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# SAN FRANCISCO NAACP SPECIAL TOWN HOUSE MEETING

ON THE HOUSING CRISIS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES  
IN FEDERAL SUPPORT HOUSING

4:00 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1996  
WEST BAY CONFERENCE CENTER  
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM  
1290 FILLMORE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO

## TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- SECTION 8 HOUSING
- FINDING PURCHASERS FOR  
PROPERTIES THAT ARE UP FOR  
PREPAYMENT
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- HOME OWNERSHIP

## INVITED PARTICIPANTS:

- HUD
- CITY-WIDE COALITION FOR  
HOUSING
- SAN FRANCISCO REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY
- SBCDC HOUSING AND PERSONAL  
SERVICES COMMITTEE
- MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING
- SUPERVISOR AMOS BROWN
- TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS
- MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING  
ASSOCIATION
- OTHERS

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*Lee Brown spoke at this meeting*

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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

AGENDA

DATE MAY 02, 1994

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V. OFFICER'S REPORTS  
(Written report must be given to secretary)
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
(Written report must be given to secretary)
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A) General
  - B) Next General Meeting Date and Place
  - C) Next Executive Meeting Date at NAACP Headquarters
- X. MEETING ADJOURNED

May 9 1994  
Progress Report

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I am also involved in the National Alliance against Political repression and against racism against apartied, racism in this country and also in Africa. The same fight, the same struggle.

Senior Action Network General Membership was April 14, to save Senior Programs. The Senior Action Network supported the National March May 4, for Jobs and Medicare, The Senior Network went on record as saying "do not cut welfare, stop cut-backs AFDC, we want SSI and SSP to remain. I am aslo involved with Health Security Act for the State of California. The plan is for Mental Health and long time care, also drug coverage and dental coverage, throughout ones life.

LEE BROWN REPORTING COMMUNITY ACTIVITY.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPRING 1994

## HELP STOP THE BUDGET CUTS ON THE BACKS OF THE POOR

By: Lee Brown, Coalition Member & Vice President, Local Two Retirees Association

" We have been dealing with an economic crisis in California, which will impact Senior Citizens, as well as the blind and the disabled. As an activist I have joined S.A.N. (Senior Action Network) to try and stop the impending cut backs on S.S.I.. Toward this goal, we have attended three meetings to develop a campaign strategy. Together, we have organized a delegation to Sacramento, California, charged with talking to our local representatives in the State Capitol. We will also be getting involved in the Health Securities Act. This plan includes mental health, dental, as well as long term care.

I am not only concerned about senior citizens, but with all issues affecting the poor. We are facing a financial hardship during this period. Budget cuts will severely hurt A.F.D.C. and General Assistance recipients. Governor Wilson is seeking health and welfare cuts of nearly \$1 billion dollars, the majority of those to the AFDC and Medi-cal programs. These include an immediate 10% cut to AFDC, and another 15% cut in 6 months. We must work together to help stop the budget cuts which will land on the backs of the poor. We must get involved to help by uniting and working together!"

On January 24, 1994, More than 100 people from all walks of life, A.F.D.C. & S.S.I. & General Assistance recipients, joined forces in Sacramento, California to plan strategies on the proposed cuts to A.F.D.C., S.S.I, and G.A. entitlements which Governor Wilson recently proposed. They also scheduled a meeting at the local level that is to be held on February 8, 1994, in the State building. The SSI Coalition agreed to work together with the Fair Share Network and other grassroots organizations opposed to further cuts to human services and that promote a humane state budget and an equitable tax system. The Coalition for Low Income Housing stands opposed to these cuts and to the wrongful decision of Pete Wilson to cut these programs!

To find out more information about fighting the budget cuts, please call:

Coalition for Low Income Housing (415) 487-3933  
Senior Action Network (415) 863-2033

"-I will remain your Brother in the struggle for seniors and the poor-  
Wishing you a prosperous year in 1994 and throughout your life."

Brother Lee Brown

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NAACP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 14, 89 THIGGY'S

Convened- 7:30 pm by President L. McGriff  
Invocation- VP Pitcher

Members present-Pres. L. McGriff, VP A Pitcher, VP H. Spencer, VP P Hooley, Treas. E. Davis, Secr. J. West, P. Cohn, C. McGriff, M. Jacques, I. & Mr Addison, H. Redd, A. White, A. Lewis, L. Brown, K. VanderVall, V. Flanagan, E. Brandon, B. Spencer, G. Matthewson, G & CM Jackson, M. McGriff  
Guest- M. Cohran  
Excused- J. Mayo, H. Davis, A. Byrd

Agenda- approved

Peter Cohn asked that we adjourn in honor of Congressman Mickey Leland.

Minutes from last regular meetin June 12 and emergency meetings of June 22 and July 31 were approved as read.

Officers' Reports- VP Pitcher met with George Wilson of DSS, reported that the Lucky Lage Brewery was being demolished for housing, said that National Convention in Detroit was inspiring, (more on convention later.). Pitcher reiterated that the "Silent March" in August is very serious occasion to publicize Supreme Court losses for blacks. We need to re-assert ourselves. Report approved.

Convention Reports-

Grandvel Jackson- Reported that Harold Sanders succeeds Lulann McGriff as Western Regional Chair. There were good speakers at the sessions including Congressman Jack Kemp, Jesse Jackson and VP Dan Quayle. Grandvel attended several workshops including life membership which Mrs Jackson was on. Director Hooks was really fired up about the "Silent March" The Jacksons hope to go, but there will be good representation from the SF Branch.

Lee Brown wanted to know if there were workshops on labor, housing and health. Pres McGriff responded that there always were and more including education.

Everett Brundon- spoke from perspective of PR. The speakers were good, even VP Quayle was decent. Brandon was particularly impressed by Eleanor Holmes Norton who inspired decision to do "Silent March". There had been a resolution of the whole to condemn the recent Supreme Court decisions and to call on Pres Bush, but after Holmes Norton's speech, the "Silent March was decided upon.

More branches need paid staff to accomplish what they need done.

VP Pitcher- NAACP called Jesse Jackson into closed session to force him to change his stand on William Lucas' nomination or

else not receive the prestigious Springarn Medal.

Cora Mary Jackson- She was impressed with Ben Hooks and promises he exacted from guest speakers. In addition to life membership, she attended meetings on the 1990 census and on membership.

VP Pitcher-Spoke on "Family of the Year" nominations. The winners had 115 family members enrolled in NAACP. The Jacksons, who were our nominees achieve results from activities, not from numbers. The SF Branch and Pres. McGriff won several awards incl. "Sammy Davis Jr Life Membership Award", "Outstanding Women in the West- Unsung Heroes", and several "Million Dollar Club" awardees.

Paulette Hooey- Attended several workshops, but was most impressed with attendance of youth members and not just ACT-SO participants. Our participant, Othello Jefferson won a silver medal in vocal music. She also spoke of Youth Night, the Mr and Ms NAACP Ball. She reminded us that next year's convention is in Los Angeles.

Brazola Spencer- She worked with the ACT-SO youth. She enjoyed that and was proud of our participants.

Peter Cohn- was only there for two short, sweet days, but enjoyed the camaraderie of the delegates.

Pres. Lulann McGriff- It was a rejuvenating experience; things we need to work on include Radiothon, voter registration, and census. The parties at the convention were for politicking. Pres. is on planning committee for 1990. SF Branch executive committee should all go with a contingent of youth. Convention reports approved.

Continuation of officers' reports-

VP Spencer- during summer, attended ACT-So meetings, labor and industry, meeting at Fillmore Center re problems with a black supervisor; attended both emergency meetings of Branch; reports that SFO black employees are still having problems. Turned in 5 memberships. Said there should be a letter of acknowledgment to people becoming members. Response from Pres. is that there is such a letter which the membership committee should send out. Report approved.

VP Hooey- attended ACT-SO meetings, ACT-SO reception, has been working on newsletter and fundraising. Report approved.

Treasurer Davis- Submitted written report. Regular account balance = \$5559.64, Scholarship fund= \$2849.65, and Merrill Lynch fund = \$16,561.00. He said that we really need a big fundraiser to replenish our regular account and also suggested

that each of us bring in at least one new membership. Report approved.

In reference to the acknowledgment letter for new members, that since VP Spencer is over membership, he should supervise the sending of such letters by the membership committee.

#### Committee Reports-

Fundraising-This committee wants to set up a calendar of fundraising events which would include ongoing events as well as new ones. Some suggestions were a Bay Boat Cruise, another jazz set, New Year's Eve Ball, raffle at Radiothon, get Homecoming back on track in June. Report approved with charge that the Radiothon be the immediate priority. Pres. McGriff reported that the Radiothon would be held at Audrey L. Smith Center and that starting now, all new memberships and donations would count for the Radiothon and be announced on the air. Sept 17 will be NAACP Day in black churches and donations should be encouraged.

Labor and Industry- Written report submitted by Art Lewis. He will check out complaints about the Westin St Francis. Al White questioned the support of Labor and Industry by the Executive Committee since it is supposed to be one of the most important committees. VP Pitcher exhorted us to re-involve ourselves with the committee on Thursday nights. C. McGriff asked about training for volunteers. VP Hooey suggested having L&I meetings on a separate night from complaints. Pres. McGriff spoke to having a Saturday training session. Report approved.

Publicity- E. Brandon praised the coverage of the NAACP convention in Detroit by the local newspapers. He has a weekly column in the Sun Reporter but needs our support not only in giving him material for articles and publicity, but to take out subscriptions to the Sun Reporter which has improved. NAACP should publicize more and get more general members involved. Brandon suggested that the "Silent March" participants use a banner. Report approved.

Peter Cohn moved that if the treasury doesnt have enough money for a banner, that the executive committee members contribute toward it. MSC.

The next general membership meeting will be Sep 10 at Jones Methodist. This is for August. The September general membership meeting will be the Radiothon Sep 23.

Minyon McGriff volunteered to call general members to try to involve them on committees.

Donation- The office has received a new printer for the computer and will soon be receiving a modem and possibly a fax

machine.

Peter Cohn reported that James Lick Middle School students are back at there original site. He spoke on KDIA with Noah Griffin. Superintendent Cortines lost to NAACP re closure and/or moving of New Traditions and Immersion Schools. Report approved.

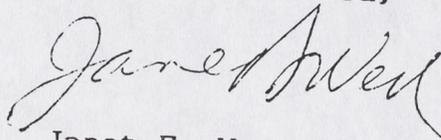
Radiothon-Pres. McGriff talked to other Bay area branches about sharing KS01, KDIA, and KBLX . Hopefully, Ella Hill Hutch Center will be available. It has phones, parking and is centrally located. The membership, fundraising and Radiothon committees should get together to work on Thursday, August 17 atL. McGriff's house.

Presistent McG read from her calendar of meetings attended in summer incl. Juvenile Hall, Human Rights Commission. Announced that the racist radio DJ from San Jose was now on a SF station. Breuner's wants to pull its ads from the station. We should denounce him before he gets on a roll.

New Executive Committee Members- It was moved, seconded, and carried that we ask Cheryl Towns and Rev. Amos Brown to be members of the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet E. West

RESOLUTIONS BY LEE BROWN  
AND HAROLD TRESKUNOFF PRESENTED  
BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH NAACP  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. WHEREAS, there is a delay of many months between the time a branch member pays his or her dues and the time the member receives his or her membership card from the national office now therefore be it.

RESOLVED, that the national office be requested to issue blank membership cards to the branches and that the branches issue to the member, at the time the member pays his or her dues, the membership card with the branch's stamp on it.

2. WHEREAS, the education committee of The San Francisco Branch of the NAACP has been passive for some time if not non-existent, now there be it.

RESOLVED, that the education committee should forthwith compile a list of churches in the community and establish a list of churches in the community and establish relations with them; compile a list of community organizations and establish relations with them; actively combat racism in employment in the culinary industry, the hospital industry and in the San Francisco Municipal Railway system, list all the health and welfare needs of the community including of course the seniors citizens and work to meet these needs; work to get more low-income housing for the community; and work to get more jobs and job training for the community.

TO BE INCLUDED:

1. ACTIVELY RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS
2. WORK FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING
3. THERE SHOULD BE A GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING EACH MONTH

Jan. 16, 1990

Lee Brown, member of the Executive Board of the S.F.  
Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

In the year of 1990 some members asked (of the N.A.A.C.P.) me why they hadn't received their 1989 membership cards of the N.A.A.C.P. and I told them it was not the fault of the local branch here in S.F. The membership cards come from the National Office of the N.A.A.C.P. and I was asking some members to renew for 1990, and, they remarked how long it took to get their '89 card. And, that's the question that some people raised and that's one of the weaknesses in our local branch here. And I feel it should be strengthened. That's why I am proposing to the local chapter here that for the next National Convention would issue us membership cards to all the locals that we can put together our own local stamp to stamp the membership cards we sell with our own local branch stamp.

I feel we could speed up our membership recruiting drive if we can issue the membership cards as early as possible. I feel this should be brought to the National Convention for all local branches to accept or reject. And I feel this will be democracy. Every branch will have a right to vote for it or vote against it. This is a democratic principle.

We have a job cut out for us in the year of 1990, because we have a lot of workers we can recruit in the N.A.A.C.P. We have a lot of Muni-workers--number 1. Postoffice workers: that's number 2. Hospital workers--that's number 3. Culinary workers: that's number 4. These are the areas we should concentrate on in the year of 1990. We should be plugging into the community. So, let's recruit! This is the year that we must organize.

Proposed by Lee Brown,

Executive Board Member

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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH NAACP

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Mr. Brown will speak on What We Have, What We Need, and What We Can Get: Food, Shelter, Health Care, Energy, Transportation and GET OUT THE VOTE IN '84.

For further information please contact Mr. Brown or Ms. Jule Anderson, President at 922-0650.

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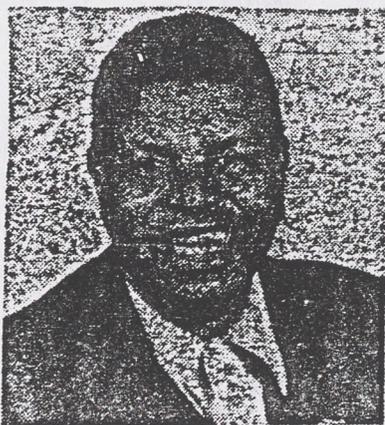
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LABOR - DONATED

Lee Brown, a long-time community, labor and housing activist, has been a spokesperson for decent housing for low-income seniors and safe and secure public housing. He himself is having to fend off a move by his landlord to have him vacate the premises. The owners claim it's necessary to have Mr. Brown vacate his apartment in order for repairs to be made. At the age of 68, the war-horse, battle-weary, is hanging tough for yet another battle for the right to decent housing.

SALT II and to those... missiles build-up.  
Lee Brown, Black senior unionists from the Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union, Local 2, and longtime activist in the struggle for peace, was awarded a Peace Medal by the conference.  
Among the labor peace winners was the...

Report To The N.A.A.C.P.

This report is to the N.A.A.C.P. on my community activities. I was a delegate to the conference on "Poverty & War; or Working Together For Peace, Jobs & Justice?" That conference was held on Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 A.M. to 6 P.M. at San Francisco State Univ.

There were a number of workshops. I attended two : 1) Organizing in our unions for peace, jobs and justice; 2) Embargo S. Africa, Not Nicaragua.

We had a number of speakers and it wasn't only one Black speaker and she represented the gay community. We had a number of labor representatives there also.

I had a chance to talk with Naomi Tutu. I also had the opportunity of a few words with her before she left for Africa. And so I feel the N.A.A.C.P. should get involved in Bill H.R. 1398 for income and jobs and support making it a law. And also we should get involved in public domain for housing and in favor of Ron Dellums' National Health Bill.

Also, I want to report that Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, was at the 30th anniversary convention of the AFL-CIO. He spoke on a Thursday. There were 1,000 delegates and Mr. Hooks received a standing ovation. His main emphasis was the struggle for equality, and the problems of housing, unemployment, poverty, lack of education and training problems, social and economic discrimination. Mr. Hooks took an extraordinary stand against Apartheid.

Report By: Lee Brown

December 11, 1989

I, Lee Brown, am making my 1989 progress report to the president and to the executive board members of the N.A.A.C.P. Branch of San Francisco. I'd first like to let you know about my activities in the community. As a board member of the N.A.A.C.P., I was involved around the housing issue and homeless in S.F. Also, I was involved in fighting to maintain Sec. 8 where a large number of seniors and low-income people will be hurt in 1992 if the contracts with the landlords are not extended with Section 8, i.e., if the non-profit-organizations do not extend their contracts with Se. 8. I'm involved in many groups who're concerned with extending Section 8. Through my investigation in many low-income communities, in particular the Black community, in Geneva Towers, I investigated 500 and some odd units will be affected, if they lose Sec. 8. The majority there are low-income with children, mostly female heads of households who could not afford rent otherwise.

This is a list of organizations that I'm involved in, working for low-income people at the grassroots<sup>o</sup> level in S.F.

A member of: 1. the S.F. Tenants' Union, 2. Advisory Board of Legal Assistance To The Elderly, Inc., 3. National Caucus & Center of the Black Aged, Inc., 4. The California Legislative Council Coalition For Older Americans, 5. Coalition of Low-Income Housing in S.F., 6. Old St. Mary Housing Committee, 7. Second Vice-president of Local 2 Retirees' Assc., S.F., 8. Community Health Coalition, 9. Rainbow Coalition of S.F.

And I feel that we should be involved with the condition and needs of the masses of the people here in S.F., even around the drug issue, the health issue, houses, because I feel that it is a house-crisis here in S.F. And I will continue on fighting for these issues, for the needs of the people and particularly around the education issue, and fight that they don't cut the social programs of the poor people. And, I, Lee Brown, will remain your brother in struggle, so help me God!

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## In Support of the NAACP

by Lee Brown

I would like to express my concern regarding the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and my involvement in the association. In 1939 I became aware of the NAACP in Houston, Texas and later became a member of the NAACP Youth Movement in Los Angeles. I was involved in fighting for better roles for black Americans in the motion picture industry. Mrs. Charlotte Bath, editor and publisher of the California Eagle, the major black newspaper in Los Angeles during the Depression, was the Executive Director of the Youth League of the NAACP.

We must continue the fight for better roles in the motion picture industry, television, and other entertainment fields. We must not treat the subject lightly. We have made some gains in the Negro and Hollywood films, but not enough. Hollywood must take a new look at the black American and continue the fight to eliminate the roots of racism in the industry. In the past, a number of black films were made which told about the struggle for a better life in the U.S. Several films such as "Home of the Brave", "Lost Boundaries," "Intruder in the Dust" and a number of other films were made but they did not tell the complete story of black people in helping to build America—that's one reason why we should encourage more people to join the NAACP because the NAACP is one of the oldest civil rights organizations in America.

We should help build the NAACP, help build the people's movement. I acted in the labor movement for over 46 years and sold a number of memberships in our Local 207 in New Orleans, LA. Our union staff and executive board worked very closely with the national organizational branch of the NAACP to maintain rights of organized labor and the field of health, housing, education and jobs for youth and adults and in other areas as well. On November 27, 1983, the NAACP held an all-day radio marathon, the first step in San Francisco in building the NAACP, staff and committee people who were appointed to put this together. They did an extraordinary job. Many people were informed through this radio program.

I am a man who is concerned with the struggle of our people and other oppressed people in the fight for a better education and jobs for the youth and all unemployed, concerned in the housing area and public demand for more housing and national health needs and the last but not least: peace.

The NAACP must change in order to grow. Some must come down off their high horses and be human!—respect the rights of the people, regardless of what level they've attained. Those of us concerned with the NAACP and conscious of the struggle in America must learn to relate and listen to each other, because no matter what level, we're all victims of racism in America.

I would like to say to the leadership of the NAACP that we must call upon our friends in labor, religion, and other areas to help secure freedom. The struggle for freedom of black Americans is the struggle for freedom for all America.

Join the NAACP today, not tomorrow, for tomorrow may be too late. First, recruit your family into the NAACP, then your neighbors. I feel this is our duty and our responsibility that we must sacrifice in the cause of freedom. So let it be on our agenda, for time is running out.

We're going into 1985 and I propose that we study the history of black workers in America and black history in general. We must have knowledge of where we come from in order to know where we're going. I propose also that you become a nation of readers! We have been in a storm in the struggle for liberation of oppressed people in the U.S. And we must become allies with all organizations that fight for freedom for all oppressed peoples in the U.S.

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## In Support of the NAACP

by Lee Brown

I would like to express my concern regarding the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and my involvement in the association. In 1939 I became aware of the NAACP in Houston, Texas and later became a member of the NAACP Youth Movement in Los Angeles. I was involved in fighting for better roles for black Americans in the motion picture industry. Mrs. Charlotte Bath, editor and publisher of the California Eagle, the major black newspaper in Los Angeles during the Depression, was the Executive Director of the Youth League of the NAACP.

We must continue the fight for better roles in the motion picture industry, television, and other entertainment fields. We must not treat the subject lightly. We have made some gains in the Negro and Hollywood films, but not enough. Hollywood must take a new look at the black American and continue the fight to eliminate the roots of racism in the industry. In the past, a number of black films were made which told about the struggle for a better life in the U.S. Several films such as "Home of the Brave", "Lost Boundaries," "Intruder in the Dust" and a number of other films were made but they did not tell the complete story of black people in helping to build America—that's one reason why we should encourage more people to join the NAACP because the NAACP is one of the oldest civil rights organizations in America.

We should help build the NAACP, help build the people's movement. I acted in the labor movement for over 46 years and sold a number of memberships in our Local 207 in New Orleans, LA. Our union staff and executive board worked very closely with the national organizational branch of the NAACP to maintain rights of organized labor and the field of health, housing, education and jobs for youth and adults and in other areas as well. On November 27, 1983, the NAACP held an all-day radio marathon, the first step in San Francisco in building the NAACP, staff and committee people who were appointed to put this together. They did an extraordinary job. Many people were informed through this radio program.

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The NAACP must change in order to grow. Some must come down off their high horses and be human!—respect the rights of the people, regardless of what level they've attained. Those of us concerned with the NAACP and conscious of the struggle in America must learn to relate and listen to each other, because no matter what level, we're all victims of racism in America.

I would like to say to the leadership of the NAACP that we must call upon our friends in labor, religion, and other areas to help secure freedom. The struggle for freedom of black Americans is the struggle for freedom for all America.

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# WE NEED YOU

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

1. Join your local branch
2. Give your time
3. Give your money
4. Join and work on one of your local branch's committees (Housing, Education, Political Action, etc.)
5. Talk to members of your family about joining the NAACP
6. Talk to friends and neighbors about joining
7. Recruit 10 other people

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**WHAT IS THE NAACP DOING ABOUT . . . . . ?**



**Child Care**  
The NAACP operates Day Care Centers for the children's working mothers,



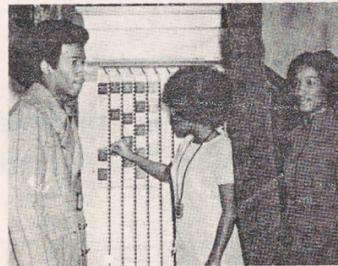
**Housing**  
The NAACP sponsors low and moderate income housing in communities around the nation.



**Employment**  
The NAACP is fighting to secure meaningful and productive employment for black teenagers, women and heads of households.



**Veteran**  
NAACP operates programs designed to assist veterans to receive their entitled benefits.



**Ballot Power**

NAACP registered 2000,000 (two million) new voters in 1976

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