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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Helton:

This correspondence is in response to your letter addressed to NAACP National Board member Ms. Gloria J. Sweet-Love dated June 11, 2021. Ms. Gloria Sweet-Love's February 18, 2021 letter was sent in response to Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman's request for the North Carolina State Conference to be removed from administration. The NAACP affirms the assertions contained in Ms. Sweet-Love's February 18, 2021 letter.

On December 2019, the National Board of Directors placed the North Carolina State Conference NAACP under administration for failure to comply with NAACP policies and procedures. The National Board of Directors assigned Ms. Sweet-Love and Mrs. Hazel Dukes to serve as Administrators of the North Carolina State Conference.

Article VIII of the *Constitution of the NAACP* states that "the work of the Board of Directors shall be carried out through committees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors." As stated in Article VII, Section 8 of the *Constitution of the NAACP*, the Committee on Membership and Units has the authority to "provide oversight of the administration of units" and "other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors." As mandated by the National Board of Directors, the Committee on Membership and Units and Ms. Sweet-Love will continue their administrative oversight until the North Carolina State Conference is in full compliance with NAACP policies and procedures.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at jlouard@naacpnet.org.

Very truly yours,

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Interim General Counsel

cc: Leon Russell, Chairman, National Board of Directors
Derrick Johnson, President and CEO
Gloria Sweet-Love, Chair, Committee on Membership and Units