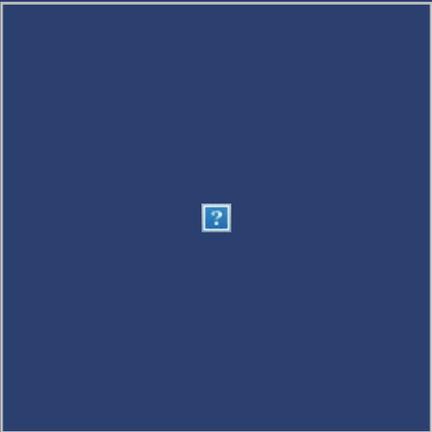


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**From:** [Syed Husaini](#)  
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Dear Members of the Human Rights Commission

I am writing as a concerned citizen to bring to your attention a recent incident involving the City of Palo Alto's withdrawal of support for the annual Multi-Faith Peace Picnic. This event has been a cornerstone of our community for years, fostering unity, understanding, and peace among people of diverse faiths and backgrounds. One of the main purposes of the Multi-Faith Peace Picnic is to honor the victims of the tragic events of 9/11. The event pays tribute to those who lost their lives and to the first responders who heroically served that day. By coming together in remembrance, we aim to build bridges of understanding and promote a message of peace to prevent such tragedies from occurring again.

The picnic consistently provides a platform for residents to unite in the spirit of harmony and mutual respect. It features prayers, poems, songs, and messages of peace from various religious and cultural groups, promoting a sense of belonging and solidarity within our community.

Recently, the city rescinded its support for the event due to the inclusion of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as a co-sponsor. CAIR is the largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, dedicated to enhancing the understanding of Islam, protecting civil liberties, and building coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. By including CAIR as a co-sponsor, the event aimed to further its mission of inclusivity and representation of all faiths and cultures within our community.

This action raises serious concerns about potential discrimination, as it appears to be influenced by Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian sentiments. Such a decision not only undermines the spirit of inclusivity that the picnic embodies but also marginalizes members of our community based on their religious and cultural affiliations. Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian bias have no place in our diverse and welcoming city.

The withdrawal of support under these circumstances sends a troubling message that contradicts our shared values of equality, respect, and mutual understanding. It is essential that all community events promoting peace and unity receive equitable support, regardless of the participating organizations' backgrounds.

I respectfully request that the Human Rights Commission investigate this matter to ensure that all community members are treated fairly and that the principles of diversity and inclusion are upheld. An impartial review could help clarify the reasons behind the city's decision and address any misunderstandings or biases that may have influenced it. The positive impact of the Multi-Faith Peace Picnic on our community cannot be overstated. By honoring the victims of 9/11 and promoting dialogue among different faiths, it has been instrumental in reducing prejudices and fostering a culture of peace and mutual respect. Preserving such events is essential for the continued growth and harmony of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

I trust that the Commission will take appropriate steps to investigate and address these concerns for the betterment of our city.

Sincerely,

Syed Husaini

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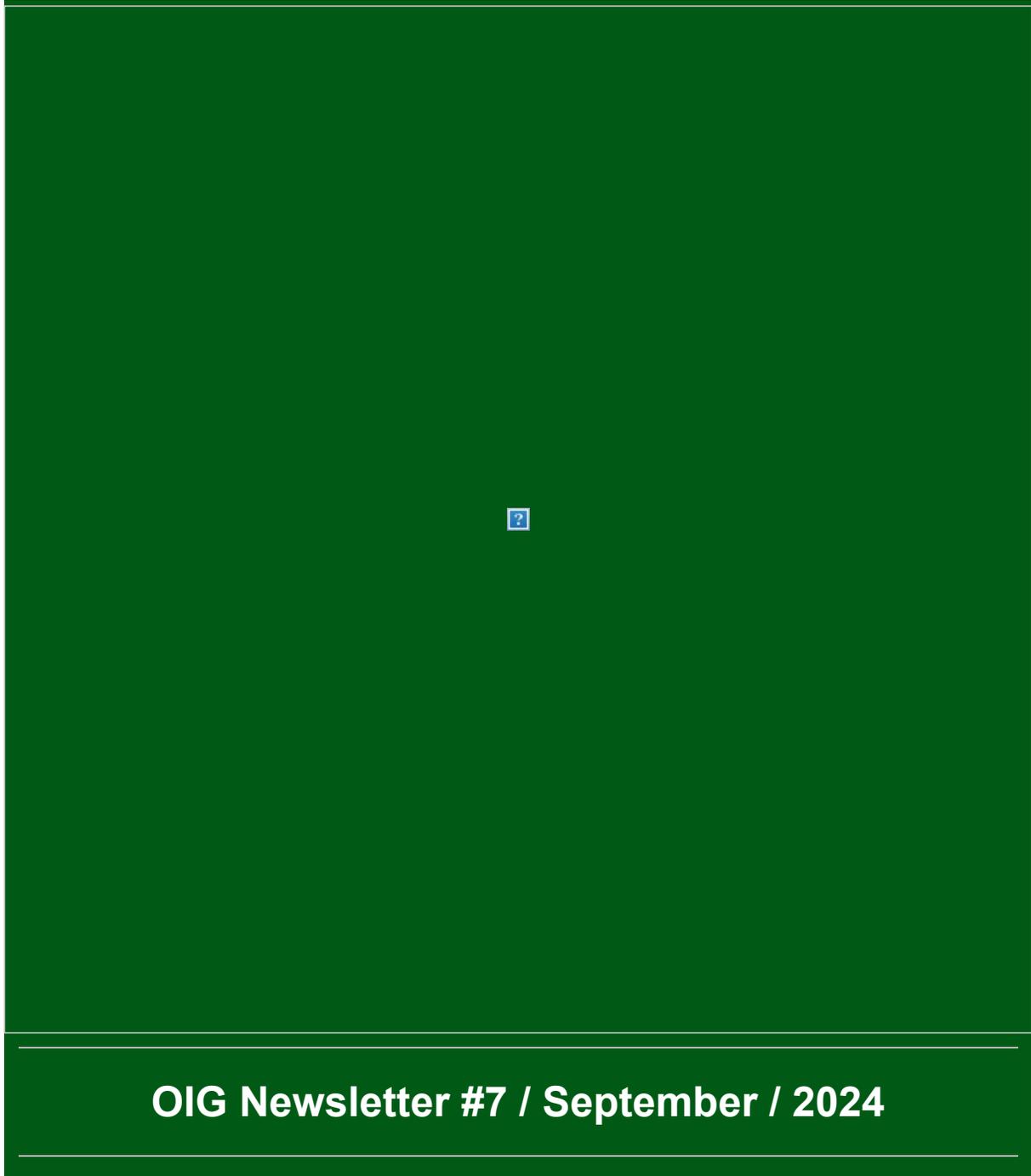
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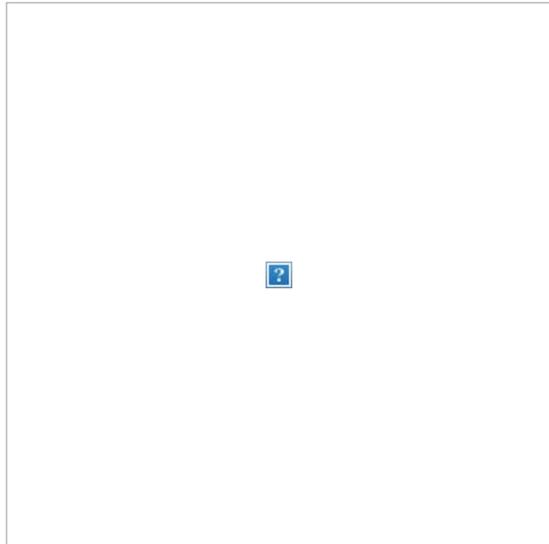
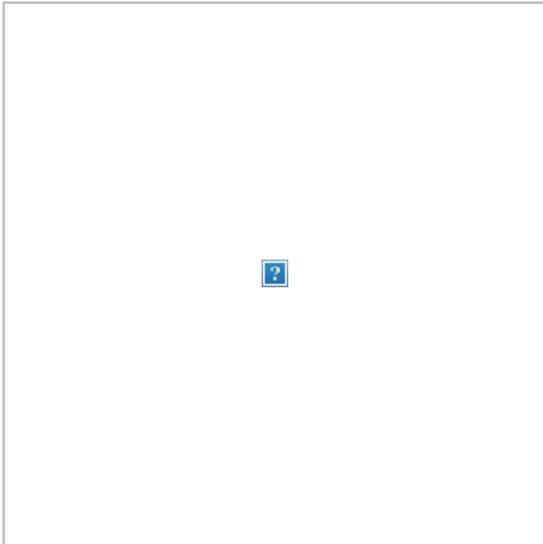
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**A Message from the Inspector General, Terry Wiley**

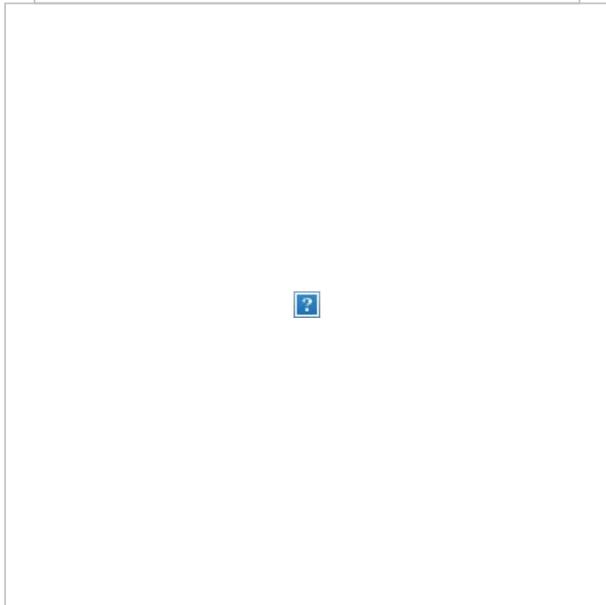


Dear San Francisco,

What an extraordinary month it has been, witnessing the prosecutor I began my career with over 30 years ago at the Alameda District Attorney's Office make history by accepting the nomination to become the 47th President of the United States. I hope that Vice-President Kamala Harris energizes and inspires all of you to fight for the rights and freedoms promised to you by our Constitution.

Fittingly, this month, we commemorate our constitution during Constitution Week, beginning with Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17th. September 17, 1787, marks the day when the members of the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution, establishing and safeguarding the rights and freedoms to which we are entitled. This sacred document empowers us to hold our government and law enforcement officials accountable when they overstep their bounds. As your Inspector General, I am committed to ensuring constitutional policing by our Sheriff's Office and constitutional conditions in our jails.

I intend to organize town hall meetings throughout the city to engage, listen to, and connect with as many interested stakeholders as possible. Your input is important to me. Our next town hall meeting will be in the Mission District on September 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at [2929 19th Street, SF, CA 94110](#). I want to express special thanks to Joanna Hernandez for helping us secure the meeting space, promoting the event, and tirelessly advocating on behalf of inmates. I aim to meet with all the communities we serve in this work. Please reach out if you



would like me to come out for a town hall meeting in your neighborhood.

Congratulations to the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board for selecting excellent officers for the 2024-2025 term by re-electing Julie Soo as president and electing Dion-Jay (DJ) Brookter as vice president. I look forward to a productive year ahead and would like to express my sincere gratitude to both the re-elected president and former Vice President Xochitl Carrion for their exceptional leadership during the previous term.

Thank you for your continued support.

-Terry

## National Night Out

I want to share how great it was to see many community members and law enforcement officers at National Night Out on August 6th. It was heartening to see neighbors and law enforcement getting to know each other in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Building mutual understanding and respect helps to foster trust in our law enforcement, making our communities safer for everyone.

I had the chance to attend two National Night Out events: one at Boeddeker Park in the Tenderloin, where I saw Mayor Breed, and another at Ella Hill Hutch Center in the Western Addition. I want to give a special thank-you to the investigators from the Department of Police Accountability - Vince Villa, Joseph Lazzareschi, and Karen Moore - for staffing the booths and providing information about the DPA and the OIG.



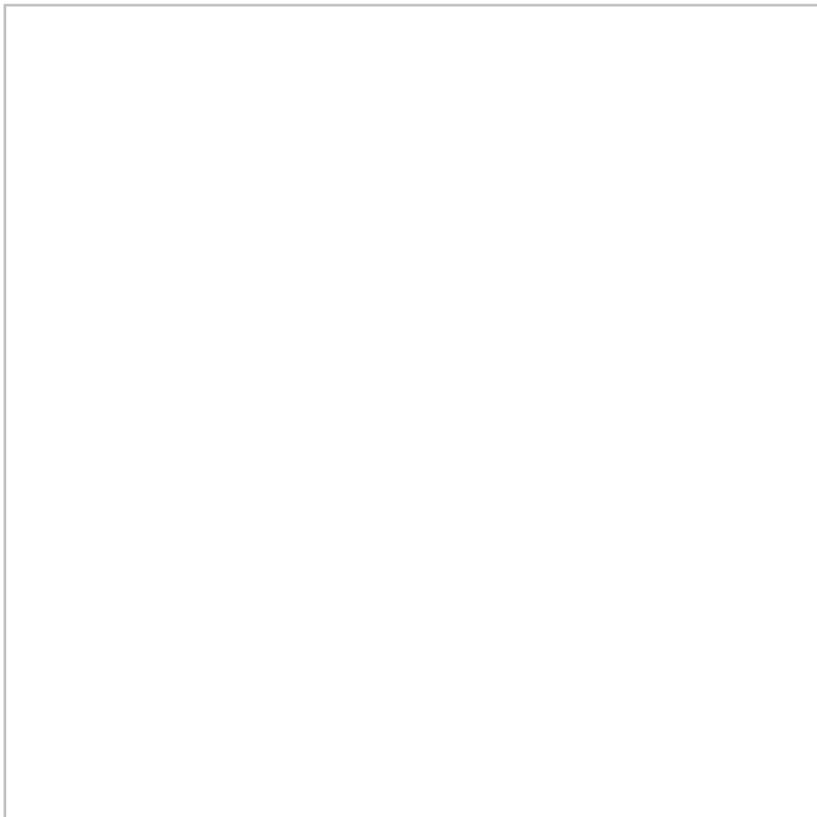


## Association of Inspectors General Certification

To stay current on the latest in oversight and to incorporate best practices into my work and the establishment of this new agency, I attended the Association of Inspector General Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, from August 12th to August 16th. This intensive five-day

program covered all facets of conducting oversight according to national standards, from case investigations to department management.

It was an amazing experience learning from impressive instructors and getting to know other Inspector Generals from around the country. I am proud and excited to announce that I have met the qualifications, successfully completed this rigorous program, and passed the exam to become your Certified Inspector General.



**Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital**



In response to concerns from the community and reports from the San Francisco Nursing Union about frequent assaults on the job, Board Member Brookter and I visited Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFGH) on August 22nd to learn more about the role of the San Francisco Sheriff's Office (SFSO) there. We examined the conditions where the most vulnerable inmates receive care under the SFSO's authority, the areas under the SFSO's control, and the services the SFSO provides. I want to thank SFSO Chief of Staff Richard Jue, Chief Deputy Kevin McConnell, and Captain Brian Krol for facilitating the visit and showing us around.

ZSFGH is a sprawling and bustling campus that is much more than just a hospital and trauma

center, providing many critical services, including mental health and addiction treatment, forensic examinations, rehabilitation services, inmate care, and specialized care and treatment. A diverse array of people arrives at the ZSFGH daily around the clock.

The SFSO is contracted to provide security for the hospital. This location also serves as an operational hub for the SFSO to monitor different health service facilities throughout the city. Additionally, the SFSO regularly deploys deputies to the surrounding areas when a law enforcement response is needed. It is an extremely busy post with 500-600 calls for service a month.



From our visit, it was clear that the SFSO is short-staffed at this station and reliant on outdated technology to monitor many locations. SFSO's command staff at the ZSFGH depend on volunteered overtime to keep operations afloat and must assess staffing levels every morning to make the difficult decision of prioritizing which posts they can staff and which they cannot.

Those seeking care, those visiting loved ones, and those dedicated to providing care in service to others should not feel unsafe or be subjected to violence without adequate protection. If the SFSO is going to provide security at the ZSFGH, I'll advocate for them to have the necessary tools to do it right.

## Upcoming Plans

To keep you informed about our ongoing activities and projects, below is a preview of what to expect in the next few months.

- Regular visits to the County Jails to hear input from the inmates and staff about the jail conditions. We will be alternating between the jail facilities in San Francisco and San Bruno.
- Regular town hall meetings to inform the community about the role of the OIG and available services and to engage the community in a dialog about where to prioritize our efforts.
- Using this newsletter to amplify the voices of the most impacted community members by creating a section for community perspectives and opinions. We want to thank Board Member Afuhaamango for assisting with this effort.

## About

In 2020, San Francisco voters passed Supervisor Walton's Proposition D, which resulted in the formation of the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board and the Office of the Inspector General. The primary function of these entities is to provide independent oversight for the Sheriff's Office. On December 20, 2023, the board appointed Inspector General Wiley, who officially assumed his role on January 8, 2024.

We appreciate your patience and support as Inspector General Wiley builds the Office of the Inspector General to become operational. While the Inspector General seeks funds through the budget process to serve the people of San Francisco and deliver on the promise of Proposition D, the Department of Police Accountability will continue to provide independent investigations into complaints of serious misconduct against San Francisco Sheriff deputies and in-custody deaths pursuant to existing agreements.

Please stay tuned for updates about the transition of this work.

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*Coming up from PPJC!*

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**Renowned Middle East historian Joel Beinin speaks on the Israel-Palestine conflict**

**Saturday, September 21, 2:00 PM**

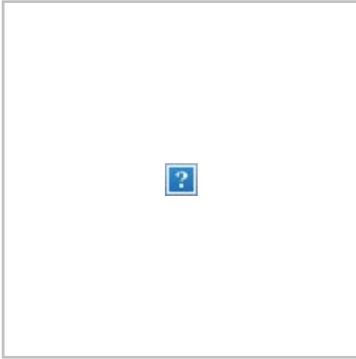
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*Please join us after the talk for a social reception with light refreshments*

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There can be no way to know what the situation may be when this talk takes place, but there is one fact that will not be changed, regardless of the status: The Palestinian people will have been living under illegal Israeli occupation for fifty-seven years.

Peninsula Peace and Justice Center is honored to welcome renowned Middle East historian Prof. Joel Beinin for his first in-person talk for us since his retirement.



Joel Beinin is the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History and Professor of Middle East History, Emeritus at Stanford University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1982 before coming to Stanford in 1983. From 2006 to 2008 he served as Director of Middle East Studies and Professor of History at the American University in Cairo. In 2002 he served as president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America.

Beinin's research and writing focus on the social and cultural history and political economy of modern Egypt, Palestine, and Israel and on US policy in the Middle East. He has written or edited twelve books, most recently *A Critical Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa* (Stanford University Press, 2020). [More...](#)

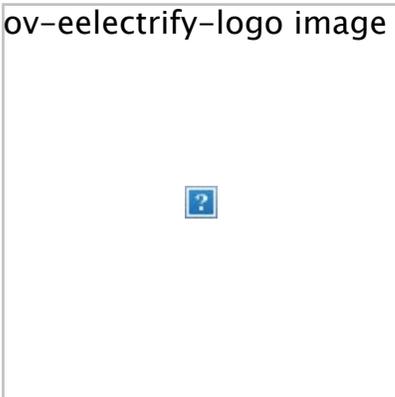
**Volunteers needed!** We could use a few folks to help with set up, serving refreshments, and clean up. If you're interested, please contact [Paul George](#) for more details. Thank you!

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### *Also coming up from PPJC!*

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**Electrify Yourself! A Practical Guide to Getting Rid of Greenhouse Gases in Your Home**  
Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 PM  
[Zoom Webinar – Advance Registration Required](#)

A workshop with Aimee Gotway Bailey, a PhD physicist working at the intersection of technology, policy and business to catalyze clean energy deployment and combat global climate change. There is a powerful and practical way that each of us can pursue to help confront climate change: electrify our homes and turn off the natural gas. This workshop will show you how to do it. [More...](#)



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**WILPF's Silent Vigil for Ceasefire and Peace in Ukraine and Palestine/Gaza**  
Friday, September 6, 12:00 Noon  
El Camino Real & Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

**Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom's** silent vigils stand on the corner to Say No to Nukes and ICBM missiles. We seek the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which can serve to free funds used for war, destruction and death for

peaceful use. [More...](#)

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**Fridays For Future Climate Vigil**  
Friday, September 6, 12:00 Noon  
Palo Alto Civic Center, King Plaza, 250 Hamilton Avenue,  
Palo Alto

How are you feeling about climate change? In association and solidarity with the global Fridays for Future movement, **Fridays For Future Palo Alto** conducts a climate strike every Friday in front of Palo Alto City Hall. [More...](#)

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**Vigil for the Children of Gaza**  
Sunday, September 8, 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
El Camino & Embarcadero, Palo Alto

Rain or shine, **Vigil4Gaza** gathers for a peaceful vigil for the children of Gaza. We have banners and pre-made signs to hold and sign making material on hand if you are feeling creative. This is a family friendly event. Everyone welcome. Join us! [More...](#)

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**9/11 Multifaith Peace Picnic & Prayers**  
Wednesday, September 11, 5:30–7:45 PM  
King Plaza, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto

Let Us Move from Fear to Friendship! Join together for this annual community gathering. We unite to honor the victims of 9/11/01, their families and first responders and to strive to transform this tragic day into one of peace and community. Sponsored by **Multifaith Voices for Peace and**

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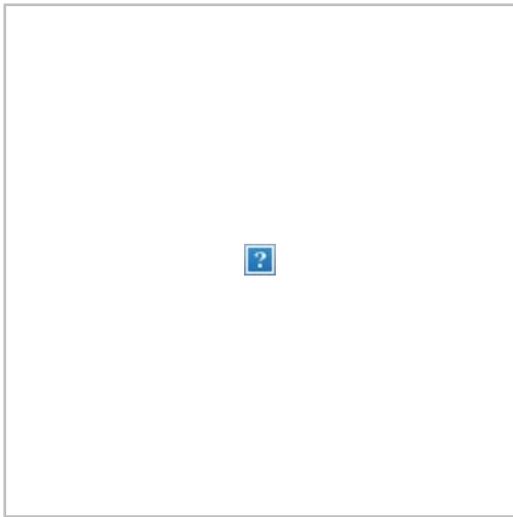
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**Ecological Pathways in the Climate Emergency**  
Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 PM  
On Zoom – [Advance Registration Required](#)

Discussion with Clare Westwood, Global Climate Change Activist. Ms. Westwood is the Regional Director, Commission for Climate Justice, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Sponsored by **First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto.** [More...](#)

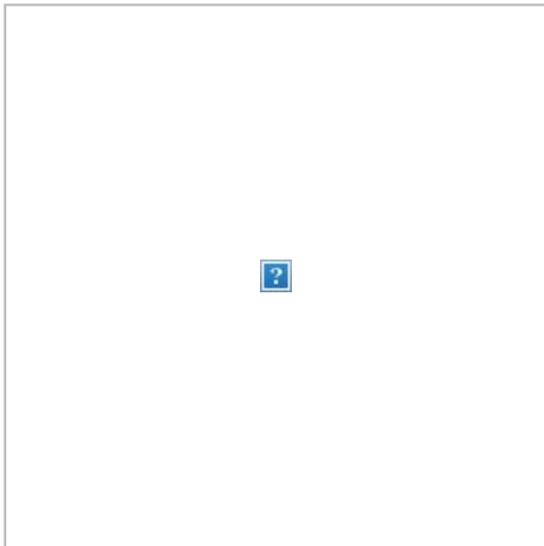
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