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Resolution #1

Resolution to Establish State Standards for the Use and Reporting of Force by K9s in California and Hawaii

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, K9 units play a crucial role in law enforcement operations in California and Hawaii, assisting in search and rescue, apprehension of suspects, and enhancing public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the use of force by K9s is closely regulated within our communities to ensure the protection of civil liberties, ethical conduct, and the safety of both officers and the public; and

WHEREAS, uniform standards and comprehensive reporting procedures for the use of force by K9s are essential to maintain transparency, accountability, and trust in law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no specific statewide standards or reporting requirements for the use of force by K9 units in California and Hawaii.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California and Hawaii NAACP work with the Legislature on Assembly Bill 742 (Corey Jackson) or any other legislative measure utilizing use of force with canine units and implement the standards noted below as it moves forward:

- That the California and Hawaii Peace Officers Standards Training (P.O.S.T.) collaboratively establish and adopt comprehensive statewide standards governing the use of force by K9 units; and
- That the California and Hawaii P.O.S.T. develop and implement mandatory training programs for K9 handlers to ensure that they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively and lawfully control their K9 partners and minimize the use of excessive force; and
- That the California and Hawaii P.O.S.T. develop a standardized reporting system for incidents involving the use of force by K9 units. This reporting system should include detailed information such as the circumstances leading to the use of force, the level of force applied, the outcome of the incident, and any injuries sustained by officers, suspects, or civilians; and
- That the California P.O.S.T. periodically review and update these standards and reporting

procedures to keep pace with evolving best practices, technological advancements, and changes in legislation; and

- That all law enforcement agencies in California and Hawaii, including state, county, municipal, and university police departments, comply with the established statewide standards for the use and reporting of force by K9 units and incorporate them into their respective agency policies and procedures; and
- That the California P.O.S.T. Boards work closely with relevant stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, civil rights organizations, community groups, and legal experts, to ensure that these standards adequately reflect the principles of fairness, transparency, and accountability; and
- That the California and Hawaii P.O.S.T. Boards actively collaborate with educational institutions, such as police academies and training schools, to incorporate these standards into their curriculum and continuing education programs for K9 handlers; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of California, the California P.O.S.T. Executive Director, Manny Alvarez Jr., relevant law enforcement agencies, and all key stakeholders involved in promoting the responsible use of force by K9 units.



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Resolution #2

Resolution in the Matter of Support of Allocating the Equity Multiplier by Academic Performance

Submitted By: NAACP San Bernardino, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was enacted in 2013 and was designed to be a more equitable system of funding, with the goal of providing additional funding for the highest needs students. Base grants, concentration grants, and supplemental grants were created to provide additional funding and accountability to school districts and charter schools to provide extra support for high-needs students; and

WHEREAS, the subgroups of students currently receiving extra support include English Language Learners, low-income students, and foster/homeless youth.

WHEREAS, 2022 statewide testing data shows that African American students are the lowest performing subgroup, with 70% not meeting English Language Arts Standards and 84% not meeting Math Standards; and

WHEREAS, there are 350,000 African American students in California, and approximately 80,000 African American students, or 26%, are not receiving additional supplemental funding or accountability through the LCFF; and

WHEREAS, the academic performance of many African American students in California has been low for decades for a myriad of reasons, including but not limited to inequitable access to quality K-12 programs, including A-G courses, inexperienced teachers, low expectations, racial bias, trauma, lack of services and more; and

WHEREAS, African American students have the highest suspension rate of any subgroup at 8.8%; they also have the lowest high school graduation rate at 76.8%. These students are not being given enough academic support, the equitable goals of LCFF are not being met; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature unanimously supported AB 2774 (Weber, Holden) that would have created a new supplemental grant in the Local Control Funding Formula for the lowest performing subgroup of students not currently receiving funds, currently unfunded African American students; and

WHEREAS, the California Governor created the Equity Multiplier, a new \$300M block grant, to improve the academic outcomes of California's lowest-performing students; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General is investigating the constitutionality of directing funds to the lowest-performing subgroup of students not currently receiving additional supplemental or concentration funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP Hawaii-California Conference now supports the allocation of the Equity Multiplier by academic performance so that the needs of California's Black students can be met.



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Resolution #3

Resolution Urging the NAACP California-Hawaii to Support Legislation to Stop Banning Books in California

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the NAACP California-Hawaii is committed to advancing civil rights, promoting equality, and fighting against discrimination in all forms; and

WHEREAS, the banning of books can perpetuate harmful stereotypes, limit intellectual freedom, and contribute to a culture of censorship and suppression; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP California-Hawaii recognizes the importance of preserving access to a diverse range of literature that fosters understanding, empathy, critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, book bans disproportionately impact marginalized communities and can limit their ability to access significant educational resources; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has a long history of promoting diversity, inclusion, and intellectual freedom, making it essential for the NAACP California-Hawaii to advocate against any book-banning efforts in the state; and

WHEREAS, advocating for legislation to protect the right to access and read diverse literature aligns with the mission and principles of the NAACP.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii shall actively support and advocate for legislation that aims to stop the banning of books in the state of California and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii shall collaborate with like-minded organizations, educators, and community leaders to raise awareness about the impact of book bans and the importance of intellectual freedom; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii shall actively engage in outreach efforts to educate the public about the harmful effects of book bans on marginalized communities and the need for diverse and inclusive literary content; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii shall endeavor to work with local school boards, educators, and administrators to develop policies that prioritize the protection of intellectual freedom and the promotion of diverse literature within

educational institutions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii shall support efforts to provide resources and support to educators and librarians to ensure they have the tools they need to defend against book bans and navigate challenges to intellectual freedom; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii shall encourage its members to serve as advocates for intellectual freedom and actively engage in efforts to combat book bans within their respective communities.

1. American Library Association (ALA)
2. National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC)
3. PEN America
4. Banned Books Week
5. National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
6. Kids' Right to Read Project
7. First Amendment Project
8. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
9. National Coalition Against Censorship Kids' Right to Read Project
10. Local Libraries and Educators



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Resolution #4

NAACP Parents' Council Resolution

Submitted By: NAACP CA/HI Education Committee

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the Parents' Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Parents/Caregivers leadership for Educational Equity and Advocacy in the California educational system supports authentic family engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Parents' Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was established as an outcome of the 1995 and 1996 NAACP Youth Summits, with the primary aim of empowering African American/Black parents to actively engage in their children's education within the California/Hawaii public school systems; and

WHEREAS, the Parents' Council consists of parents, guardians, and grandparents of marginalized children enrolled in the California educational system, as well as community members who share the commitment to equitable education, particularly for African American/Black students; and

WHEREAS, the core mission of the NAACP Parents' Council is to champion the educational growth and achievement of Black students by closely monitoring all academic activities and programs within the California educational system to ensure they align with the needs of African American/Black students; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Parents' Council is to provide a platform through which concerned Black/AA citizens can offer assistance, guidance, and unwavering support to African American/Black parents and students of the California educational system in pursuit of the highest quality education achievable, encompassing encouragement, information sharing, positive motivation, critical evaluation, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Parents' Council is structured with representatives from each NAACP Region in the California educational system, designated by the Chair respectively, to work collaboratively toward the training of parents as advocates for their children, information sharing, and problem-solving to address issues impacting their children's education; and

WHEREAS, the Parents' Council includes officers, parent representatives for across California educational system, the NAACP President, and the Chair of the Education Committee, who will conduct monthly meetings aimed at disseminating valuable information, training parent representatives to effectively execute the Council's objectives, addressing parental concerns, and fostering partnerships with various organizations, including the California educational

system, African American Site Advisory Teams (AASAT), District Black Parent Advisory Council (DBPAC), African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC), Black Parent Advisory Council, Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and others in California educational system; and

WHEREAS, the Parents' Council has been pivotal in leading parents and guardians of African American/Black and marginalized students in identifying critical concerns, establishing partnerships or programs with the AAPAC and the California educational system to address these challenges, providing support and advocacy to individual parents and families, offering information and training to encourage proactive parental involvement, and serving as a vital bridge between the African American/Black community, AASAT, AAPAC, and the California educational system; federal, state, and local/school board; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parents' Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP):

The Parents' Council shall continue its unwavering commitment to empowering African American/Black parents and guardians within the California educational system by providing vital assistance, guidance, and support.

The Parents' Council shall actively engage in organizing regular meetings with representatives from each NAACP region, both individually and nationwide, to discuss pressing concerns, disseminate essential information, and deliver training sessions aimed at enhancing parental knowledge and participation in their children's education.

The Parents' Council shall collaborate within the California educational system and representatives from each NAACP region and federal, state, and local school boards to promote awareness of its mission, goals, and activities during events, such as Back-to-School-Night and other school-related functions.

The Parents' Council shall establish and maintain effective means of communication, including e-groups, social media platforms, newsletters, and other channels, to facilitate ongoing engagement with parents, ensuring they are well-informed and involved in relevant matters through the work of offices of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

A national parent survey shall be conducted periodically to solicit parental input, assess concerns, and set priorities and objectives to address these needs effectively. The Parents' Council shall regularly coordinate with representatives from each NAACP region to discuss parental concerns in order to remain informed about critical school-related issues so African American/Black students have an educational experience absent of politics, administration, censorship, and draconian oversight of educators.

The Parents' Council shall meet with the California educational system at least once per quarter to exchange ideas, discuss common goals, collectively address overarching educational issues, and celebrate diversity. And promote equity, inclusion, belonging, and justice.

The Parents' Council shall maintain an active presence in the California P-12 schools or institutions of higher education in partnership with representatives from each NAACP region, AASATs, AAPACs, and PTAs to address federal, state, and local school boards, providing updates on its activities and advocating for the interests of African American/Black students and their families; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that each NAACP CA/HI Branch establish a Parent Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this resolution stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the Parents' Council to empower African American/Black parents and caregivers, fostering equity and advocacy within the U.S. educational school system. NAACP CA/HI shall convey this Resolution to federal, state, and local legislators; the United States Secretary of Education; and State Heads or Commissioners of Education.



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Resolution #5

Homeless Pandemic – Creation of a Homeless Force Coalition

Submitted By: NAACP Berkeley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the State of California is suffering from a homeless catastrophe, and Local governments have declared that homelessness is a state disaster; and

WHEREAS, we are proposing a Homeless Force Coalition be established in every community where there is an NAACP branch; and

WHEREAS, African American/Black Citizens have been and are projected to continue to be victims of economic disparity; and

WHEREAS, the HFC development plan is to support the designing and building of homeless encampment sites that must be contractually clean, safe, beautiful, productive, neighborhood friendly, and temporary; and

WHEREAS, These Communities will be constructed to create inspiration and a shared devotion for changing unhoused communities into incubators for Change where people come to “move on up” from housing insecurity to creating better futures for themselves by working day by day to prepare for better living accommodations that are being constructed to address the housing problem. The HFC community will be a member participation operation and a resource for assisting people living in vehicles and non-member encampments to create garbage pickup services, porta-potties, food storage systems, laundry access, mental health assistance, and substance abuse rehab if possible; and

WHEREAS, our HFC Sites will be readily identifiable because of their organized designs and the unique encampment solution products that we will produce and utilize to create models of simple, successful, organized temporary living places where people can live decently until more housing options are realized and built.

WHEREAS, Our temporary living sites will be environmentally friendly and devoted to leaving our temporary locations in good condition when we leave them to move into newly created, much-needed, affordable housing units and living spaces; and

WHEREAS, Our HFC locations will be well-organized beehives of motivation, productivity, and inspiration. They will be equipped to provide self-help tools that are designed to build secure, productive lives and “change” from this day forward. They will be trained to manufacture products to sell and to share that create income streams for people without homes and the community. Our Live/Work Huts (LvWrkHuts) and living spaces are designed for comfort, efficiency, and durability. And to allow for the manufacture of finished products and components that will be used to create our products for unhoused peoples and communities everywhere. We work out, work on ourselves, work on our environment, and work for the benefit of the communities that we support and live in. We are committed to being examples that demonstrate our humanity and our ability to embrace change and “Do Work.”

WHEREAS, We will work to accomplish the goal of becoming the best that we can be and working as a team, one step at a time, to build pathways out of homelessness for ourselves that others can follow and copy. We develop jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, and leadership skills that make our members reflect the glow of people committed to embracing growth and change and pathways out of the disempowerment of homelessness.

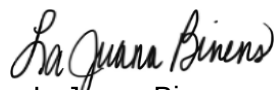
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a collaboration of city administrators, homeless-centered nonprofits, faith-based organizations, philanthropic foundations, local businesses, people who live and work in the communities and motivated people living in unhoused communities/situations that are willing to work for change, will ensure the successful transformation of our Homelessness problem.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that unhoused Veterans be included.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all NAACP California-Hawaii Branches create a Homeless Force Coalition in every community where there is an NAACP branch and that we work together in a state-wide effort to create shared processes to access funding streams, identify community priorities, and coordinate the city/county-wide homeless system of care.



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Resolution #6

Honoring Joe Kapp As The First Mexican-American To Play In The Super Bowl

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, Joe Kapp, a Mexican-American quarterback, guided the Minnesota Vikings to a Super Bowl appearance in 1970, an achievement that remains significant in the history of Mexican-American representation in the National Football League (NFL); and

WHEREAS, Kapp's upbringing in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Salinas, California, in environments that valued toughness and masculinity, shaped his character and led him to develop a level of resilience and determination that propelled him to success in football; and

WHEREAS, Kapp's Mexican-American heritage, coupled with his German ancestry, reflects the rich diversity of cultures that contribute to the fabric of American society and the NFL; and

WHEREAS, Kapp's journey from playing in the Canadian Football League to the NFL exemplifies the obstacles and challenges faced by Mexican-American players in breaking barriers and attaining recognition in professional football; and

WHEREAS, Kapp's contributions to the NFL as a quarterback, known for his toughness and his ability to lead his team, deserve recognition and appreciation from the league and its fans; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging Kapp as the first Mexican-American to play in the Super Bowl helps to highlight the achievements and contributions of Mexican-American athletes in American sports and serves as a source of inspiration for future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii recognizes and honors Joe Kapp as the first Mexican-American quarterback to play in the Super Bowl, paving the way for future generations of Mexican-American athletes in the NFL; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii calls upon the National Football League to officially recognize Joe Kapp's historical significance and contributions as a Mexican-American quarterback in the Super Bowl and commemorate his achievements in NFL history; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the NFL Commissioner, urging the league to acknowledge Joe Kapp's legacy and celebrate the diversity of its players.



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Resolution #7

Resolution to Protect the Rights of Women from Impacts of Transgender Policies

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the NAACP California-Hawaii is committed to upholding the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the rights and safety of women must be protected and preserved in the face of evolving transgender policies; and

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences of transgender policies may undermine the gains achieved by women's rights movements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the NAACP California-Hawaii that the NAACP California-Hawaii recognizes the importance of protecting the rights and well-being of women, particularly in spaces where specific transgender policies might compromise their privacy, safety, and opportunities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii firmly asserts that the rights and dignity of women should not be infringed upon or diminished through the implementation of policies that prioritize gender identity over sex-based rights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii will actively engage with relevant stakeholders, including lawmakers, policymakers, community leaders, women's organizations, and affected individuals, to address concerns surrounding the impact of transgender policies on women's rights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii calls for a comprehensive evaluation of transgender policies to assess their potential implications for women's rights, including but not limited to areas such as public accommodation, sports participation, and correctional facilities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this evaluation should consider the need for policies that account for sex-based differences and the particular vulnerabilities and experiences of women; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii will collaborate with women's rights organizations, legal experts, and other relevant stakeholders to conduct and contribute to research that critically examines the impact of transgender policies on women's

rights and propose policy recommendations to address any potential conflicts or infringements;
and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii emphasizes the importance of adopting policies and regulations that strike a balance between protecting the rights and dignity of transgender individuals and safeguarding the sex-based rights and safety of women; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii encourages open dialogue and constructive engagement among all concerned parties to find mutually respectful and equitable solutions that protect both transgender individuals and the rights of women; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii commits to implementing education and awareness programs designed to facilitate a deeper understanding of the complex issues surrounding transgender policies and their potential impact on women's rights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii will collaborate with women's rights organizations and other relevant entities to develop educational materials, workshops, and public forums aimed at fostering understanding, dialogue, and empathy within the community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii shall distribute copies of this resolution to relevant legislative committees, government agencies, and community organizations to raise awareness about the importance of protecting women's rights in the context of transgender policies; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the NAACP California-Hawaii shall continuously monitor and advocate for policies and legislation that uphold the rights and dignity of women, actively engaging in ongoing dialogue and proposing necessary revisions or amendments to ensure the preservation of sex-based rights.



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Resolution #8

New California Representation Resolution

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, a figure of Father Junipero Serra represents the state of California in the United States Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Father Junipero Serra was a Roman Catholic priest who established the first nine of California's 21 Spanish missions in the late 1700s; and

WHEREAS, California Native Americans were captured and placed in servitude, harshly punished or killed for disobedience or attempted escape; and

WHEREAS, their children were sold into forced labor, and families were separated and sent away to build the missions; and

WHEREAS, the text of California AB 338 includes a quote from a historian that reads, "Enslavement of both adults and children, mutilation, genocide, and assault on women were all part of the mission period initiated and overseen by Father Serra;" and

WHEREAS, Chairman Jesus Tarango of the Wilton Rancheria Tribal Government quoted, "By removing this statue, we are not attempting to rewrite history," "We are asking that California history be told in a truthful and honest manner;" and

WHEREAS, Father Junipero Serra's likeness has been removed from several California locations, including from streets on Stanford University's campus, the center of Ventura and a mission he founded in San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature on January 29th, 2015 SJR-4 Sally Ride statue Introduced by Senator Lara Principal coauthor: Assemblymember Atkins and others: that would memorialize the Congress of the United States to place a statue of Sally Ride next to the statue of former President Ronald Reagan in the Congressional collection representing California; and

WHEREAS, any State may request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a statue the State has provided for display in Statuary Hall" under two conditions:

(A) the request has been approved by a resolution adopted by the legislature of the State, and

the Governor of the State has approved the request, and

(B) the statue to be replaced has been displayed in the Capital of the United States for at least ten years as of the time the request is made, except that the Joint Committee may waive this requirement for cause at the request of a State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Father Junipero Serra can best be memorialized by locating his statue in a place of honor in the National Museum of Catholic Art and History, 1722 M St NW, Washington, DC 20036, where citizens and visitors can enjoy it and be reminded of his historical impact upon the state of California; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii urge the National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to approach the California Governor in support of the removal of the statue of Father Junipero Serra.

[Procedure and Guidelines for Replacement of Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection](#)
[New Law Will Replace Serra Statue](#)



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Resolution #9

Resolution on Mandatory Licensing and Education for Gun Owners in California and Hawaii

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the NAACP California-Hawaii recognizes the importance of public safety and the prevention of gun violence in our communities; and

WHEREAS, responsible gun ownership requires education, training, and adherence to necessary regulations; and

WHEREAS, requiring gun owners to obtain a license and complete a class on gun ownership can help ensure that individuals possess the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly handle firearms; and

WHEREAS, licensing and education requirements for gun ownership can help reduce firearm accidents, suicides, and incidents of gun violence in our communities; and
WHEREAS, licensing and education requirements for gun ownership should be fair, equitable, and accessible to all individuals, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii supports the implementation of mandatory licensing and education requirements for all gun owners in California and Hawaii; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the licensing process for gun owners shall require renewal and that renewal of the gun license shall coincide with the renewal of the owner's driver's license; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii calls upon the legislatures of California and Hawaii to enact laws and regulations that require individuals to complete a comprehensive class on gun ownership, safety, and responsible use as a prerequisite for obtaining a gun license; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii urges the legislatures of California and Hawaii to ensure that the gun licensing process and the required class on gun ownership are accessible and affordable for all individuals, particularly those from marginalized communities; and

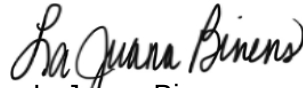
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii will actively collaborate with government agencies, law enforcement, community organizations, and other stakeholders to promote the implementation and enforcement of mandatory licensing and education requirements for gun owners in California and Hawaii; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a mental health evaluation be included as a part of the licensing.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii will advocate for the inclusion of provisions in the licensing and education requirements that address and mitigate any biases or discriminatory practices that may disproportionately impact marginalized communities, ensuring that the implementation of these requirements is equitable and just for all gun owners.



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Resolution #10

Establishing the NAACP California – Hawaii State Conference Women Veteran’s Meritorious Service Award

Submitted By: NAACP CA/HI Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

Date Adopted: October 29, 2023

WHEREAS, recognition and appreciation for Black women Veterans and other women Veterans of color is well overdue, and it is time to acknowledge their unique contributions and sacrifices in the military and veteran community to honor their service and recognize their distinct experiences and achievements; and

WHEREAS, historically, Black women's contributions in the military have been overlooked or underrepresented, hence why creating this award shines a spotlight on their achievements, highlighting their important role in the Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, by establishing an award specifically for Black women Veterans and other women Veterans of color, we promote diversity and inclusion within the Armed Services and Veteran Affairs community, sending a powerful message that their voices, experiences, and contributions are valued and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Black women Veterans and other women Veterans of color through an award can inspire young people, especially aspiring Black women in the military, to pursue their goals and persevere in the face of challenges as it demonstrates that their service is not only valid but also esteemed and worthy of recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California-Hawaii State Conference NAACP will establish a Women Veteran’s Meritorious Service Award in an effort to take a powerful step towards acknowledging and honoring the invaluable contributions of Black women Veterans and other women Veterans of color while promoting diversity, inclusion, and representation in the Armed Services and Veteran Affairs community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women Veteran's Meritorious Service Award will be awarded annually to the individual woman Veteran of color within the CA-HI State Conference who exhibits exceptional service contributions towards the armed services and/or Veteran affairs community supporting the advancement of women Veterans and other Veterans of color.



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Resolution #11

Resolution on Establishing District-Wide Voting for All Cities and Counties

Submitted By: NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, CA Branch

Adopted By: NAACP CA/HI State Conference

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WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right in a democratic society, and fair and equal access to the ballot box is crucial for upholding the principles of representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the California Hawaii NAACP recognizes the importance of eliminating barriers to voting and ensuring that historically marginalized communities have equitable representation in government; and

WHEREAS, various cities and counties in California and Hawaii currently use at-large voting systems, which may dilute the voting power of minority communities and hinder their ability to elect candidates of their choice; and

WHEREAS, establishing district-wide voting, also known as district-based or single-member district voting, has been proven to increase representation and empower marginalized communities by creating more opportunities for candidates from those communities to run for office successfully; and

WHEREAS, district-wide voting can result in a more responsive and representative government, as elected officials become accountable to the specific needs and concerns of their constituents within their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, district-wide voting can also help to address systemic inequalities and structural barriers that have historically disadvantaged marginalized communities, as it allows for the creation of districts that are more reflective of the diverse populations within cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, implementing district-wide voting requires careful consideration of district boundaries, community input, and compliance with applicable legal requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii supports the implementation of district-wide voting for all cities and counties in California and Hawaii as a policy; and

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state and local governments, as well as relevant stakeholders, to evaluate their voting systems and consider transitioning from at-large voting to district-wide voting where feasible; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii request oversight and accountability to ensure redistricting happens per the redistricting laws in AB 849 (Bonta) and related legislation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii urges state legislatures and local governments to prioritize community engagement, transparency, and inclusivity in the process of establishing district boundaries, ensuring meaningful participation from all affected communities; and

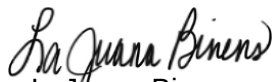
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii calls upon city and county governments to work collaboratively with community organizations, civil rights groups, and experts to develop and implement equitable district maps that accurately reflect the diversity and unique needs of their constituents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii commits to advocating for legislation at the state and local levels that supports the implementation of district-wide voting and actively opposes any efforts to pass laws or regulations that restrict access to the ballot box or perpetuate inequality in the electoral process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP California-Hawaii will take all necessary actions, including community organizing, education, and litigation, to ensure that district-specific voting becomes a reality in all cities and counties throughout California and Hawaii, promoting justice, equity, and democratic representation.



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