



NAACP
Raleigh-Apex Branch

September 29, 2019

Dear President Brown, Executive Committee and Burlington-Alamance NAACP members:

1. As President of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP, I have read your branch email and statement. I have reached out to our branch 2019 State Convention Delegates, and the Executive Committee to ask for their input and views.
2. While we can't take a position on what has happened, we do believe your concerns should be weighed. We are in favor of suspending the election and perhaps the convention. We are in favor of financial audits for each year not filed by the State Conference. We are in favor of our current State Conference, 1st Vice President, Carolyn Q. Coleman acting as the interim President; getting to the bottom of the challenges and issues at hand. Outside of two people who I couldn't reach, out of twenty-two people our positions are unanimous.
3. Please be advised, as the North Carolina capitol city NAACP branch, several of our coalition partners have informed some of our committee chairs and I that they will continue to work with our local branch but will not support the State Conference or HKONJ until these matters are resolved. Our Youth Branch will hold an emergency meeting. Their parents and allies are asking questions too. The Adult branch will hold an emergency meeting as well.
4. It is important for the mission of the NAACP, no matter what the outcome, that all of our branches and membership feel that these matters are addressed with careful consideration. While these are very difficult affairs to contend with, it is our hope that we can face them head-on and eventually come out stronger as a result.

Sincerely,

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