

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP



2023 VIRTUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER AND COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

THEME:

*"Defining Truth in
Our Democracy"*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Congressman
Greg Stanton, Arizona
U. S. House of
Representatives



Congressman
Steven Horsford, Nevada
U. S. House of
Representatives
Congressional Black Caucus
Chairman

2023 AWARDEES

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Arizona Coalition for Change
League of Women Voters of Arizona

EDUCATION AWARD

Dr. Albert Celozza

"NEXT GEN" TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Jevin Hodge
Mayor Corey Woods

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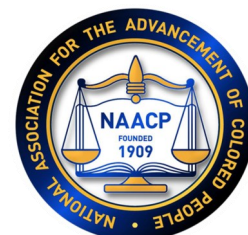
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PROGRAM

2023 NAACP Maricopa County Branch Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards

Friday, April 28, 2023

Theme: "Defining Truth in Our Democracy"

VIRTUAL RECEPTION: 6:45 PM

CHAIRPERSON WELCOME

Carla Boatner
Executive Committee Member

OPENING PRAYER

Sheila Afnan-Manns and Nicolas Mentha
Public Discourse and Social Action Task Force Members of Scottsdale Baha'i

SONGS

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Nayo Jones

The Star Spangled Banner "National Anthem"
Nayo Jones

PRESIDENTS' GREETINGS

Dr. Karen Hardin, President, NAACP Maricopa County Branch
Charles Fanniel, President, NAACP Arizona State Conference

DIGNITARY GREETINGS

Governor Katie Hobbs
Senator Mark Kelly
Mayor Kate Gallego, Phoenix, Arizona

BRANCH COMMITTEES' HIGHLIGHTS

Angela Johnson, Executive Committee Member and
Economic Empowerment Committee Chair

Pamela Burke Cowing, 1st Vice-President and Education Committee Chair

Dr. Camilla Westenberg, 2nd Vice-President and Political Action Committee Chair

Princess Lucas-Wilson, 3rd Vice-President and Public Safety/Law Enforcement
Committee Chair

SPOKEN WORD PRESENTATION

"Truth B. Told" - Christopher Owens

INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Angela Johnson, Freedom Fund Dinner Co-Chair
Executive Committee Member

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Congressman Greg Stanton, Arizona
U. S. House of Representatives

Congressman Steven Horsford, Nevada
U. S. House of Representatives
Congressional Black Caucus, Chairman

2023 HONOREE INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Camilla Westenberg
2nd Vice-President and Political Action Committee Chair

HONOREES

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"NEXT-GEN" TRAILBLAZERS

Mr. Jevin Hodge
Mayor Corey Woods, Tempe, Arizona

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Arizona Coalition for Change
League of Women Voters of Arizona

EDUCATION

Dr. Albert Celozza

COMMUNITY RELATIONS MESSAGE

Paul Rockower
Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Carla Boatner, Freedom Fund Dinner Chair

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Karen Hardin, President

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Reginald Ragland
Pastor, Southminster Presbyterian Church
Phoenix, AZ

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing – often called “The Black National Anthem” – was written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons’ hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln’s Birthday on February 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the poem, *Defense of Fort McHenry*. The poem was later put to the tune of (John Stafford Smith's song) *The Anacreontic Song*, modified somewhat, and retitled *The Star Spangled Banner*. Congress proclaimed

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER THE U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM IN 1931.

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

GREETINGS: BRANCH PRESIDENT



WELCOME TO THE MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH

NAACP's Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards program for 2023. The Maricopa County Branch NAACP (MCB-NAACP) has served the local community since 1919 and is still standing strong in advocacy for truth and justice for all people.

Our advocacy work is accomplished through the integrated committee activities, such as the Economic Empowerment, Education, Health and Wellness, Public Safety, and Political Action committees. Highlights from our committees' past year of service are included in this year's souvenir

book on pages 18 to pages 44 and the highlights can be viewed on our website at www.maricopanaacp.org.

This evening will focus on several accomplished individuals and organizations working hard to deliver equality and who strive to assist others in achieving that American ideology of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, regardless of their identity, gender, social class, or age.

We are privileged to have a recorded message from Congressmen Greg Stanton and Steven Horsford for our keynote presentation. Their remarks and dialogue will provide a backdrop for our call to action, "Defining Truth in Our Democracy." In alignment with our theme, we plan to move collectively with our allies to accept facts and work with integrity to serve all people.

Thank you to all our corporate sponsors for the collaborations, support, and partnerships. A special thankyou to Nationwide Insurance who we recognize this year as our premier corporate partner. Congratulations and thank you to our community awardees. We are honored to highlight the accomplishments of individuals and groups "doing the work" in the areas of Civic Engagement, Education, and the Next Generation of stalwart leaders.

This magnanimous civil rights journey cannot be traveled as a single organization, and we are inspired and encouraged by working with allies to make this community better than it was and work to make it live up to what it can be. Your time is valuable, and I am glad you chose to spend time with us virtually so we can learn, grow, and advocate together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hardin".

Dr. Karen Hardin, Ed.D.
President, Maricopa County Branch NAACP

GREETINGS: THE EVENT CHAIRPERSON



Welcome to the Maricopa County Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards Program. For 114 years, the NAACP has remained steadfast in the fight for civil rights, social justice, and advocating for educational and economic opportunities for the citizens of the communities we serve.

Our theme for this evening's celebration is "Defining Truth in Our Democracy". On this occasion, we must continue our commitment to the NAACP's mission for the fair and equitable treatment of all people and reflect on the challenges we face to safeguard truth in our democracy

Thank you to the members of the Freedom Fund Dinner Committee, Ms. Angela Johnson (Tri-Chair), Ms. Pamela Burke Cowing (Tri-Chair), Dr. Camilla Westenberg, Ms. Princess Lucas-Wilson and Ms. Marion Holmes who have worked tirelessly to present an engaging and inspiring program and to Nikki Ironwood, LLC for providing the creative services and managing the platform to once again produce this event in a virtual environment.

A very special "thank you" to the Maricopa County Branch NAACP President, Dr. Karen Hardin, Executive Committee members and all the dedicated members that volunteer their time to continue the fight for justice, fairness and equal access, economic empowerment and civic engagement to benefit all people.

We are honored to welcome our keynote speakers, Congressman Greg Stanton and Congressman Steven Horsford, who tackle the issues that affect our daily lives as members of the United States House of Representatives and we are pleased to recognize several dynamic community leaders as our Community Award honorees.

For 104 years, the Maricopa County Branch NAACP has been an essential thread in the fabric of our community. We remain committed to achieving equity by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights and accelerate the well-being, education and economic security of the individuals we serve.

Lastly, to all of the sponsors, supporters, and well-wishers committed to the work of the Maricopa County Branch NAACP, thank you for your ongoing efforts to enforce civil rights. While we have accomplished much, there remains much to be done; so, our fight continues.

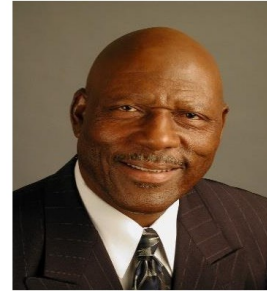
Sincerely,
Carla F. Boatner
Freedom Fund Dinner Chair

GREETINGS: NAACP STATE PRESIDENT



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Arizona State Conference



April 28, 2023

Greetings,

It is with pleasure as the NAACP State Conference President to extend to Dr. Karen Hardin, Officers, Executive committee members, and the General membership of the Maricopa County branch, my heartfelt congratulations, and best wishes, as you convene your annual freedom fund dinner and awards recognition program. Congratulations to the awardees for your contributions and accomplishments. For 104 years the Maricopa County branch has embraced many community challenges with aggressive boldness, to implement positive changes toward an alignment in equality and justice for all. Your theme: “**Defining Truth in our Democracy**” is most appropriate and right on point. Today, we must recognize the evils that are hiding in darkness or being camouflaged, should take notice, and recognize that there are unapologetic efforts colluded with a full head of steam that is rolling over these United States of America. If we aren’t careful and mindful, it will consume and dismantle our democracy to the extent of enslavement and a dictatorship society, whereas the people will not have a voice.

Much progress has been achieved, but, if we fail to address and stop the division, racial hatred, gun violence, and political unrest, our democracy will slip away. Since the inception of the National NAACP 1909, the Nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization has aggressively led the challenge through elimination of racial discrimination, bigotry, and segregation from all aspects of public and social life in this country. To end, we will continue to seek justice in the courts, to end police brutality, hate crimes, and seek improvements of economic opportunities, to seek equal job opportunities, based upon individual’s merits without regards to race. I commend the leadership of the Maricopa County branch for your unrelenting dedication to serving the NAACP and unwavering commitment to the cause of justice.

Best Wishes,

Charles R. Fanniel
President, NAACP Arizona State Conference

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GREETINGS: GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 28, 2023

Welcome!

Thank you so much for letting me be part of such a special celebration. The NAACP is one of the oldest civil rights and social justice organizations in our country and has been bold in their agenda to fight for and uphold justice for all. The Maricopa County Branch is over 104 years old, and in all that time you have been steadfast in your commitment to service the community. You are the magnet that pulls various groups together to work for the better good.

For the past 104 years, you have championed economic empowerment, employment opportunities, affordable housing, criminal justice reform, and a stronger democracy.

The theme of this year's event: "Defining Truth in our Democracy" illustrates the NAACP's long history of making positive change in civil rights here locally. The community award recognition program, along with the Freedom Fund Virtual Dinner emphasizes the necessity of us all working together to protect democracy. Let us celebrate those who are serving in our communities through civil rights, civic engagement, community leadership, and health advocacy.

As Governor, I know all too well the importance of encouraging everyone to do all they can to maintain a healthy democracy in our country. We must ensure that people have trust and confidence in their government, and that government works for everyone. The work of the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP is vital to this.

Each and every one of you is taking part in building an Arizona for Everyone, and it can't be done without you. Thank you for your service, your commitment, and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KH", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona



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April 28, 2023

Dear Maricopa County Branch NAACP Members and Guests:

Greetings! It is my honor to welcome you to the **2023 Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards Program!**

I would like to recognize and thank **Branch President, Dr. Karen Hardin, and the Branch officers and Executive Committee** for their work on this event and their tireless advocacy for social justice and equality in Arizona. I would also like to congratulate Civic Engagement awardees **Arizona Coalition for Change** and **League of Women Voters of Arizona**, Education awardee **Dr. Albert Celozza**, and “Next Gen” Trailblazer awardees **Jevin Hodge** and **Mayor Corey Woods**.

This year’s theme, *“Defining Truth in Our Democracy,”* is critically important as we continue to fight for equality in voting rights, education, health care, and more. For **104 years**, the **Maricopa County Branch NAACP** has been vital to advancing these issues, improving the lives of Black Arizonans, and creating a more just and equitable Arizona. As a Member of Congress representing Maricopa County, I am proud to have an organization like yours in my district.

Enjoy the program!

Sincerely,



Ruben Gallego
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



GREETINGS: MAYOR OF PHOENIX, AZ



City of Phoenix
Office of Mayor Kate Gallego



April 28, 2023

Good evening,

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP as you celebrate your 2023 Freedom Fund Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, **Defining Truth in Our Democracy**.

On behalf of the city's 1.7 million residents, I thank the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP for its 104-year commitment to advocating for economic empowerment, employment opportunities, affordable housing, criminal justice, and civic engagement benefits for all residents of Phoenix and Maricopa County. Yours is a profoundly important responsibility as we build the Phoenix of the future, together.

It is also my privilege and pleasure to congratulate the local advocates and trailblazers that you are recognizing this evening. Your leadership in your respective areas underscores the commitment that you all have made to the advancement of social justice, civil rights, and education, both in our community and across the country.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Karen Hardin, President of the Maricopa County Branch, on another successful year of service. You are a visionary leader for this office, and I am proud to call you a partner.

Thank you to the members of the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP for your longstanding charge to serve our community as we work toward social justice for all. Because of you, Arizona will be a better state for everyone.

Best wishes for a successful event!

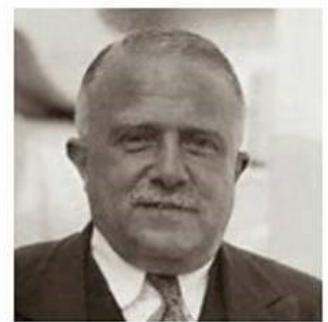
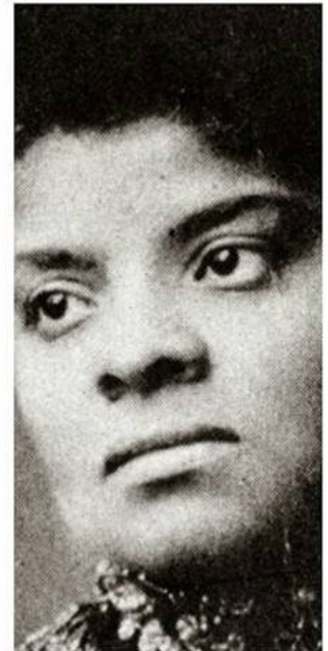
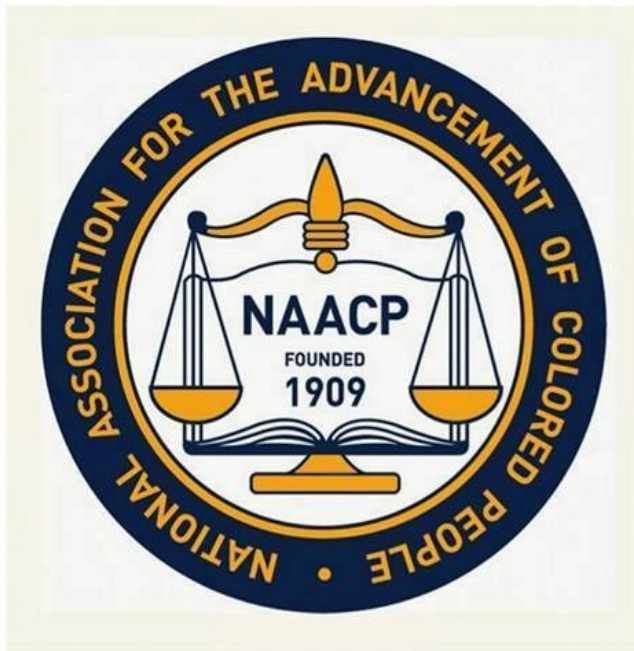
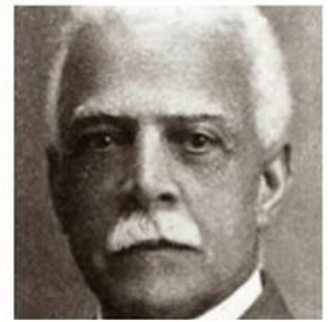
Sincerely,

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Kate Gallego
Mayor of Phoenix

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NAACP FOUNDED FEBRUARY 12, 1909



FOUNDERS

Mary White Ovington, John Haynes Holmes, Moorfield Storey, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Henry Moskowitz, Oswald Garrison Villard, William English Walling and W.E.B. Du Bois led "The Call" to renew the struggle for civil and political liberty.

THE OLDEST AND BOLDEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

Founded February 12, 1909, the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "NAACP"** is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized, grassroots-based civil rights organization. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

FOUNDING GROUP

The NAACP was formed partly in response to the continuing horrific practice of lynching and the 1908 race riot in Springfield, the capital of Illinois and resting place of President Abraham Lincoln. Appalled at the violence that was committed against blacks, a group of white liberals that included Mary White Ovington and Oswald Garrison Villard, both the descendants of abolitionists, William English Walling and Dr. Henry Moscowitz issued a call for a meeting to discuss racial justice. Some 60 people, seven of whom were African American (including W.E.B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrell), signed the call, which was released on the centennial of Lincoln's birth.

Other early members included Joel and Arthur Spingarn, Josephine Ruffin, Mary Talbert, Inez Milholland, Jane Addams, Florence Kelley, Sophonisba Breckinridge, John Haynes Holmes, Mary McLeod Bethune, George Henry White, Charles Edward Russell, John Dewey, William Dean Howells, Lillian Wald, Charles Darrow, Lincoln Steffens, Ray Stannard Baker, Fanny Garrison Villard, and Walter Sachs.

THE NAACP SEEKS TO REMOVE BARRIERS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

Echoing the focus of Du Bois' Niagara Movement began in 1905, the NAACP's stated goal was to secure for all people the rights guaranteed in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution, which promised an end to slavery, the equal protection of the law and universal adult male suffrage, respectively.

The NAACP's principal objective is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of United States and eliminate race prejudice. The NAACP seeks to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through the democratic processes.

The NAACP established its national office in New York City in 1910 and named a board of directors as well as a president, Moorfield Storey, a white constitutional lawyer and former president of the American Bar Association. The only African American among the organization's executives, Du Bois was made director of publications and research and in 1910 established the official journal of the NAACP, *The Crisis*.

THE OLDEST AND BOLDEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

Yet the real story of the nation's most significant civil rights organization lies in the hearts and minds of the people who would not stand idly by while the rights of America's darker citizens were denied. From bold investigations of mob brutality, protests of mass murders, segregation and discrimination, to testimony before congressional committees on the vicious tactics used to bar African Americans from the ballot box, it was the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society.

While much of NAACP history is chronicled in books, articles, pamphlets and magazines, the true movement lies in the faces—the diverse multiracial army of ordinary women and men from every walk of life, race and class—united to awaken the consciousness of a people and a nation. The NAACP will remain vigilant in its mission until the promise of America is made real for all Americans.

OBJECTIVES

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution – the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination

To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

For more information on NAACP nationally, please go to www.naacp.org.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 1ST QUARTER 2022



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP #1011

1st QUARTER REPORT

(January, February, March 2022)

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY...IT IS OUR TIME!

This year the Maricopa County Branch NAACP will continue its social justice advocacy in all areas of our community and expand our collaborations with other groups and organizations focused on equality and justice for all people.

2022 will be an important year for protecting our democracy. We will be aggressive in our advocacy to eliminate voter suppression bills and laws. It is essential that we continue to educate and inform eligible voters of the importance of their voice.

Our slogan "Protecting the Vote Never Gonna Give It UP", amplifies our resolve to work so that no eligible voter, no one group of citizens over another should have obstacles imposed on them to exercise their right to vote!

~Karen Hardin, Ed.D., President

JANUARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As the anniversary of the Jan. 6 coup attempt approaches, the Maricopa County Branch NAACP calls on the public to stand with us to assure Peace at the Polls and the survival of American Democracy.

Throughout 2022, we will speak up and stand up in response to both the Jan. 6 insurrection at our nation's Capitol and the growing violence against our democracy. We will stand with other groups to promote "peace at our polls".

PEACE AT THE POLLS

VIGIL

Join Us

*We the People: Jan 6th
Day of Remembrance
and Action*

Jan 6, 4 - 6 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Lawn

Register at <https://bit.ly/Peacepoll>

Virtual Membership/Community Meeting

Saturday, January 22nd at 11:30AM

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Redistricting and Voter Suppression Laws



Arizona MLK Annual Celebration

January 14-17, 2022

The 2022 MLK Celebration is a long-standing tradition of the Arizona Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, with a series of events honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King. The week-long celebration includes the MLK Celebration Awards & Scholarship Breakfast, Candlelight Ceremony, Community Service Day, MLK Annual March & Festival and Youth Rally. MCB-NAACP members participated in the MLK Celebration.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 1ST QUARTER 2022

FEBRUARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Donate your change today!

Virtual Membership/Community Meeting
Saturday, February 26th at 11:30AM


DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Criminal Justice / Law Enforcement Committee Updates.

Facilitator: Princess Lucas-Wilson, M.S.W.
3rd Vice President and
Criminal Justice Committee Chair

MARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**READING IS TO THE MIND
WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY.**



THE BOOK CLUB

Please join us for our Quarterly Book Club discussion...

“Just Pursuit: A Black Prosecutor’s Fight for Justice”
By Laura Coates

“Just Pursuit is a firsthand eye-opening story of a prosecutor that exposes the devastating criminal punishment system. Laura Coates bleeds for justice on the page” Ibram X. Kendi

“After reading the gripping Just Pursuit, no one can deny that color and cash weigh the scales of justice in favor of those who are neither Black nor poor” Michael Eric Dyson

Laura Coates is a senior legal analyst with CNN. She is a former federal prosecutor, a former civil rights trial attorney specializing in enforcing voting rights and has served as an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School.

Date: March 24, 2022, Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Virtual Meeting



Facilitator:
Princess Lucas-Wilson, MSW
Chair Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Committee
3rd Vice President

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MARCH (CONT.)

Virtual Membership/Community Meeting

Saturday, March 26th at 11:30AM

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Voting Rights Call to Action

Facilitator: Dr. Camilla Westenberg
2nd Vice President and
Political Action Committee Chair



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

CALL TO ACTION!!!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MARCH 26 | 11:30AM

Join us for our call to action regarding important state legislation.
Register for this virtual meeting at <https://bit.ly/MCBranchMeeting>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the Date

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP

VIRTUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER & COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

“PROTECTING DEMOCRACY...”

It Is Our Time!

Friday | April 8, 2022
Reception: 6:45 PM · Dinner: 7:00 PM

DONATION: \$75.00 PER PERSON
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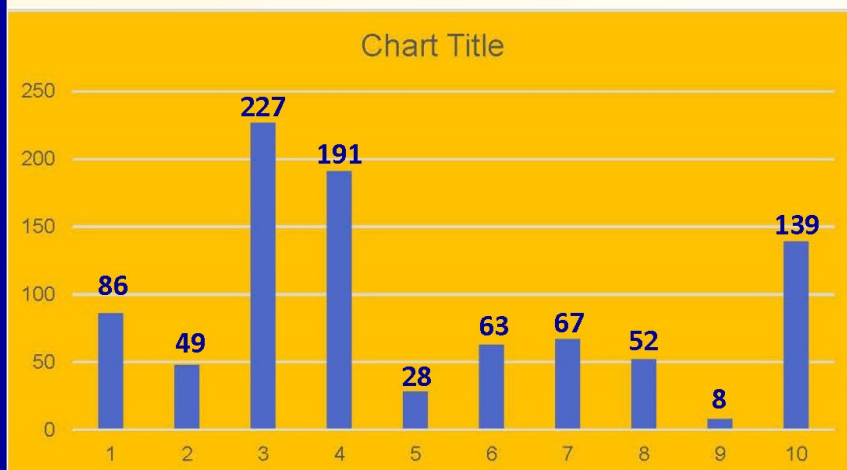
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Honorable Art Hamilton

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY/LEGAL REDRESS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

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2. Civil Rights Violations
3. Legal Redress Matters
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COMMITTEE REPORT - 1st quarter 2022 Request for Assistance (RFA)



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP #1011

2nd QUARTER REPORT

(April, May, June 2022)

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~Karen Hardin, Ed.D., President

APRIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Poll workers are the backbone of our democracy.

We encourage all eligible individuals to become poll workers for our upcoming elections. In Maricopa County, the County Recorder's office is looking to hire approximately **2,700 poll workers** for the August Primary Election and the November General Election

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022

APRIL (CONT.)

WELCOME TO THE
MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH
NAACP

2022 VIRTUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER
&
COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

“PROTECTING
DEMOCRACY...
It Is Our Time!”

GUEST SPEAKER

Friday | April 8, 2022
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The Honorable Art Hamilton
 The Art Hamilton Group
 Former Arizona House of Representative

The Following Community Leaders were recognized and awarded:

CORPORATE PARTNER HONOREE

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COMMUNITY PIONEER

Mr. David Hemphill

"NEXT-GEN" TRAILBLAZER

Mr. Ramses Ja

COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCATES

Dr. Michele Halyard

Mr. Marion Kelly

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Art Hamilton

Art Hamilton is the founder of the firm The Art Hamilton Group, LLC. Prior to the founding of the firm in 2008, Art Hamilton served 26 years in the Arizona House of Representatives, with 18 consecutive years as the Democratic leader in the Arizona House.

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Diamondbacks
National Forum for Black
Public Administrators
Phoenix AKARAMA Foundation
Toyota Financial Services

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022

APRIL (CONT.)



1st Vice President Pam Cowing volunteers to assist with FREE Vaccinations provided in collaboration with the Family Tree Health Care. Free Vaccinations were given to the community in the best interest of public health.

Maricopa County Branch NAACP
in partnership
with Family Tree Health Care and AZOIC
Present

FREE COVID VACCINATIONS

Friday | April 15th 2022
10AM until 4PM

LOCATION:

39 E. Jackson Street, Phoenix, Az. 85004

For more information: www.maricopanaacp.org



FAMILY TREE
Health Care Clinic



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH



Virtual Membership/ Community Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at
11:30AM

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

**Educational Opportunities
and Scholarship Workshop to
Advance Equity in Education**



You're invited! Financial Health Workshop

JP Morgan Chase & The Maricopa County Branch NAACP are partnering to offer a **free** 3-part series to help you take charge of your financial journey!

Tuesdays at 6:00pm - 7:00pm MTN

April 26 - Session 1
Start Where You Are and Fuel Your Journey

May 3 - Session 2
Tools for Your Journey

May 10 - Session 3
Homebuyer Workshop

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL 3 SESSIONS AT

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RSVP by April 22 to reserve your spot!

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The Maricopa County Branch NAACP in partnership with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank offered a free 3-part series of financial education to help participants take charge of their financial journey.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022

MAY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THERE WERE NO MEETINGS IN MAY.

JUNE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- GLOBAL CONFERENCES -
RACE UNITY DAY
JUNE 12th
2022
'Social transformation' and promoting Race Amity in Education
6910 E Shea Blvd. Scottsdale, AZ 85254 **1pm to 5pm AZ**
Part of a series of Global Conferences on 'Social transformation'
Register Here: <https://www.scottsdalebahai.org/publicnotify/>
Bahá'í Conference 2022
SCOTTSDALEBAHAI.ORG
Co-Initiative: Public Discourse & Social Action Taskforce of the Bahá'ís of Scottsdale, NAACP–Maricopa County Branch, Arizona Faith Network, United Nations Association–USA Phoenix Chapter

The Bahá'ís of Scottsdale hosted a Race Unity Day Conference, themed “Social Transformation and Promoting Race Amity in Education”, on June 12, 2022 from 1-5pm at the Scottsdale Baha'i Faith Community Center. Open to the general public.

The conference was a co-initiative with the NAACP-Maricopa County Branch, Arizona Faith Network, Arizona Interfaith Movement, the United Nations Association–USA Phoenix Chapter, and the Public Discourse & Social Action Taskforce. Dr. Karen Hardin, President of MCB-NAACP, provided the introduction for the event.



ELECTION CALENDAR
2022 AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

June 18 Military and Overseas Ballots Mailed	July 5 Voter Registration Deadline	July 6 Ballots Mailed, Drop Boxes Available
July 22 Last Day to Request a Replacement Ballot in the Mail	July 26 Last Day to Mail Back Your Ballot	August 2 Election Day!

BeBallotReady.Vote

Please check to see if you are currently registered to vote early if you **DID NOT** receive your Official Election Notice. Also, if you have moved recently you need to update your information.

To register go to ServiceArizona.com or to check your status go to BeBallotReady.com.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022

JUNE (CONT.)

VALLEY OF THE SUN JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
PHX JUNETEENTH
TEENTH
SATURDAY JUNE 18 2022
5-10PM EASTLAKE PARK
PHXJUNETEENTH.COM

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NAACP VOTE!
 OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT

Information given out at the Juneteenth Event held at Eastlake Park at the Maricopa County Branch NAACP's table.

Register to Vote
arizona.vote
 Sign up for AEVL

Voter Suppression in AZ
 History of Voter Suppression
<https://youtu.be/XqcFnxTB3kQ>
 SB1485 - Arizona Voter Suppression
https://youtu.be/_2efeG4W2yY

Juneteenth - Freedom Day
 History of Juneteenth
<https://youtu.be/6FX-lisvrj8>

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 Our Lives Matter | Our Votes Matter

Protect the VOTE!

I am committed to...

- Voting in **EVERY ELECTION**
- Registering to the AZ Legislature Request to Speak Program (<https://apps.azleg.gov/>)
- Attending a local city council meeting
- Registering 5 new voters
- Attending a candidate forum
- Communicating with my Elected officials to express issues important to me and my community
- Recruiting community members to join the Maricopa County Branch NAACP and/or renewing my membership
- I wish to receive emails from the Maricopa County Branch NAACP concerning events, meetings, and community announcements

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MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022

JUNETEENTH (CONT.)



The Maricopa County Branch NAACP Members participated in the celebration of Juneteenth 2022.

This was a historic event because the City of Phoenix declared it a paid holiday.

Recognizing it as a paid holiday and also recognizes the contributions of African Americans in building this country.

MCB-NAACP Members present: Angela Johnson, Dr. Camilla Westenberg, Myshia Brown, Juanita Pierson-Williams, Pam Cowing, Kenneth Turner, Princess Lucas-Wilson, Carla Boatner and Patrick Brown.



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 2ND QUARTER 2022

JUNE (CONT.)

Virtual Membership/Community Meeting
Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 11:30AM

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

“EARN TO LEARN”

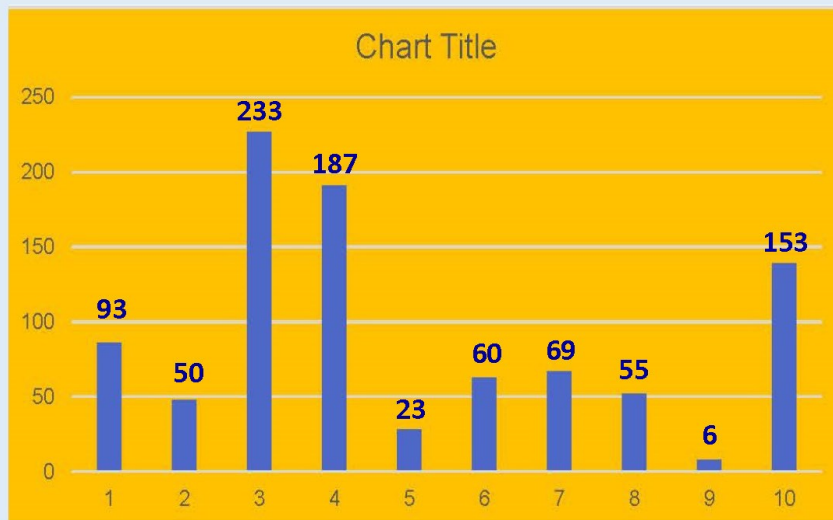
An Educational Program that pays students to learn and attend college.

Discussion Facilitator: Dr. Karen Hardin, President



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COMING EVENT - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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Business Operations and Player
Development



Kim Covington
Vice President of Community
Initiatives
AZ Community Foundation



Kesha Hodge
President
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
(PMAC)



Carmela Ramirez
Producer and
Performing Artist



**Kim Dartez, Robin Washington
and Lawanda Mann**
Co-Founders
Family Tree Health Care Center

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

**10:00 AM: Community Resource Expo
and Networking**

12:00 Noon: Luncheon

Held at

SRP - PERA Building

1 East Continental Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281

Cost: \$50.00 per person - Info: www.maricopanaacp.org OR 602-252-4064

Attire: Business Casual

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP #1011

3RD QUARTER REPORT

(July, August, September 2022)

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~Karen Hardin, Ed.D., President

JULY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



113th NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

Seven (7) delegates attended Virtually because of the lingering threat of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the 2nd Vice President attended the convention in person.

The Convention provided strategic information needed to continue the organization's work

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MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

JULY (CONT.)

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



KNOW YOUR BALLOT

2022 ELECTIONS

JULY 23 | 11:30AM

Join us for a discussion about voting and key issues facing our community.
Register for this virtual meeting at <https://bit.ly/MCBranchMeeting>

MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 23, 2022

TOPIC: KNOW YOUR BALLOT - KNOW THE ISSUES

The 2022 Election will have a major impact on our community. Elections are more than just who appears at the top of the ballot, but there are several offices and issues that impact everything from the cost of housing to the curriculum in your child's school and so much more.

The first stage of this process is the Primary Election on August 2nd where some candidates are running for their parties nomination for elected office.

We invite you to join us for an interactive discussion that will cover the following topics:

- Elected Offices that will be on the 2022 ballot and their impact on us
- Key issues that will be on the ballot and what it means for our community
- The Voter Registration Process and options to cast a vote
- Knowing your Rights - Types of ID to bring, What to do if challenged at the polls
Ways to volunteer or jobs related to the Election Process

SPREAD THE WORD AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

Voter Education will be the Branch focus for 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022.
Getting Out The Vote (GOTU) is important for democracy.

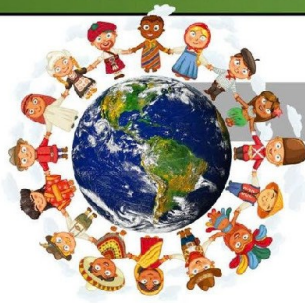
MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

AUGUST ACCOMPLISHMENT

DISCOURSE FOR RACIAL HARMONY

Staying on the ball with critical race thinking **Aug. 21st 2022**
Facilitated by Nancy Peace

Continue the discourse from the Race Unity Conference of 2022



Follow-up to Race Unity Day

PUBLIC DISCOURSE SUN. AUGUST 21ST

6910 E Shea Blvd. Scottsdale, AZ 85254 **3-5pm AZ**



CO-INITIATIVE: PUBLIC DISCOURSE & SOCIAL ACTION TASKFORCE OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF SCOTTSDALE, NAACP—MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH, ARIZONA FAITH NETWORK, INTERFAITH MOVEMENT, UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION—USA PHOENIX CHAPTER

SCOTTSDALEBAHAI.ORG

Discourse for Racial Harmony Sunday, Aug 21 3pm to 5pm

President Hardin and 2nd Vice President Westenberg were panelists to discuss critical race theory and the impact on communities.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 11:30AM

ZOOM MEETING - <https://bit.ly/MCBranchMeeting>

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNITY MEETING

"A Community Discussion on School Vouchers and Public Education"



Special Guest

Beth Lewis

Director - Save Our Schools Arizona



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

SEPTEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Maricopa County Branch

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POLL
WORKER RECRUITMENT DAY

POLL WORKER POLL OBSERVER GRASSROOTS TRAINING

STANDING UP FOR DEMOCRACY



Thursday | Sept. 1 | 5:30PM to 7:00PM
South Mountain Community Center
212 E Alta Vista Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85042



Poll Worker/Poll Observer Grassroots Training Thursday, Sept. 1 at 5:30pm

Our presence is needed at the polls for the November General Election. It's crucial that we understand what each role entails in order to be fully prepared to stand in the gap during early voting and Election Day.

Note - This training will support the training provided by the Maricopa County Elections Department.

2022 ANNUAL HBCU FAIR

PRESENTED BY ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED[®] DELTA BETA OMEGA CHAPTER AND THE PHOENIX AKARAMA FOUNDATION, INC.

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MCB-NAACP 2nd Vice President Dr. Westenberg was the HBCU Fair Chair and President Dr. Hardin was one of the workshop facilitators. Over 700 students, teacher and high school counselors attended the education event.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

SEPTEMBER - WOMEN'S LUNCHEON



RECOGNITION OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

WOMEN'S SELF HELP ADVOCATE

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COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Family Tree Health Care Center
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and Robin Washington



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON (CONT.)



The Women's Luncheon and Expo was well attended by 250 community members and 32 resource vendors. The purpose of the event is to recognize outstanding women in the community and provide information resources for the community.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 - SEPTEMBER GIFT CARD GIVE AWAY AT PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH



MCB-NAACP's Executive Committee Member Gwen Bailey giving food certificates to families suffering food insecurities. Certificates were provided so families can supplement their grocery or gas needs.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 - SEPTEMBERFEST AT FIRST INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

FIBC in partnership with FIBCO FAMILY SERVICES, INC. presents

TASTE OF LOCAL FOOD VENDORS

LIVE MUSIC

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FREE COMMUNITY Resource FAIR

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

SEPTEMBER 24TH
11AM - 4PM

SEPTEMBERFEST is a Free Community Event with local food vendors, organizations, non-profits, educational services, activities for children, entertainment and more!

THE HOPE CENTER GYM @ FIBC
1141 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85034
Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. - Senior Pastor
www.fibcaz.org | (602) 258-1998



MCB-NAACP members supported recognition of local First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers. President Dr. Hardin provided remarks about the community service and collaboration with First Institutional Baptist Church's social service agency for working together to serve the community.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 3RD QUARTER 2022

SEPTEMBER (CONT.)

Maricopa Council on Black American Affairs (MCBAA)

President's Welcome Reception

By Invitation Only

Saturday, September 17, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 pm



Dr. Tammy Robinson



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Dr. Tiffany Hunter



PARADISE VALLEY
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A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This event is co-sponsored by the Maricopa Branch of the NAACP

The Maricopa Colleges is an EEO/AA Institution



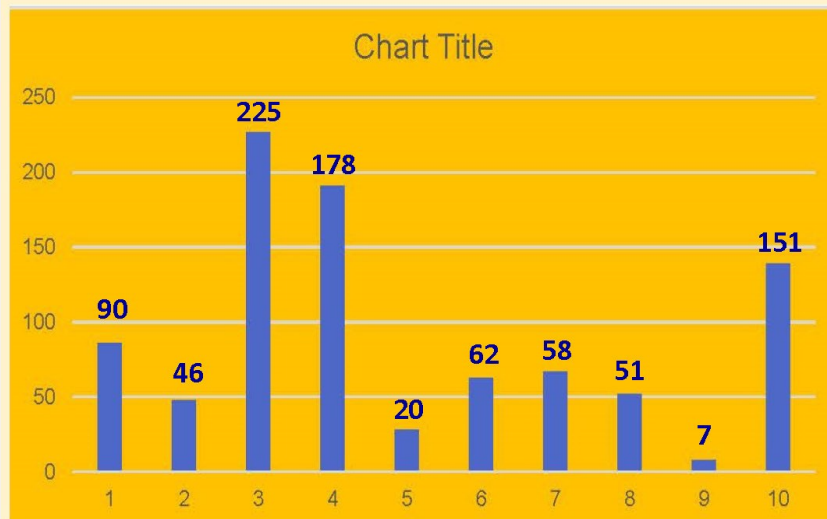
The MCB-NAACP's Education Committee, under the direction of President Dr. Hardin, co-sponsored a reception for the newly elected Presidents in the Maricopa Community College District. The event provided educational insight, ally development and networking with over 150 community stake holders.

THERE WAS NO SEPTEMBER MEETING BECAUSE OF THE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON AND EXPO

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LEGAL REDRESS COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE REPORT - 3rd quarter 2022



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH #1011 NAACP 4TH QUARTER REPORT (October, November, December 2022)

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OCTOBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SATURDAY OCT 8TH 5PM

PHOENIX

ROCK

THE VOTE

BLOCK PARTY

— LOCATION OF EVENT —

CESAR CHAVEZ PARK "amphitheater"

LIVE MUSIC | LIVE PERFORMANCES | FOOD TRUCKS

Logos: NAACP, NCBW, FIBC, AZCAAR, OUR SISTER OUR BROTHER

GOTV Oct. 8th 2022 / Co-sponsor with 100 Black Women

MIDTERM ELECTION CHECKLIST

- Check your voter registration**
- Decide how you would like to vote.**
Are you voting early, by mail, or on Election Day?
- Voting early?**
Choose an early voting location. Where and when will you go vote? Check for early voting locations and times.
- Voting by mail?**
Request a vote-by-mail ballot and mail it in before the deadline!
- Voting on Election Day?**
If voting on Election Day, decide what time you want to vote and arrange transportation. How will you get to the polls and back?
- Check to make sure your ballot was accepted?**
Visit arizona.vote or beballotready.vote to check the status of your ballot!
- Encourage your family and friends to vote too!**

#IWILLVOTE



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

OCTOBER (CONT.)



Racial Justice Discourse with the Baha'i of Scottsdale
MCB-NAACP was a co-sponsor of this event. President Dr. Hardin provided opening remarks and conference introduction.



presents:

THE BLACKWAVE: FLEXING OUR POWER AT THE POLLS



Monday, October 17th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

South Mountain
Community Center
212 E. Alta Vista Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85042

Moderated by:
Congressman Jamaal Bowman

Jevin Hodge, AZ Congressional District 1 Candidate, and Berdetta Hodge, Tempe City Councilwoman.

This discussion will center around voter mobilization and civic engagement.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman from New York is partnering with Our Voice Our Vote Arizona and partners to host a panel discussion titled **"The Black-Wave: Flexing Our Power at the Polls"**.

This event is one of several actions part of the Black Wave Initiative. OVOV and our partners will make **one million Black voter contacts** in the state up until election day.

This campaign is focused on building a broad intergenerational coalition of organizations, churches, community groups and businesses to increase turnout in the Black community. The organizing work to reach nearly all Black voters in Arizona will include paid communications, door knocks, phone calls, text banks and events.



MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

OCTOBER (CONT.)

CONVERTING CIVIC ATTITUDES INTO CIVIC ACTION

Hear from Congressional Candidate Jevin Hodge and Tempe City Councilwoman Berdetta Hodge for a discussion on voter mobilization and engagement.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22ND
11:30PM - 1:00PM

RSVP: bit.ly/MCBranchMeeting



JEVIN HODGE BERDETTA HODGE

OCTOBER MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING

Converting Civic Attitudes Into Civic Action
 Saturday, October 22nd
 11:30AM

Join the Maricopa County Branch NAACP for an interactive discussion led by Jevin Hodge, AZ Congressional District 1 Candidate, and Berdetta Hodge, Tempe City Councilwoman.

This discussion will center around voter mobilization and civic engagement.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**ON OCTOBER 23RD AND
 NOVEMBER 6TH**

\$\$\$SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING AND GIFT CARDS URGENT TIME SENSITIVE

MCB-NAACP sponsored two NON-Partisan Phone banking/text messaging sessions on 10/23 and 11/6, 2022. These events took place at the AZOIC building located at 39 E Jackson St. Phoenix, Az. 85004. The purpose was to get people registered and prepared to vote.

Students and Young Adults are Vital to the Mid-term Elections. Students received: \$25 Gift Cards, T-Shirts and were entered in a drawing for a \$500 scholarship

Everyone Was Encouraged to Participate!

VOTER GUIDE 2022 MIDTERM ELECTION

FEDERAL	UNITED STATES SENATE	VOTE THE ENTIRE BALLOT
	UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	
STATE	GOVERNOR STATE SENATOR SECRETARY OF STATE STATE REPRESENTATIVE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE TREASURER STATE SUPREME COURT CORPORATION COMMISSIONER STATE MINE INSPECTOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	COUNTY & LOCAL
	COUNTY ATTORNEY CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CONSTABLE SCHOOL BOARD	

KEY DATES

OCT11	OCT12	OCT28	NOV1	NOV8
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE	BALLOTS MAILED EARLY VOTING	LAST DAY TO REQUEST A MAIL IN BALLOT	LAST DAY TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT	ELECTION DAY

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EVERY DAY IS ELECTION DAY

#TogetherPowerVote

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

OCTOBER (CONT.)



MCB-NAACP members greet Urban League President George Dean and Dr. Eula Dean

MCB-NAACP members with Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego

NOVEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The MCB-NAACP Supported the Community Service Engagement of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Maricopa County Branch NAACP Members Gwen Bailey and Don Bradley Represent the MCB-NAACP.

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

NOVEMBER (CONT.)



NAACP MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH

NOTICE OF NOVEMBER ELECTION

On November 26, 2022, the election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee of the NAACP Maricopa County Branch (Unit 1011-B) will take place entirely electronically using Election Buddy software. Polls will be open four (4) hours from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No in-person voting will occur.

To be eligible to receive a ballot to vote, one must be a member in good standing 30 days prior to the election, have a valid email or phone number, and have access to the internet. To update your email address or phone number, send an email to info@naacpmaricopaaz.org as soon as possible.

Should a run-off election be necessary, that election shall occur on December 10, 2022. Polls (online) will be open from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The NAACP Maricopa County Branch looks forward to all members in good standing participating in the November election.

Juanita Pierson-Williams, Secretary
NAACP Maricopa County Branch

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**COMMUNITY/MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

NOVEMBER 26, 2022

THE MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP

ELECTION DAY

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

NOVEMBER (CONT.)

MEET THE 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Congratulations **Maricopa County Branch NAACP**

ELECTED OFFICERS 2023-2024

President

Dr. Karen Hardin

1st Vice President

Pamela Burke Cowing

2nd Vice President

Dr. Camilla A.H. Westenberg

3rd Vice President

Princess Lucas Wilson

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Saul Blair

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Juanita Pierson-Williams

Assistant Secretary

Gwendolyn Bailey

Executive Committee

Carla Boatner

Garron Bond

Patrick C. Brown II

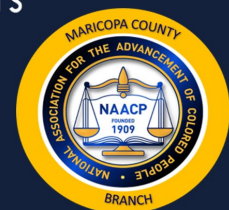
Kennesha Jackson

Benjamin Taylor

Angela Johnson

Myisha Brown

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MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

DECEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Valley program launched to support Black-owned businesses. The IMPACT AZ 2025 Program has a vast potential to turn around thousands of minority-owned startups, bridging the inequality gaps, boosting the local economy, and creating several job opportunities.



20 Black Chamber of Arizona

Black prosperity multiplied through business ownership.

IMPACT AZ 2025
(9) MONTH SUPPLIER DIVERSITY READINESS BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

STATE OF BLACK ARIZONA **RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF BLACK BUSINESS REPORT**

The Millionaire Mastermind Academy, in Partnership with The AZ Black Chamber, Is Addressing Economic Challenges Faced by Black Business Owners in The Valley.



BUILD. BLACK. BUSINESS

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MCB-NAACP Executive Committee Member, Saul Blair, represented the branch at this meeting.



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Join Ruben Gallego and the Maricopa County NAACP in supporting the children of Guadalupe

Scan the QR code to donate



The MCB-NAACP worked with Rep. Ruben Gallego to make sure there were presents under the tree for the kids of Guadalupe in a Holiday Toy Drive in December.

The members of the MCB-NAACP helped us spread the holiday spirit across the Valley by contributing to the TOY DRIVE with their monetary donations . Thank you for your contribution

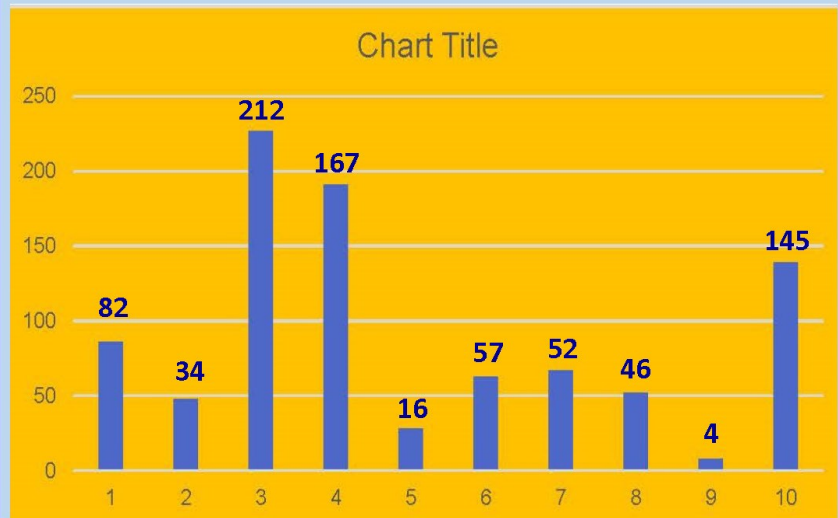
MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH NAACP - 4TH QUARTER 2022

DECEMBER (CONT.)

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LEGAL REDRESS COMMITTEE

1. Workplace Discrimination
2. Civil Rights Violations
3. Legal Redress Matters
4. Community/Civic Complaints
5. Law Enforcement/Harassments
6. Child Related Matters
7. Unfair Housing
8. Medical/Behavior Health
9. Education/School Related Discrimination
10. Membership and Personal Requests

COMMITTEE REPORT - 4th quarter 2022



Happy Holidays!

The Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP extends warm wishes for great joy, and happiness to everyone during the Holiday Season.

We hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends while Reflecting on last year's blessings. During your holiday celebrations pause to remember the reason for the season with gratitude and pray for unity and solidarity for all.

We wish you health and prosperity now and in the New Year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS (2023-2024)



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President



Pamela Burke Cowing
1st Vice President



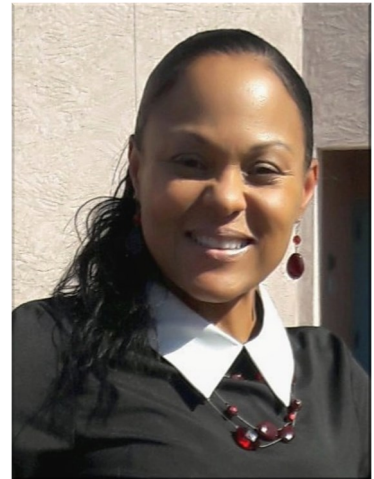
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Carla Boatner



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Myisha Brown



Patrick Brown



Angela Johnson



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Benjamin Taylor, Esq.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2023-2024)

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Committee – Princess Lucas-Wilson

Economic Development Committee – Garron Bond

Education Committee – Pamela Burke Cowing, Chair
Myisha Brown, Co-Chair

Finance Committee – Saul Blair

Freedom Fund Dinner & Community Awards Program – Carla Boatner
Angela Johnson, Co-Chair

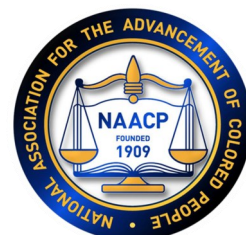
Health and Wellness – Gwendolyn Bailey

Legal Redress Committee – Benjamin Taylor, Esq.

Membership and Life Membership Committee – Juanita Pierson-Williams

Political Action Committee – Dr. Camilla Westenberg

Social Media Communication Committee – Patrick Brown



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Throughout his career, Greg Stanton has worked tirelessly to deliver results for Arizona families. Serving as Phoenix mayor from 2012 to 2018, he focused on building an economy rooted in innovation and trade. Under his leadership, Phoenix created thousands of quality jobs and recently saw the highest wage growth in the nation.

Greg has earned a reputation for working across the aisle to get things done. His biggest accomplishments in Phoenix were passed with bipartisan support: the City's investment in the bio-sciences and higher education, support for small businesses, and national recognition for leadership on LGBT equality. In 2015, Stanton won reelection and successfully led one of the most ambitious transportation initiatives in the country—a bipartisan, voter-backed plan to extend Phoenix's light rail system, expand bus service, and improve thousands of miles of roadways over the next 35 years.

During his time in Congress, Stanton has focused on planning for the state's water future, investing in public transportation and infrastructure, building Arizona's economy of the future and lowering costs for working families.

Stanton is a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Before his election as mayor, Greg served nine years on the Phoenix City Council and as Arizona's Deputy Attorney General. He attended Marquette University on the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, and earned a law degree from the University of Michigan.

Greg and his wife Nicole have two children.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Honorable Steven Horsford

Representative Horsford is a proven champion for Nevada's working families. In the 117th Congress, he is committed to crushing the coronavirus, getting Nevada's economy back on track, and restoring public faith in American institutions.

Rep. Horsford understands the challenges many families in Nevada's Fourth face each and everyday. He fights for responsible gun control and background checks. He lost his father when he was 19 and empathizes with those who have experienced the pain of losing a loved one to gun violence. His work has focused on ending the school to prison pipeline and provide the safety net children and families need to succeed. He has worked to strengthen children, families and communities because these are priorities for so many Nevadans.

For more than a decade, Rep. Horsford led the Culinary Training Academy, the largest job training program in Nevada, helping thousands of workers find quality careers in the hospitality industry. An unique partnership between labor and business, the Culinary Training Academy under Rep. Horsford's leadership placed over 80 percent of graduates into good paying jobs and completed a multi-million capital construction campaign.

Rep. Horsford made history as Nevada's first African-American State Senate Majority Leader and he delivered. He passed the "Clean Energy Jobs Initiative" and positioned Nevada as a leader in renewable energy. When Nevada's economy was devastated during the recession, Rep. Horsford worked across party lines to solve the worst budget crisis in state history.

While previously representing Nevadans in our nation's capital, Rep. Horsford worked to ensure veterans, seniors citizens, and all Nevadans received the benefits they deserved, authored and passed the Nevada Lands Bill to create jobs across the state, and fought to protect a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions.

Most recently a small business owner, in partnership with Intel, Horsford worked to bring the first of its kind workforce development program for youth and young adults to North Las Vegas. He helped to launch a food recovery program with Three Square and major employers like MGM Resorts to address food insecurity among needy children, families and seniors. He brings a principled focus on job creation, community development and skills development to Congress. Born and raised in Las Vegas to an immigrant mother, Rep. Horsford has worked hard to raise and nurture his three children.

SPOKEN WORD PRESENTATION - "TRUTH B. TOLD"



Christopher Owens was born in Saginaw, MI, award-winning writer/spoken word artist Truth B. Told (born Christopher Owens) has wowed audiences from Ford Theater in Hollywood to the Alvin Ailey Theater in Manhattan & Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The multiple slam champion has been featured on BET's Black History Moment series and Dove/Twitter's #SpeakBeautiful campaign, has appeared on MTV, VH1, and PBS, and even wrote a successful pitch for a company on ABC's Shark Tank.

Owens is also founder and CEO of Culture PHX, a community-focused company founded in September 2017 that specializes in curating events and initiatives to empower Black and other underserved communities that has garnered national headlines for its work with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and New York Liberty. Culture PHX's next endeavor, CultureHUB—Arizona's first Black-owned co-working and event space—is scheduled to open 2023 in the historic Eastlake neighborhood, providing a culturally safe space for Black entrepreneurs with creative and corporate backgrounds and endeavors. Culture PHX's motto is "Built different to make a difference."



Community Awardees

Throughout the history of NAACP, many of America's greatest minds have worked and continue to work to affect change.

Each year, the Maricopa County Branch NAACP recognizes outstanding individuals who have made great contributions and achievements toward human and civil rights. They have helped to create a path for others to follow to ensure that those rights are achieved and economic justice is served.

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Mayor Corey Woods

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS



Dr. Reginald Bolding and
Arizona Coalition for Change



Pinny Sheoran, President
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EDUCATION AWARD



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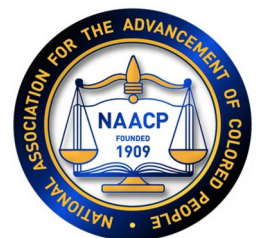
"NEXT-GEN" TRAILBLAZER

JEVIN HODGE



Jevin is a problem solver who is committed to helping small businesses, non-profits, and governments find solutions to their most pressing issues, like combating the COVID-19 pandemic or expanding access to high-quality public education.

Jevin leads organizations like the Booker T. Washington Child Development Center, the longest running Head Start in Arizona. Through his service in the community, Jevin has seen firsthand the issues facing Arizona families and refuses to stand by while Republicans continue to make life harder. Jevin most recently ran to flip Arizona's 1st District from Red to Blue and will stop at nothing to make sure Arizona families are self sufficient and well represented.



"NEXT-GEN" TRAILBLAZER

TEMPE MAYOR COREY WOODS



"I think what our city needs now more than ever is someone who can build a coalition of diverse people and bring them to the table in an open, honest way to discuss some of our toughest topics."

Corey Woods was elected mayor of the City of Tempe in March 2020. In his professional career, he is Executive Director of Community Relations at ASU Preparatory Academy. Woods is responsible for assisting the managing director with operations, external partnerships and strategic initiatives. He previously served as the chief operating officer for the Greater Phoenix Urban League, director of college and career articulation for the Phoenix Union High School District and director of government relations for the American Lung Association of Arizona.

Woods served as a Councilmember for the City of Tempe from July 2008 – July 2016. He was elected to the Tempe City Council in May 2008 and reelected in March 2012. Woods was instrumental in guiding city policy that led to Tempe's perfect score in the Human Rights Campaign's "Municipal Equality Index." He championed initiatives in the areas of affordable housing and human services while working tirelessly to improve community development standards to attract business investment and protect neighborhoods.

Woods was named 2022 "Advocate of the Year" by the Arizona Housing Coalition for his advocacy work expanding affordable and workforce housing opportunities. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the United States Conference of Mayors' Housing and Community Development Committee and as Co-Chair of the National League of Cities' Housing Supply Accelerator Steering Committee.

Woods graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in April 2000 with a B.A. in Political Science, and a minor in African-American Studies. After college, Woods was a teaching assistant at ASU for three years. In May 2018, Woods earned a Master of Arts in Educational Policy from ASU's Mary Lou Fulton College of Education.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mayor Corey D. Woods' personal commitment to community service extends to board memberships for many organizations including Newtown Community Development Corporation, Friendship Village, and Landings Credit Union. Mayor Woods is also an emeritus board member of Equality Arizona, active member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, former board chair for Children's Action Alliance, and former two-term board president of the Tempe Boys and Girls Club – Ladmo Branch.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

ARIZONA COALITION FOR CHANGE



"I truly believe if we can talk about what accountability should look like, what a world, ... should look like, we can get to a place of commonality."

~Dr. Reginald Bolding

OUR MISSION:

Empower.

Arizona Coalition for Change is a Black-led organization with a dynamic multicultural team that empowers everyday people to transform their community through building civic power, leadership development, and community collaboration. We advocate for lasting progressive public policies that change the dynamics for our communities by **putting people first**. We work to develop and uplift voices in our communities to take on our nation's most pressing issues.

IMPACT

We are building a powerful, dynamic, diverse and relentless team committed to tackling the state and nations most pressing issues. We firmly believe we are the change we've been seeking.

We are Black-led, with a powerful multi-racial team, made stronger by our ability to collaborate and leverage our diversity across gender, age, upbringing, education, talent and life experience. We are committed to high standards, high impact and working with deep respect for one another, our members and our partners. Until justice is real.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

ARIZONA COALITION FOR CHANGE

10,141 VOTERS REGISTERED IN 2020

Year round, our team works to ensure members of our BIPOC communities have fair and equitable access to participate in the democratic process. We ARE the New American Majority, and it is our mission to have all voices represented at the table.

MFV & AZC4C V. HOBBS

Amidst a pandemic, underserved and under-represented communities faced disproportionate obstacles in order to participate in the 2020 General Election. In response Arizona Coalition for Change and our partners at Mi Familia Vota made history in winning a preliminary injunction to extend the voter registration deadline. This allowed over 42,000 Arizonans to register to vote, regardless of party and catalyzed one more step towards creating equity in our democratic process.

BLACK-LED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As a Black-led organization, we firmly believe we are the change we've been seeking.

We empower the next generation of leadership through a variety of programs like the Young Black Organizer Project, Justice 2021, and our Youth Democracy Initiative; that uplifts our Black youth & communities through opportunities to learn how to be civically engaged, mobilize their community; and create sustainable progressive change in the socio-political systems.

GET INVOLVED

At AZC4C, we work to empower the voices of our BIPOC communities, to ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. NOW is our time and we need motivated, energetic people like YOU to join the movement. Come work alongside our powerful team, as we go out and engage with our communities!



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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARIZONA



Pinny Sheoran, President

Pinny's commitment to the League has, quite literally, spanned generations of her life. She immigrated from India to the US in 1974 to pursue her graduate education at the University of Cincinnati. As a graduate student there, her dedication to the ideals of democracy was recognized by her Faculty mentor and she was urged to join the League as a student member. During that 2 year period her volunteer work included registering voters and helping at League events. Thus was her initiation into understanding the importance of voting rights in this country, and the League's role in that struggle/movement. As a foreign student, her experience in the League was critical for the development of her understanding of American Democracy, the

Suffragette movement and the nexus of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights movement. In 2016, she decided she could no longer sit on the sidelines and became a very active League member. Pinny has been a member of the League since 2016.

In 2019 Pinny was appointed as a director to the LWV Arizona State Board, representing LWV of Metro Phoenix. Pinny has served as the State Advocacy chair since 2019. She was elected to the LWV Metro Phoenix local league board as President Elect in 2020 and currently serves as the President. She was also elected to the office of LWVAZ State Board President in 2021, and will serve as the incoming president in 2022. Her passion is protecting the freedom to vote. She serves as the designated volunteer lobbyists for the LWV of Arizona, and as the State Advocacy Chair provides leadership for the League in Legislative advocacy and lobbying. In November of 2020, Pinny provided leadership on behalf of the League to build support and public awareness for "Peace at the Polls". This initiative was to increase the involvement of league and other coalition partners in serving as poll workers, election protection monitors and observers. She is also providing leadership for the Arizona Leagues on expanding Arizona presence on the LWV Vote411 platform. She serves as the League representative on the Election Protection Arizona (EPAZ) coalition led by the Lawyers committee and the Leadership Conference local chapter All Voting is Local.

Pinny has Masters and Doctorate in Applied statistics from the University of Cincinnati and undergraduate degree in Sociology and English from the University of Bangalore, India. She retired as a faculty of the Maricopa Community College District in 2006, after 25 years of service.

Her time in retirement has been devoted to democracy issues. She was a member of the Mesa Sunrise Rotary and has served as the president (twice) of the chapter, also elected to the India Association of Phoenix Board Member from 2007-2010 in the role of secretary and treasurer.

Pinny and her husband Yogi have lived in Scottsdale since 1980 where she and her husband raised a son and daughter and several lovable labrador retrievers.

EDUCATION AWARD



Dr. Albert Celozza succeeds Rev. Larry Fultz. Dr. Paul Eppinger, whose name has been associated with interfaith and Ecumenism in Arizona, is the founding director of the organization. Dr. Celozza has served as faculty in World Religions and Political Science since the 1980's at Phoenix College, Thunderbird School of Global Management and Arizona State University.

He is a faculty fellow of the Brandeis University ENACT – The Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation, The International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life. He gave classes and chaired the Season for Nonviolence at the Franciscan Renewal Center, or the Casa (Paz y Bien). He has been recognized for excellence in teaching and was awarded the Arizona Professor of the Year in 2001 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He holds degrees in the humanities, religious studies, political science, and public administration.

Recently, Dr. Celozza completed Applied Compassion Training (ACT). “The implementation of the Capstone Project for CCARE Stanford enriched and enlivened my vocation as a teacher. ACT gave me the opportunity to do research, formulate and design teaching and learning strategies. Compassion as a subject of inquiry and study presented me with curricular opportunities for enriching my mission of education,” said Dr. Celozza. (CCARE is the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education at Stanford University Medicine.)

Dr. Celozza's travels have taken him to France to study with the Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Plum Village, to the Middle East to study Biblical Archaeology, to Morocco to learn about Islam, and to various pilgrimage, religious sites and shrines. Additionally, Dr. Celozza has been a long time member of AZIFM. He has partnered in significant ways to further the mission of AZIFM in 2009 when he was on a sabbatical, which included participation in AZIFM's workshop at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia.

For more than 15 years he led Phoenix College Liberal Arts and established programs related to citizenship and civic engagement, and international studies. In addition to mentoring students, he funded scholarship endowments to support students in the sciences and international studies. Dr. Celozza served as president of the United Nations (UNA-USA) Phoenix & Arizona and is currently Board President of the Asian Pacific Community in Action. Among his published works is the book *Ferdinand Marcos and the Philippines: The Political Economy of Authoritarianism* (Praeger, 1997).

Albert is married to Ann McLean Celozza. Their daughters are Amelia, assistant professor of engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder and Emma, academic advisor at the W.P. Carey College of Business, Arizona State University and instructor at the Sun Devil Fitness Center.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF GREATER PHOENIX



Paul Rockower is the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix. He is formerly the Executive Director of Levantine Public Diplomacy, an independent public diplomacy organization.

Paul has managed the U.S. Department of State’s American Music Abroad and Next Level programs in dozens of countries around the world, including many countries in conflict. He has partnered with numerous U.S. diplomatic posts to run public diplomacy programs—in countries ranging from Algeria to Iraq to Venezuela to Zimbabwe. Rockower has worked on public diplomacy with multiple Foreign Ministries, including Israel, India and Taiwan.

He holds a Master’s of Public Diplomacy from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelor’s from Brandeis University.

Mr. Rockower can be reached at: paul.rockower@jcrphoenix.org



PRAYER MESSAGES



Sheila Afnan-Manns



Nicolas Mentha

Public Discourse and Social Action Task Force Members of Scottsdale Baha'i



The Rev. Reginald Ragland is the former pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, located in Los Angeles. Prior to this appointment, the Rev. Ragland led Southminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, AZ, where he served for 10 years as the Commissioned Ruling Elder and was recently appointed as the pastor.

Pastor Ragland earned an associate degree from Central Arizona Community College, a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University, and Master of Divinity and Theology degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary. In addition to pastoring, his professional career has included more than 25 years in organizational management for non-profits and municipal governments.

He is married to Clarissa Davis - Ragland, who serves on the faculty of Estrella Mountain Community College associated with the Maricopa Community College System Phoenix and they have two adult children are proud grandparents.



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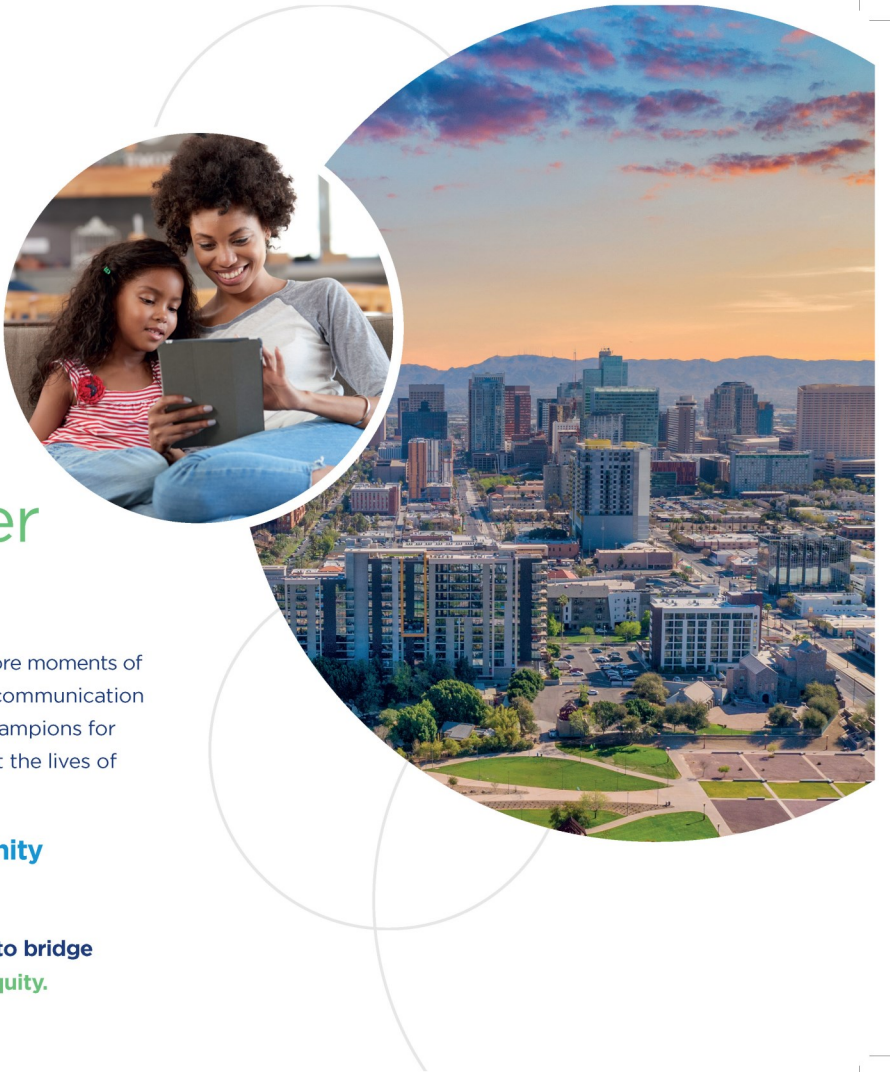


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Amos 5:24

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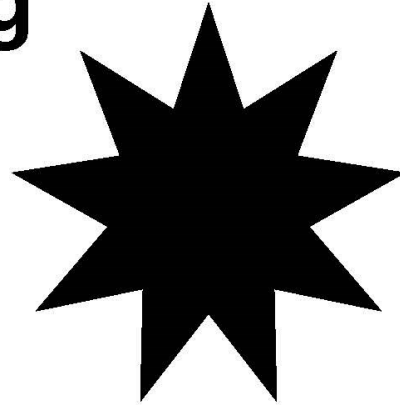


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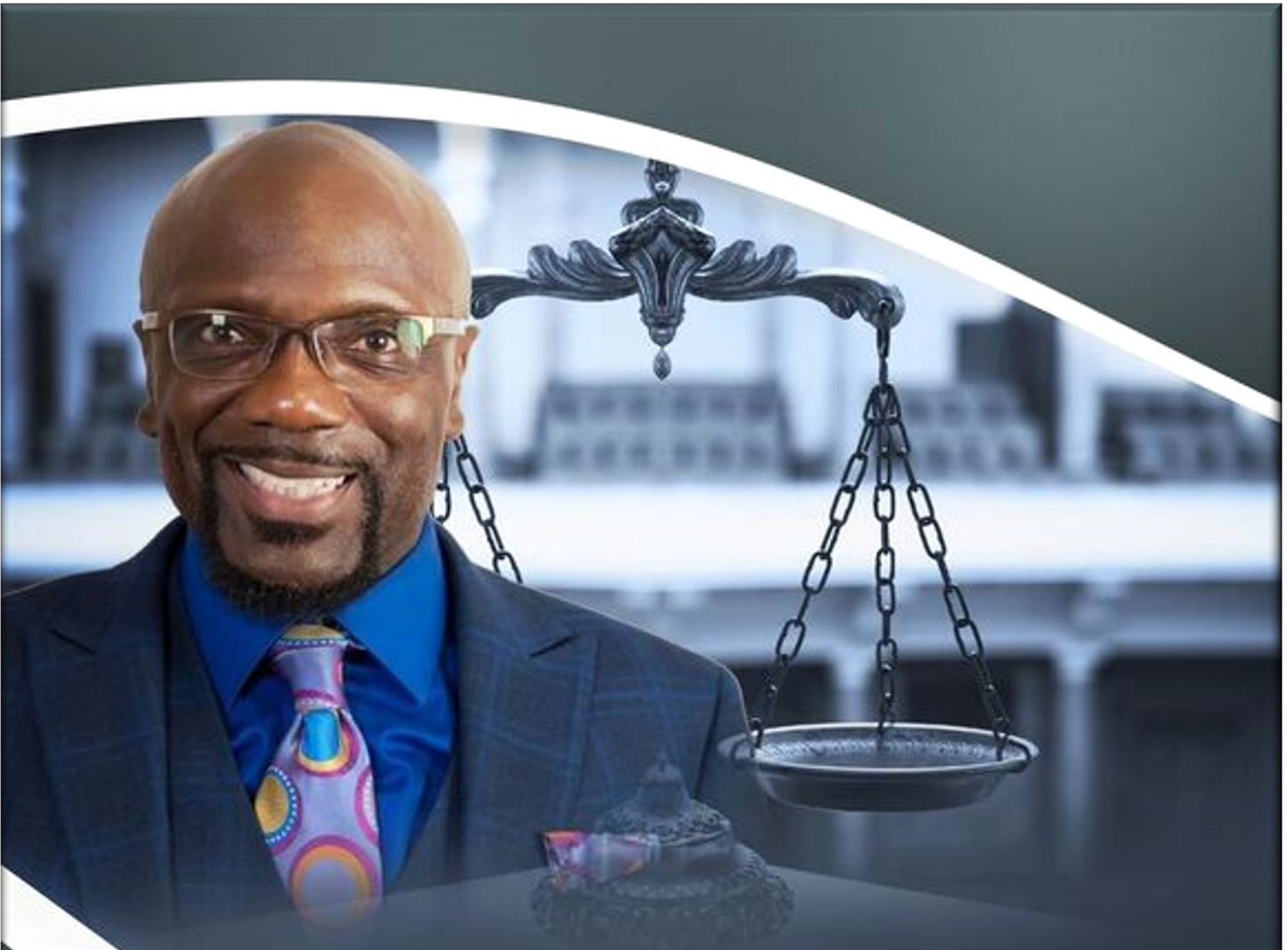


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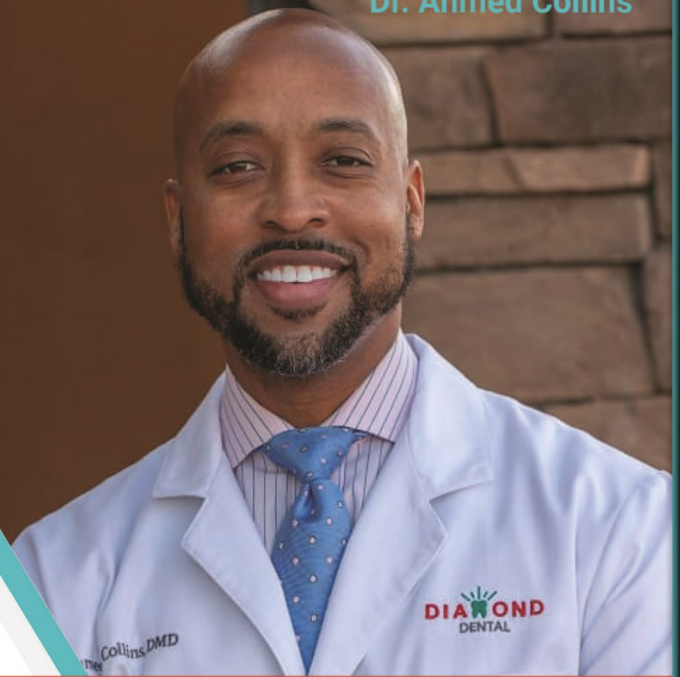
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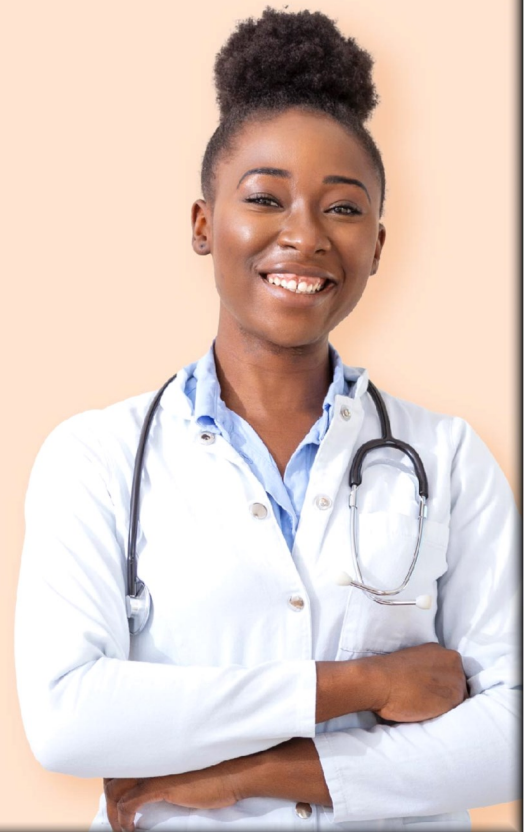


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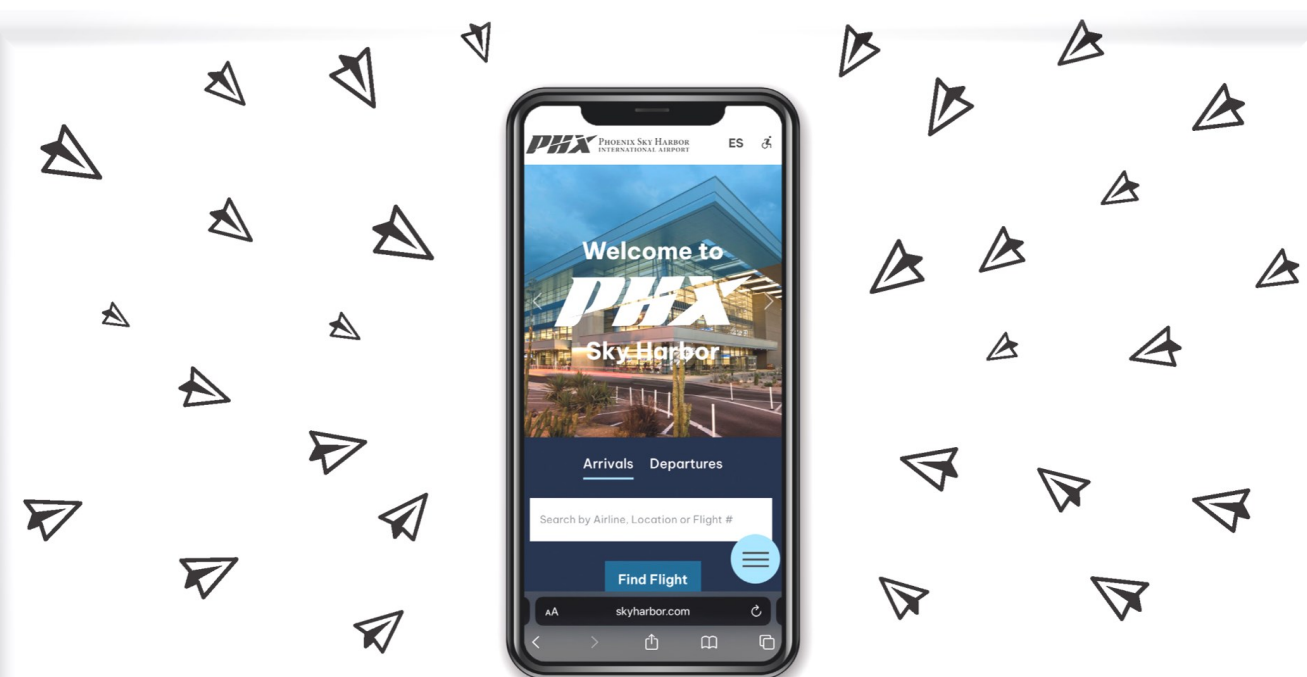
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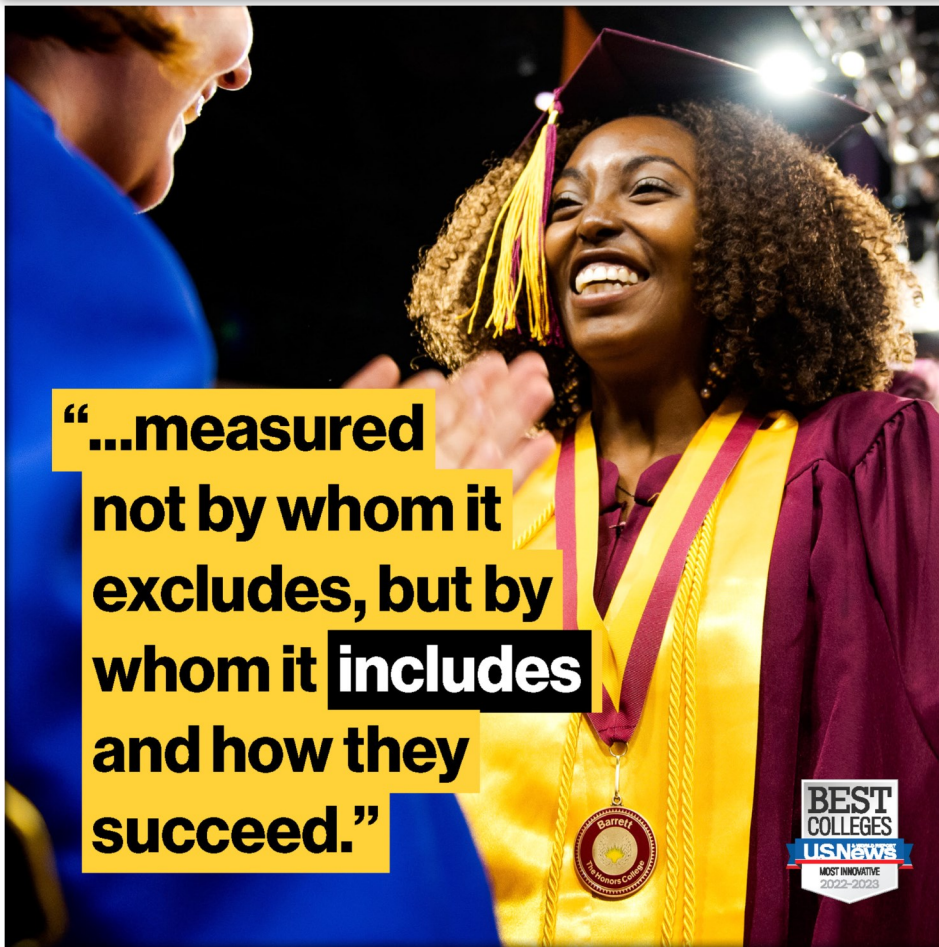

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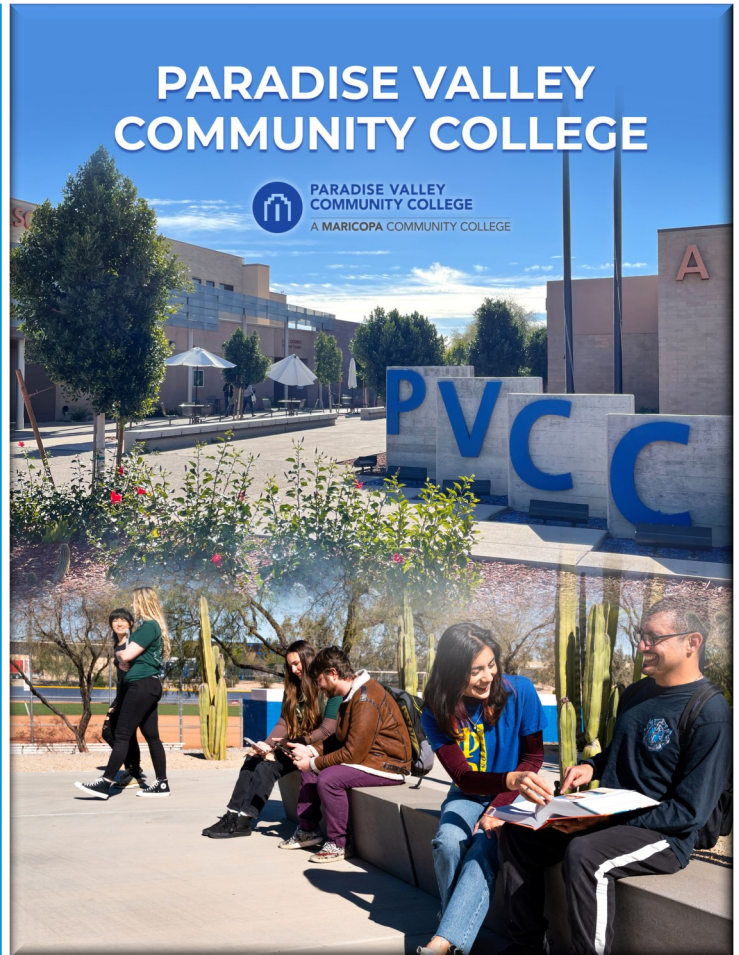
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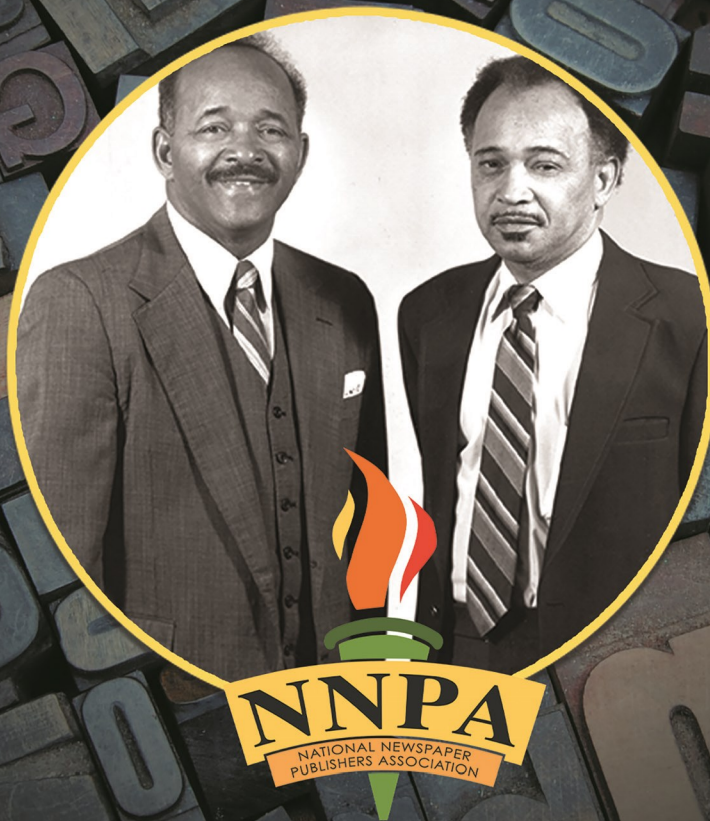
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