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***Dayton Unit NAACP To Host
“Meet the Candidates” Forum***

DAYTON, OHIO - OCTOBER 10, 2017 - The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a “Meet The Candidates” forum on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy located at 1923 W. Third St. The distinguished guests will be several candidates with opposition for the offices of Trustee, City Council and City Commission in the City of Dayton, City of Trotwood, Jefferson Township and Harrison Township. The moderator will be Tom Roberts, 2nd Vice President and Chair of the Dayton Unit NAACP Political Action Committee.

“This will be an excellent opportunity to hear first-hand from the candidates that are running for office, said Roberts. Every election is critically important. The candidates elected this November will make decisions at the Local level that will affect our lives on a daily basis, said Roberts.”

The Dayton Unit NAACP is a nonpartisan organization and does not make decisions based upon political preference. “We **“Do Not Endorse”** candidates however, we are an issues driven organization and reserve the right to publicize if a candidate does not support our issues, said Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Unit NAACP. We look forward to hearing about how the candidates plan to address the needs of the people and deliver upon the promises they make to the Citizens for the office they are seeking. When African Americans **“VOTE,”** we make a powerful difference in the outcome of elections. The candidates we support collectively as a people, **“WIN”** elections. Candidates know this to be true, that’s why they court our **“VOTE,”** at the church house, at liquid beverage establishments and in private meetings, said Foward.” Everyday Citizens have heard the terminology, **“Swing States,”** however candidates know and also understand the power of **“Swing Votes,”** said Foward. Let’s make every election a difference maker by the sovereignty of our **“VOTE.”** When Middle-Class Caucasians and College Students as well as Hispanics and Latinos join the African American

community in the “**VOTING PROCESS**,” it creates an environment of change. We will continue to work with our brothers and sisters to ensure that all voices are heard, said Foward.”



Founded in 1915, the Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the city’s oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the Dayton Region and Montgomery County are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. Their core goals are to **Inform, Educate** and **Empower** the Citizenry as they pursue justice and equality for all Americans.

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