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

DAYTON, OHIO – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 - The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a “Meet the Candidates” forum on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church located at 1001 Harvard Blvd. The distinguished guests will be several candidates with opposition for the offices of Dayton Mayor, Dayton City Commission; Harrison Township Trustee; and Jefferson Township Trustee. The moderator will be Tom Roberts, 2nd Vice President and Chair of the Dayton Unit NAACP Political Action Committee.

This year, the Dayton Unit NAACP will partner with the League of Women Voters of The Greater Dayton Area, Dayton Daily News, Dayton Montgomery County National PanHellenic Council and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio - Free and Accepted Masons, five of the most influential organizations in Montgomery County. This will be the largest collaborative in-person and social media gathering of diverse voters throughout the Dayton Region, and our expectation is leadership!

“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 issue 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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