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"INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE." MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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NAACP Members Against Voter Suppression In Upcoming Branch Elections And A Call For Financial Accountability

According to the current NAACP Election Manual, many NAACP members in rural communities, elderly members, and members who can not afford internet will again have their votes suppressed this fall by National NAACP policies. We believe the NAACP's staff's decision to force all NAACP voters to participate through electronic voting for their officers in November 2022 elections, constitutes a breach of membership contracts, a violation of Article IX of the By-laws, and will cause irreparable harm to the many of the organization's most vulnerable members.

"You can buy an NAACP membership for \$30, but to exercise your NAACP Vote, you need to buy a computer and a wifi connection for \$300," said Rev. Dr. Cardes Brown, a nationally recognized NC NAACP leader, life member, and spokesperson for hundreds of NAACP members whose votes were similarly suppressed last October.

[Derrick Johnson on Twitter: "We will not stand idly by as ...https://twitter.com > derricknaACP > status](https://twitter.com/derricknaACP/status)

Derrick Johnson is correct! The Justice Coalition USA will not stand idly by while NAACP members' votes are suppressed through another NAACP election cycle. The NAACP is in a time of crisis, we need all hands on deck to push back against the barriers established by National to suppress the vote of our most vulnerable members, and resist the dismantling of the mission and constitution of the 1909 NAACP, "Injustice Anywhere Is A Threat To Justice Everywhere", MLK.

"We are also concerned about a misleading letter published by one of the McClatchy papers, implying the Internal Revenue Service had found some problems with our branches' tax-exempt

status,” Dr. Brown said. “We call on the NAACP CEO to disclose the nature of the tax status modifications he made when he set up the NAACP Empowerment Program, Inc. (501)(c)(3) New York Corporation and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Inc. (501)(c)(4) Delaware Corporation. We have asked for an electronic meeting about these issues with CEO Derrick Johnson. We await his response.

The Justice Coalition USA is a coalition of NAACP members seeking redress of the issues that have disenfranchised many State & Branch NAACP organizations. For instance, the 2021 NC NAACP State election was conducted under the supervision of the National organization and violated the very Bylaws and rules established by the national organization.

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Press Conference:

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 10:30 AM

New Light Missionary Baptist Church

1105 Willow Rd. Greensboro, NC 27401

Purpose: NAACP Voter Suppression And A Call For Financial Accountability

Live Stream Link:

<https://boxcast.tv/view/justice-coalition-usa-press-conference-z4wtluky6etufd4g8qk9>