

**From:** [Supervisor Simitian](#)  
**To:** [Thrift, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Invite to Tour allcove Youth Mental Health Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:51:45 AM

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Hello,

As young people are heading back to school, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian would like to invite you to tour [allcove](#), a local resource for youth ages 12 to 25 to access mental health support, primary care, peer support, and substance use addiction services. The center, which was developed with, by, and for youth, is available to all young people in the County and has capacity for new clients.

Supervisor Simitian will host a tour of allcove Palo Alto on Saturday, September 14 from noon to 1 p.m. The center is located at 2741 Middlefield Road, Suite 102 in Palo Alto. Parking is located behind the building and can be accessed on Colorado Avenue.

Please reply and let us know if you or someone from your organization will be able to attend.

All the best,  
Jennifer Thrift, on behalf of County Supervisor Joe Simitian

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**Subject:** CAHRO Convening on Oct. 2, on "Dialogue Across Divides"  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:36:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [CAHRO official invite.pdf](#)

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Join us Wednesday, **Oct. 2, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.**, for a virtual convening on "Dialogue Across Divides."

Presenters Marquez Equalibria, Assistant Deputy Director of Community Conflict Resolution in California's Dept. of Civil Rights, and researcher Marisela Venolia, a graduate student in history at California State University, Northridge, discuss the resources listed on [CAHRO's website](#), that could help in crafting clear statements and helping to create productive dialogue.

Registration is required. To RSVP, email [cahro.official@gmail.com](mailto:cahro.official@gmail.com), and the Zoom link to virtual convening will be sent to you.

Carmen Ramos Chandler

Interim President

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**Subject:** The foreign secretary says there is a risk some parts might be used to breach international law.  
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## UK suspends some arms exports to Israel

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Source: BBC News

UK suspends some arms exports to Israel - BBC News

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**From:** [San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP](#)  
**To:** [Human Relations Commission](#)  
**Subject:** AT DNC, THE SQUAD WARNS DEMOCRATS TO WAKE UP TO THE THREAT OF AIPAC  
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**Unashamedly Black, Unapologetically  
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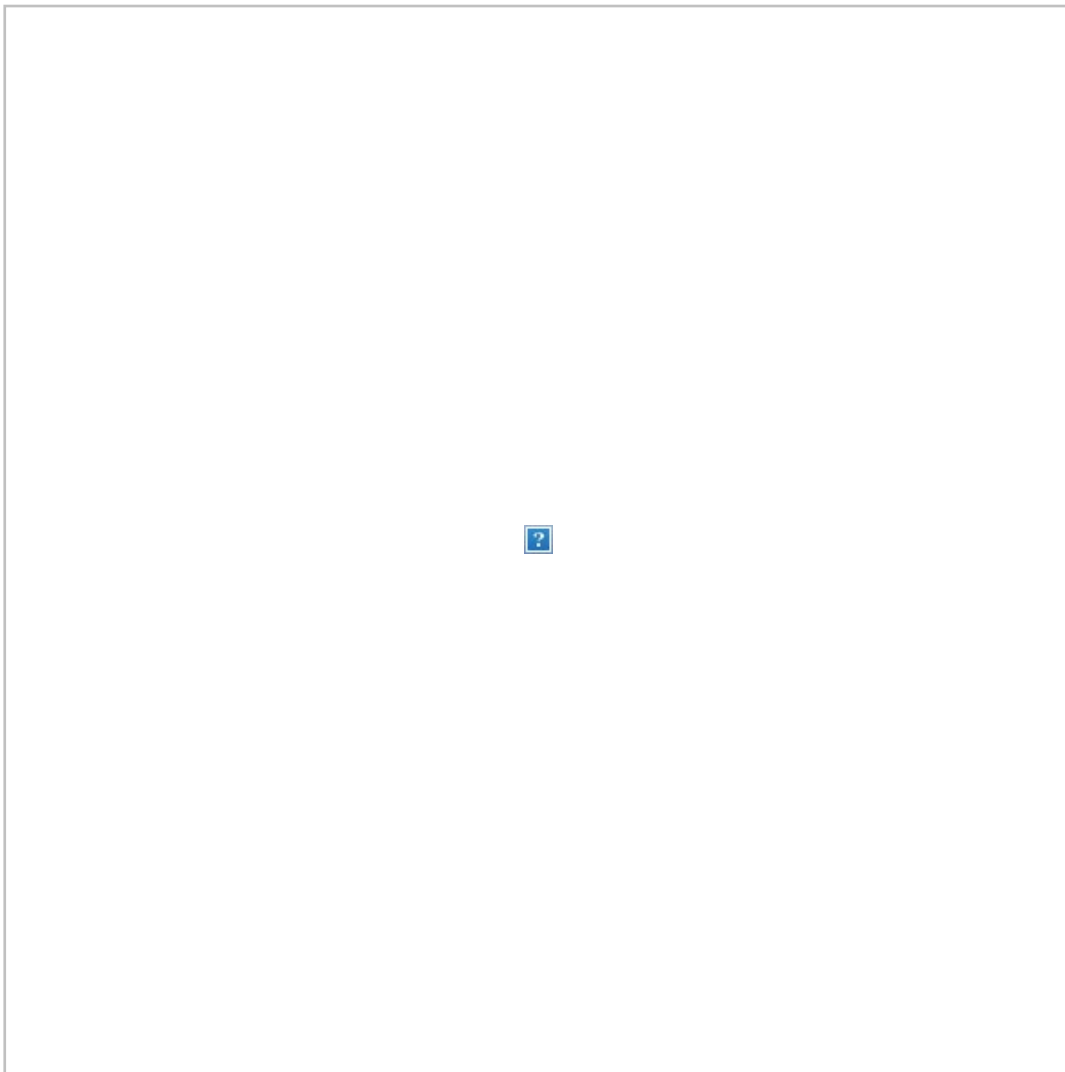
**The Oldest, Largest And Strongest**  
Civil Rights Organization In The United States.



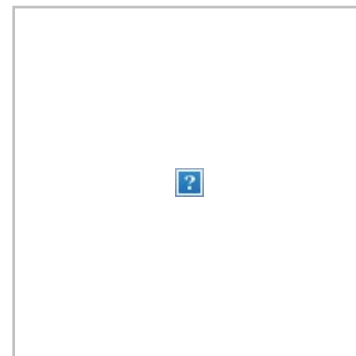
## Happy Labor Day!!

Happy Labor Day! While the holiday has become an opportunity to enjoy a long weekend, revel in the final days of summer, it's worth taking a moment to reflect on the history and meaning of the holiday—especially in the midst of a year that has been especially tumultuous for the American worker.

Labor Day celebrates the social and economic contributions of workers and the achievements of the labor movement. It has historically served as an opportunity for protest and to organize for workers' rights, including higher pay, better working conditions, and shorter working hours.



Recently, I found myself engaging in a light-hearted yet thought-provoking exchange with Shane Patrick Connolly, the chairman of the Santa Clara County Republican Party. My initial intent was somewhat tongue-in-cheek, trolling him over a few grammatical and pronunciation quirks, particularly the pronunciation of the word “coupon” as “queue-pon.” However, this interaction led me down a more serious path of exploration regarding the Republican Party’s agenda in Silicon Valley.



My curiosity was piqued when I learned that Chairman Connolly had made an appearance on FOX Business to discuss the growing Republican support in the Silicon Valley region. This raised an important question in my mind: support for what exactly? Intrigued by this notion, I went directly to the Santa Clara County Republican Party’s official website, hoping to discern their stance and objectives. Unsurprisingly, I stumbled upon a blog post titled "The U.S. Would Be Better Off Under a Trump Presidency."

However, my search for Project 25, which I believed was relevant to the community, yielded no results. This absence of information left me pondering the implications of

their political agenda, especially within the context of our county, which is a majority-minority community. I began to envision how Project 25, or any significant project, could affect an area as diverse as Santa Clara County. “Project 25” statements by authors that Republicans being “in the process of taking this country back.” The reference to a “second American Revolution, which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be,” raises significant concerns. It suggests a potentially divisive rhetoric that frames the political landscape as a battleground rather than a space for constructive discourse. The assertion that our constitutional system is somehow skewed against certain American people, based solely on their political affiliations, appears to be a misrepresentation of the fundamental democratic principles that encourage diverse viewpoints.

Would Project 25 take into account the needs and aspirations of all community members, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds? In my pastoral imagination, I envision Project 25 as an alarming threat to the well-being of our majority minority community, undermining the hard-earned progress we've achieved together. By attacking overtime pay, student loans, civil servant jobs, the department of Education and reproductive rights, while fostering discrimination, pollution, and price gouging, this initiative could unravel the very fabric of our collective prosperity. The potential for rounding up immigrants and utilizing military presence in our neighborhoods raises urgent concerns about safety and unity. It prompts a crucial question: where does the Santa Clara County Republican Party stand on Project 25? We must actively engage local Republican candidates, demanding their positions on this issue and holding them accountable for the potential impacts on our community. It is our responsibility to advocate for policies that uplift, not divide, and to ensure that our voices are heard in the conversations shaping our future.

In light of these thoughts, I took the initiative to draft a letter addressed to Chairman Shane Patrick Connolly. In my correspondence, I utilized both his personal address and that of the Santa Clara County Republican Party. I asked him to express the party's direction and its engagement with Project 25 and the diverse constituents of our county

My experience of trolling Chairman Connolly, opened the door for a deeper examination of the Republican Party's role in our community. It highlighted the necessity for political figures to articulate their support in clear terms, ensuring that they remain accountable to the constituents they represent. As our political landscape continues to evolve, it is imperative that all parties foster genuine dialogue and collaboration with the communities they serve. Only through such engagement can we hope to build a more inclusive and equitable society. He has not responded to my letter.

**Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP**

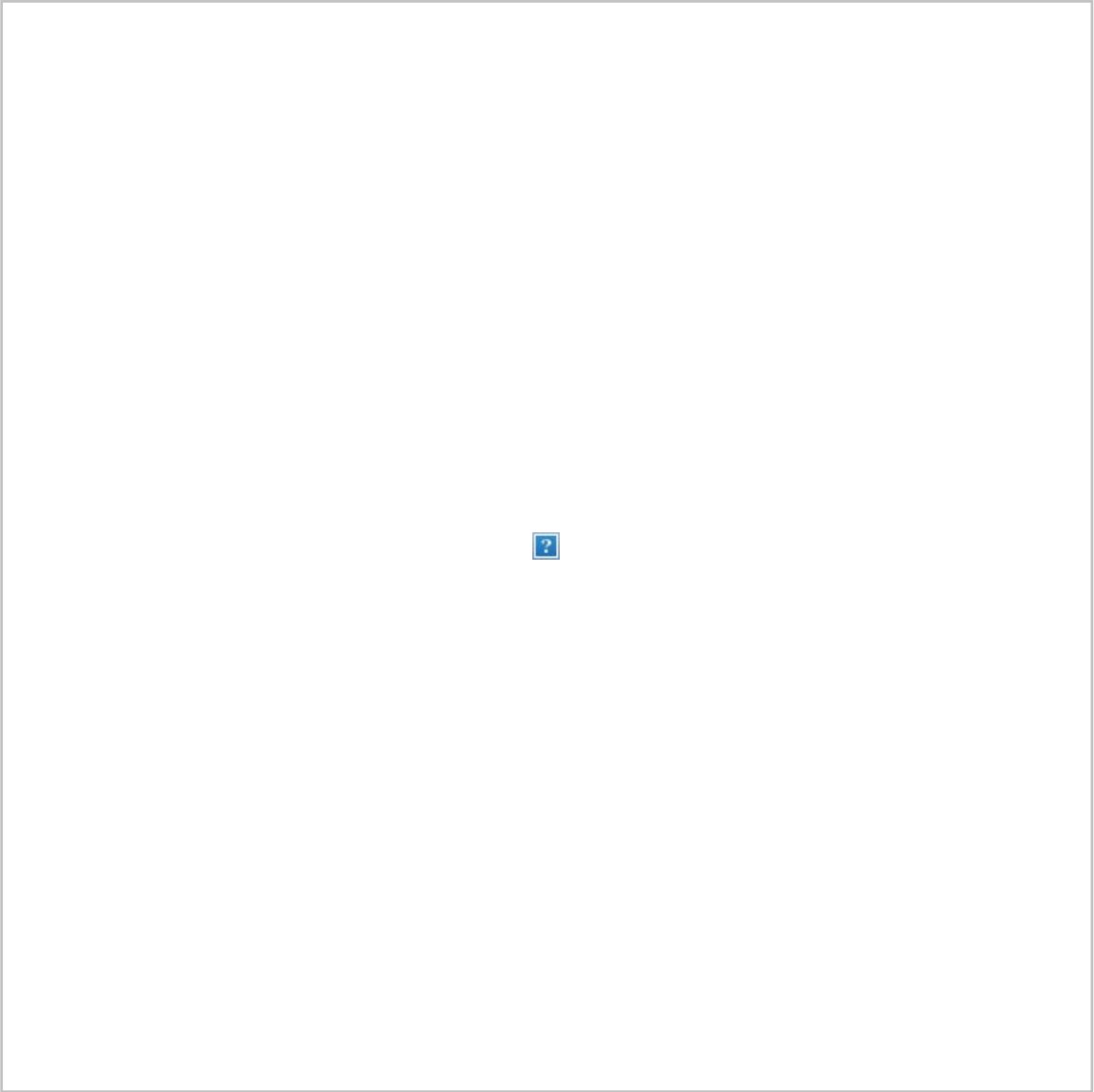


Join us for an empowering virtual training session hosted by the NAACP in collaboration with Faiths United to Save Democracy. This session, designed with faith leaders and community members in mind, is vital to our nonpartisan efforts to promote voter turnout and ensure a fair and just election process.

Attendees will be equipped with the tools, strategies, and inspiration needed to mobilize their communities for the upcoming election.

- Meet our speakers: Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart, Chair, NAACP National Religious Affairs Committee
- Rev. Jim Wallis, Chair, Georgetown Center for Faith and Justice
- Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Coordinator, Faiths United To Save Democracy
- Dr. Jessica Felix-Romero, Chief Strategy & Impact Officer, Sojourners
- Rev. Moya Harris, Director of Racial Justice, Sojourners
- Rev. Adam Taylor, President, Sojourners
- Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Coordinator, Faiths United To Save Democracy
- Hon. Constance Berry Newman, Skinner Leadership Institute

**RSVP today to save your spot.**





In an effort to develop knowledge and awareness of the Department of Justice (DOJ) resources and programs, Attorney General Rob Bonta's **Office of Community Awareness, Response, and Engagement (CARE)** hosts quarterly virtual presentations that are open to the public. These webinar presentations are opportunities to hear, learn, and ask questions directly with DOJ staff regarding the DOJ's various divisions, sections, bureaus, and offices.

We invite you to join our next *Demystifying the DOJ* webinar event which will highlight the Racial Justice Bureau (RJB). Please see below for more information on how to register and attend:

**Demystifying the Department of Justice**  
**Racial Justice Bureau (RJB)**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**  
**10:00 AM -11:00 AM**  
***Virtual Presentation***  
**REGISTER HERE**

The Racial Justice Bureau (RJB) was established by AG Bonta to increase focus on racial and social justice issues across DOJ's civil rights work and support new and ongoing efforts to protect all Californians. RJB helps the DOJ advance racial justice through investigations, litigation, amicus briefs, public reports, and other publications.



## **AT DNC, THE SQUAD WARNS** **DEMOCRATS TO WAKE UP TO THE** **THREAT OF AIPAC**

“It was Jamaal and I this time,” said Rep. Cori Bush, who was ousted by AIPAC millions, “but who is it going to be in two years?”

WITH THE DEMOCRATIC primary season winding down, members of the Squad are speaking more directly than ever about the role that the pro-Israel lobby played in silencing critics of Israel’s human rights abuses in Congress, as well as Democrats’ complicity.

As the Democratic National Convention entered its final day in Chicago, the topic of the war on Gaza and the role of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in elections had been largely absent from the main stage. **No Palestinian speakers** got time on the dais, despite the protest efforts from the “Uncommitted” movement this week.

Instead, the conversation among Democrats about pushing for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, an end to U.S. weapons shipments to Israel, and the party’s role in allowing AIPAC to shape its primaries has been taking place outside the United Center, where progressives held protests to hold convention delegates’ feet to the fire. **READ MORE**



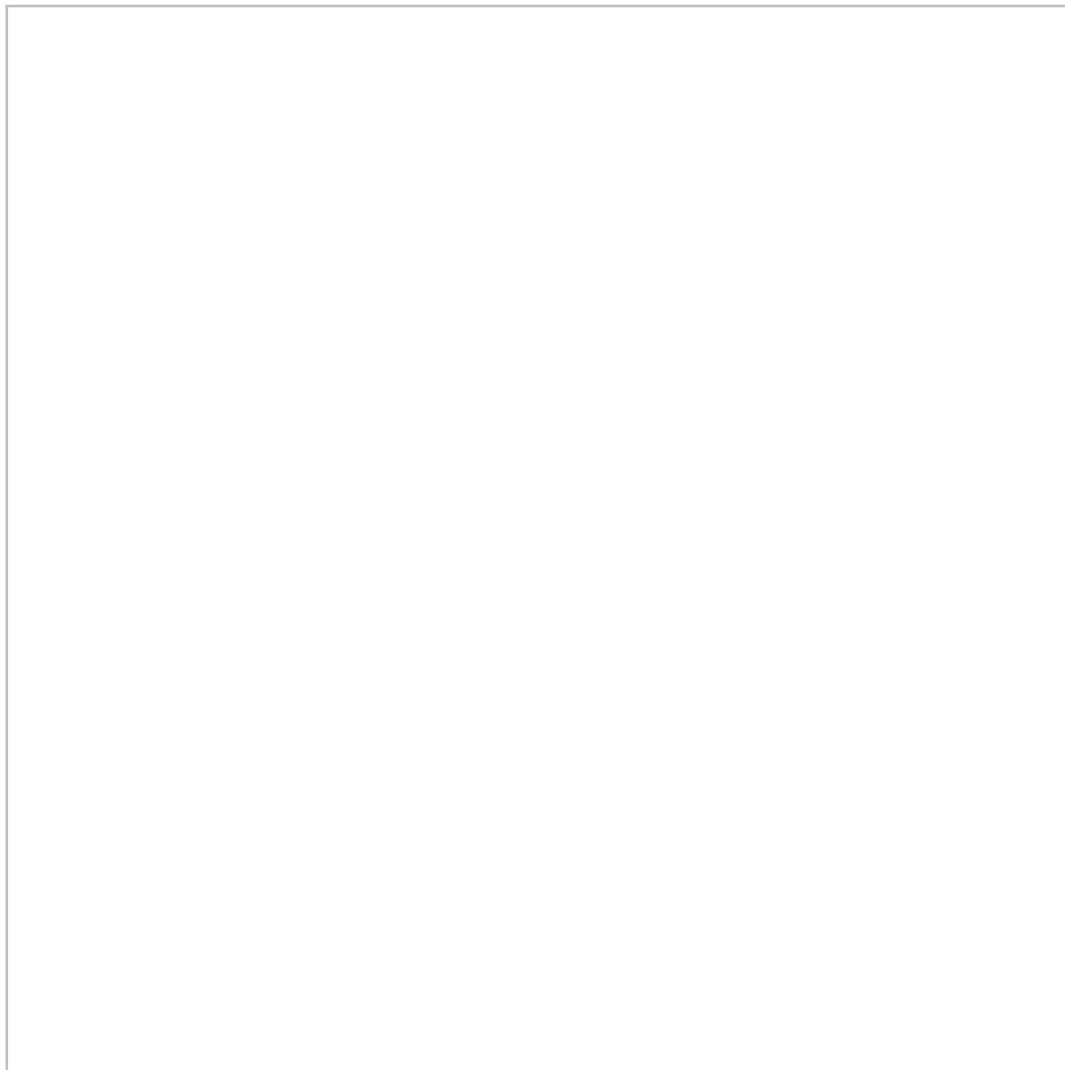
## **Ranked-Choice Voting: A Partisan Plot to Engineer Election Results**

BY Madeline Malisa, Michael Greibrok

## KEY FINDINGS

- Ranked-choice voting's track record is the best argument against it.
- Ranked-choice voting requires that legitimate voters' ballots be thrown in the trash when no candidate receives a majority of the vote.
- Candidates with the most votes often lose while those receiving as little as four percent of the vote win, diminishing voter confidence in elections.
- Ranked-choice voting leads to errors and delayed results lasting weeks, or even months.
- Legislation supporting ranked-choice voting is overwhelmingly sponsored by Democrats.

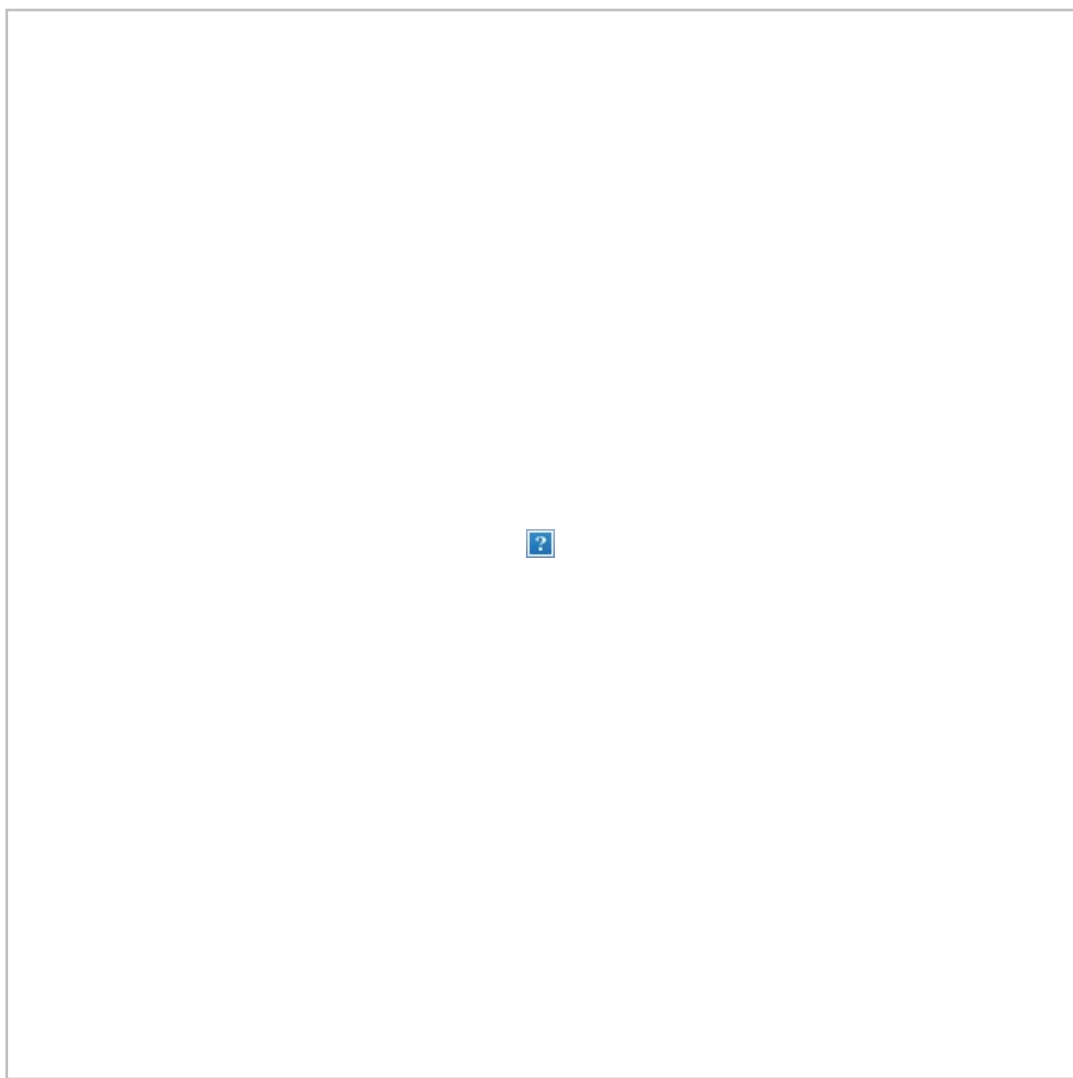
The Bottom Line: To protect voters and their ballots, states should follow the lead of Florida, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, and Tennessee and ban ranked-choice voting. **READ MORE**

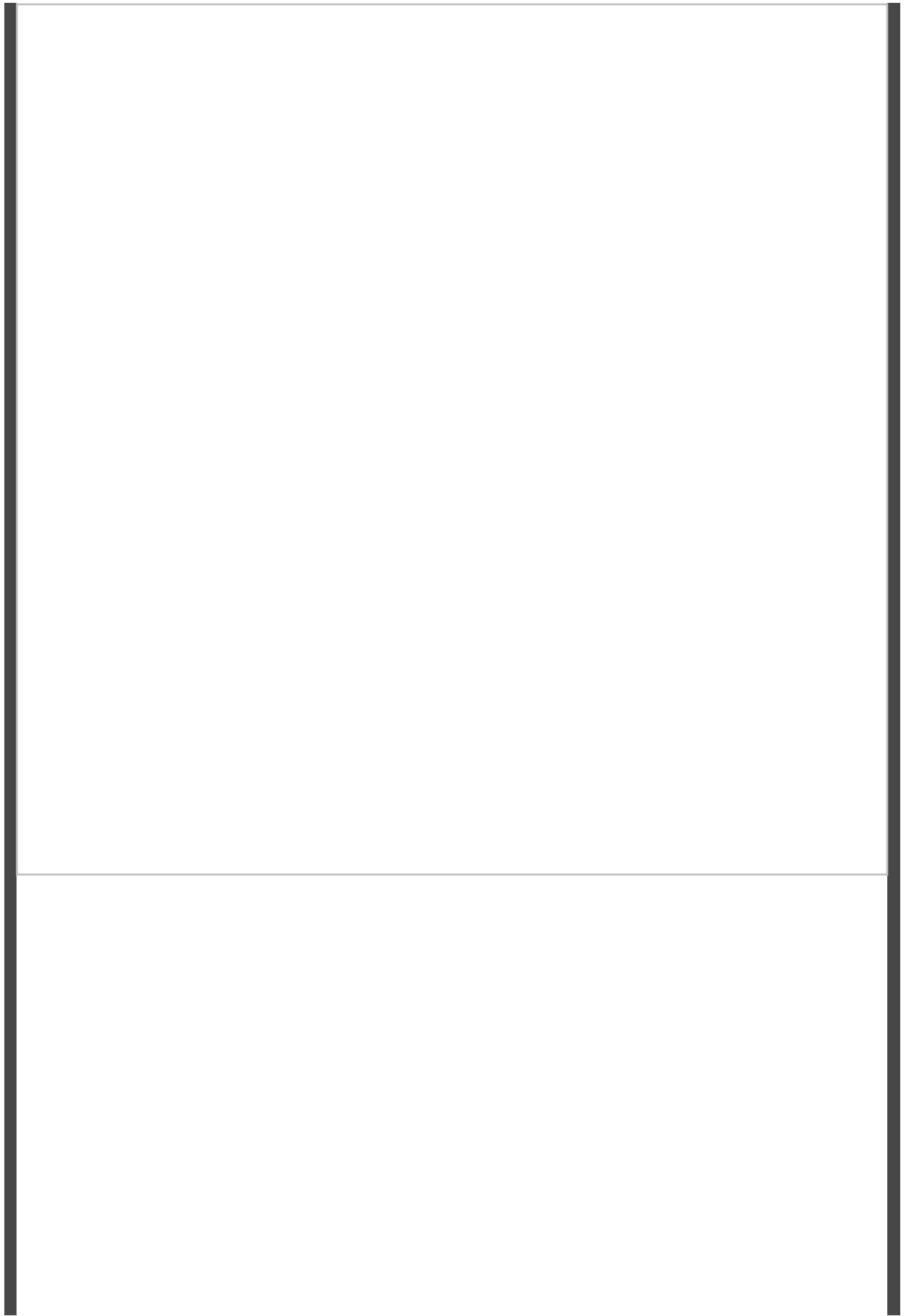


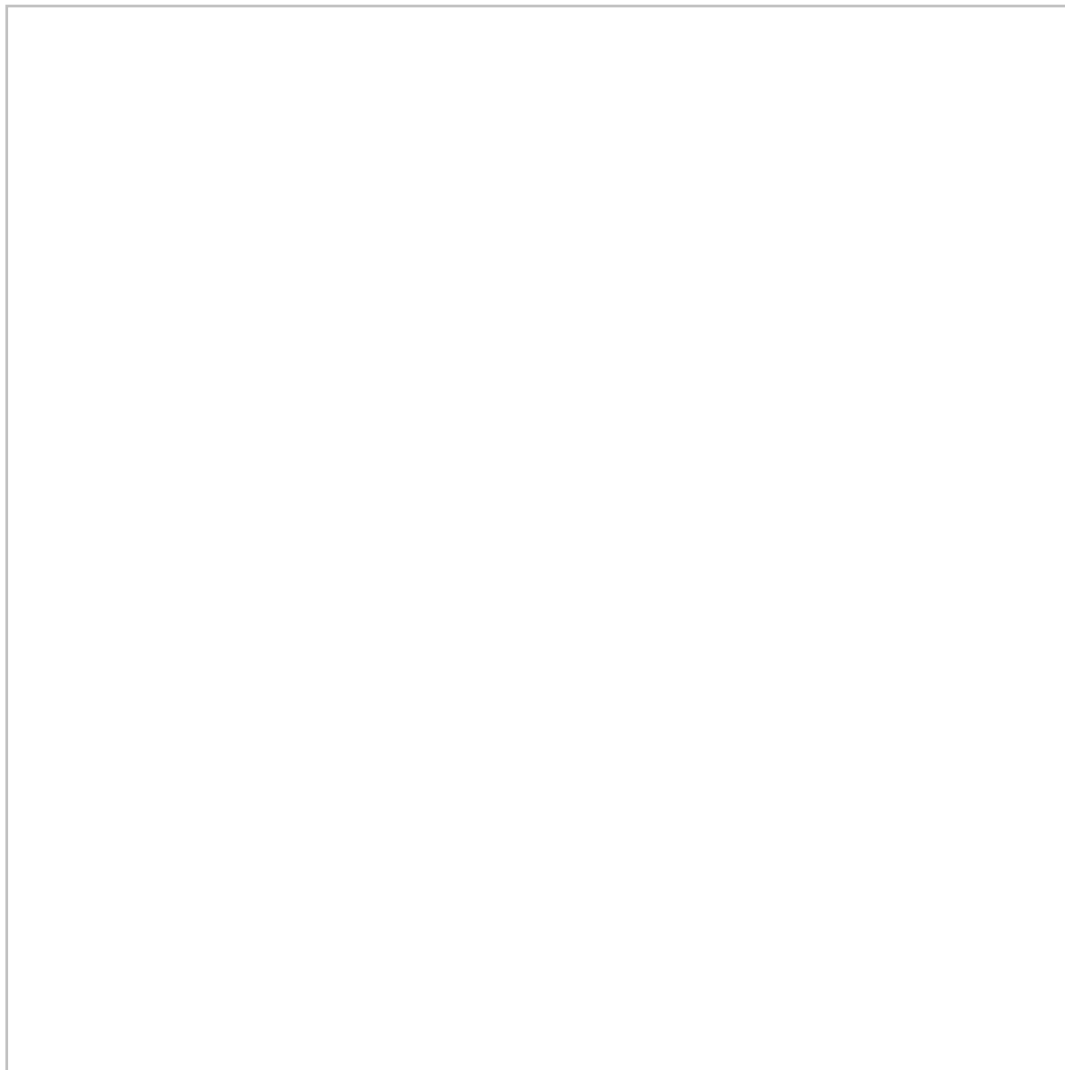
Since 2019, Reecie Colbert has been a tireless advocate for educating the public about Vice President Kamala Harris's record, with a particular focus on combating disinformation targeting the Vice President. Colbert has invested hundreds of hours in original research, meticulously curating essential information that spans Harris's tenure as San Francisco District Attorney to her current presidential campaign. Now, Reecie is generously making this valuable information available for free—simply provide your email address to gain access and credit Reecie if you share it.

As this is a volunteer (unpaid) effort on Reecie's part, there is no bandwidth to respond to questions about the materials provided. Click below

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The history of the Maroons of Jamaica's Cockpit Country is a story of the difficulties of Black sovereignty and autonomy in an imperial world.

The Cockpit Country is a region of more than 74,000 hectares that sprawls across Jamaica's western parishes. Rugged and largely uncharted, its topography is of steep limestone hills, gullies, pits, and valleys laid out over a network of rivers, streams, springs, glades, and ponds providing a critical freshwater source. It holds Jamaica's largest remaining natural forest and is home to rare plants, birds, butterflies, and animals. The stark and inaccessible quality of the Cockpit Country encouraged the natural preservation of its ancient biodiversity.

The Cockpit Country's seclusion also made it a natural haven for Africans escaping the brutality of slavery on Jamaica's European plantations. While Jamaica was under Spanish rule (1493–1656), the Cockpit Country became the site for the establishment of Maroon communities forged through African alliance with the island's remaining indigenous Taino populations. They engaged in guerilla warfare against the Spanish, using their knowledge of the terrain to their military advantage. This practice continued once the English invaded Jamaica in 1655. The English increased the importation of enslaved Africans to work on the expanding sugar-cane plantations. Maroon communities terrorized the planters, emancipated enslaved Africans, and severely disrupted the profitability of the sugar economy. English attempts at

pacification led to the First Maroon War (~1728), fought against the Maroons of the Cockpit Country (known as the Leeward Maroons) and those of the Blue Mountains in the easterly portion of the island (known as the Windward Maroons). The war ended when the English conceded defeat and signed treaties of pacification with the **Leeward Maroons in 1739 (though the treaty is dated 1738) and Windward Maroons in 1740. READ MORE**



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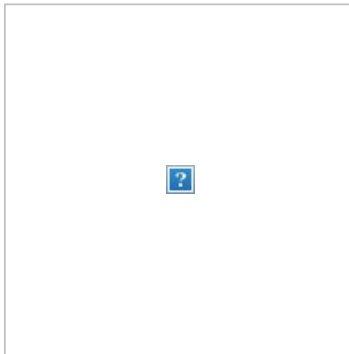
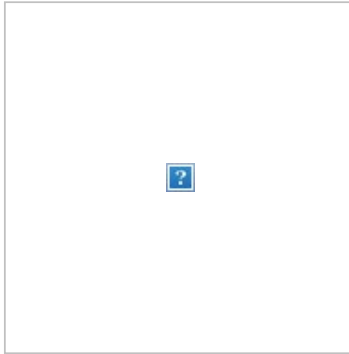
**They Not Like Us - Project 2025 and More**  
**Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

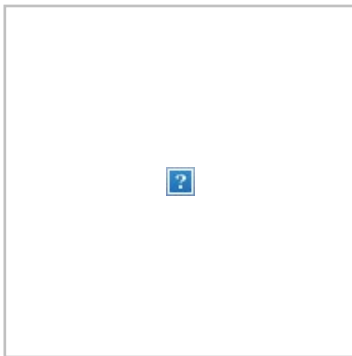
**Time: 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET**

Join us for a critical conversation focused on the urgent need to protect our labor

movement and civil rights against the growing threats posed by Project 2025. While Project 2025 seeks to erode workers' rights, undermine unions, and strip away hard-won protections, labor unions and civil rights organizations are fighting back, dedicated to expanding labor rights and safeguarding civil liberties. This event will spotlight key labor campaigns that are actively pushing back to defend and advance the rights of all workers.

## **Register today**





## **How Will Project 2025 Affect Black America?**

The document, drafted by former Trump Administration staffers but which Trump disavows, means poorer public schools, worse health outcomes and aggressive police.  
by **Joseph Williams**

Project 2025, the far-reaching Republican Party plan to demolish and radically remake the federal government under a Trump presidency, has gotten a lot of attention lately, and not necessarily in a good way.

President Joe Biden warns it's a threat to democracy. Former President Donald Trump says he had nothing to do with it, even though members of his administration helped write it. Actress Taraji P. Henson sounded the alarm while hosting the BET Awards last month, urging viewers to "look it up! Project 2025 is not a game!"

What's been missing in the conversation so far about Project 2025 — which calls for eliminating the Department of Education, replacing career civil servants with political appointees, ending affirmative action in government hiring, and virtually eliminating access to abortion, among other sweeping changes — is what it would mean for Black America. **READ MORE**

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## ***Register to Vote***

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete. Exercise your right to defend democracy by registering to participate in upcoming elections.

## ***Absentee Voting***

Being away from home is no excuse for not voting! If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot.

## ***Verify Your Voter Registration Status***

Confirm your voter registration status to ensure you are ready to go once the polls open!



# Harris has proposed a slew of economic policies. Here's a look at what's in them

By — Will Weissert, Associated Press  
Economy Aug 16, 2024 2:35 PM EDT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Kamala Harris is out with a string of new economic proposals focused on food prices, taxes, housing and medical costs that she says will empower the middle class.

## **WATCH: Harris debuts economic proposals to lower costs for Americans**

The plans constitute the first major policy proposals that Harris has released in the nearly four weeks since President Joe Biden bowed out of the race and endorsed his vice president.

A look at what Harris is proposing:

### **Food prices**

After years of polling showing that Americans are worried about inflation, Harris is aiming to contain prices where they have often been most conspicuously felt — at the **grocery store**. She's promising to, during her first 100 days in office, send Congress proposed federal limits on price increases for food producers and grocers. Harris also is seeking new authority for the Federal Trade Commission and attorneys general in states across the country to enact steeper punishments for violators. She also wants to use government regulators to crack down on mergers and acquisitions among large food industry businesses that the vice president argues have contributed to higher prices. **READ MORE**



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The California legislature overwhelmingly voted in favor of SB 403, a bill aimed at explicitly including caste as a protected category. However, it was vetoed by the Governor, allegedly influenced by the financial power of Hindu

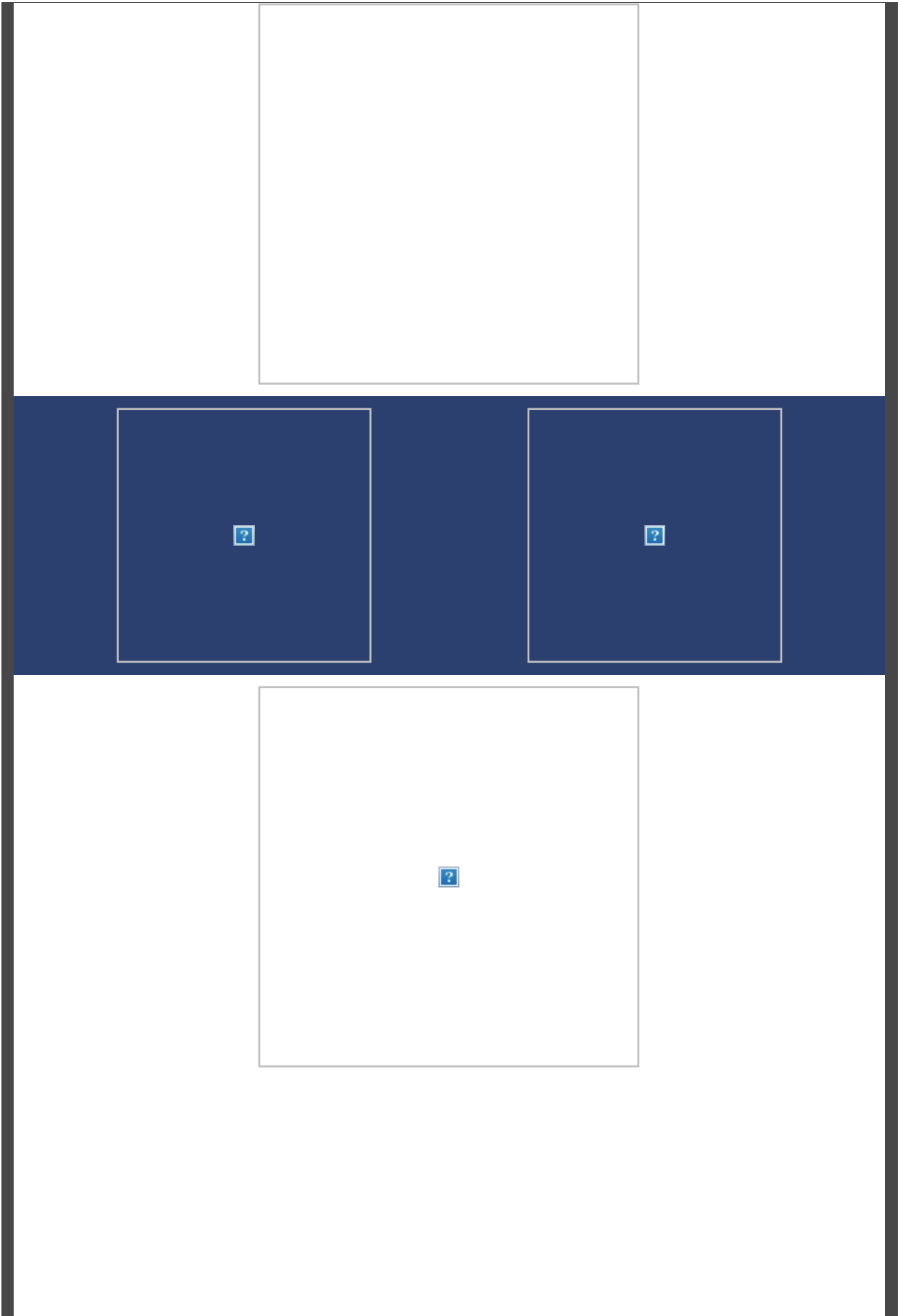
supremacist groups. A leader of a Hindu PAC claimed that he contacted the vice president Ms. Kamala Harris to intervene against SB 403. Additionally, a prominent Democratic Party donor revealed that Governor Newsom emailed him prior to vetoing the bill.

Brahminical forces, which took anti-race stances during the Black Lives Matter movement, continue to perplex people with their casteist agenda. Recently, Hindu supremacists have been encroaching on political spaces traditionally held by Black communities. For instance, a candidate supported by Hindu supremacists, defeated a Black woman in a congressional district where 44% of the population is Black, in the Democratic primary.

Thus far, Hindu supremacists have successfully masked their supremacist tendencies by leveraging their status as a religious minority, whether by opposing legal protections for those oppressed by caste or by encroaching on political spaces historically held by Black communities.

Against this backdrop, at the 5th conference of AKSC, anti-caste and racially oppressed communities will strategize on how to uproot Hindu supremacists from political and community spaces.







Our democracy stands at a crossroads. With the right to vote facing unprecedented challenges, it's more important than ever to amplify the voices of Black voters and ensure every vote is counted. This is where you come in.

**[Our volunteers](#)** help drive the NAACP mission forward by dedicating their time to empowering voters to make it to the ballot box. Imagine the impact of your efforts — every call you make or text you send encourages an infrequent voter to exercise their right and participate in shaping our collective future.

**[Sign up to volunteer](#)** with the NAACP and be part of a movement that champions equity and justice for all. Together, let's make history by ensuring every Black voter has their say in the upcoming election.

Your voice matters, and so does your action. Join us in making a lasting impact.

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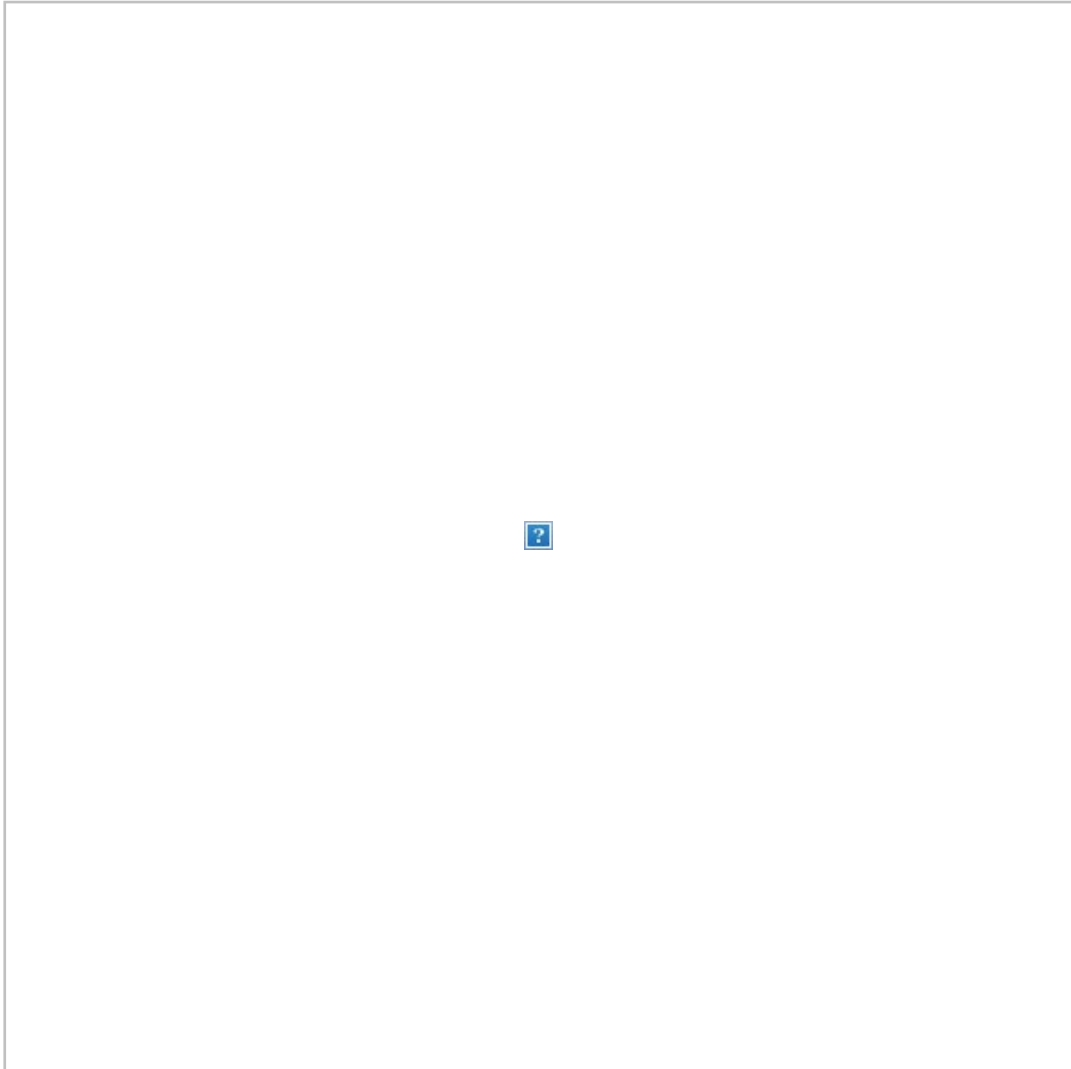
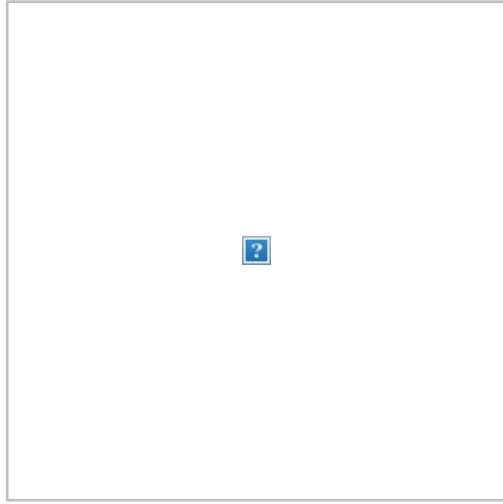
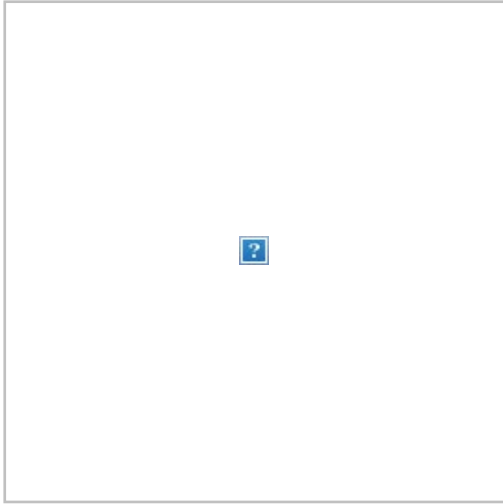




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Carlos R. Harris was wrongfully convicted for the attempted murder of Robert “Bobby” Carr, assault with a deadly weapon and robbery in concert on August 23, 2005. Santa Clara County is filled with occurrences of tainted trials and stolen justice. Carlos has maintained his innocence in the planning and attack of Robert a.k.a. Bobby Carr to date.

Carlos co-hosted a BBQ at a friends apartment complex labor day weekend in 2004. He invited his family and friends to join him and celebrate the holiday at a close friend’s home. Carlos left the BBQ at the apartment complex early to meet up with a friend he ran into earlier that day. On the evening of the BBQ in the laundry room of Carlos friend’s apartment complex Robert Bobby Carr was robbed and attacked by Carlos’s co-defendants. Carlos was not aware of the attack until much later that evening when he was picked up down the street from the apartment complex by his wife and several associates (so-called friends) who confessed to the setup, robbery and attempted murder of Robert Bobby Carr which Carlos was not apart of. Robert Bobby Carr recovered the attack and eventually submitted a written statement identifying his attackers and Carlos does not fit the description. The victim stated he never met or saw Carlos before. **READ MORE**



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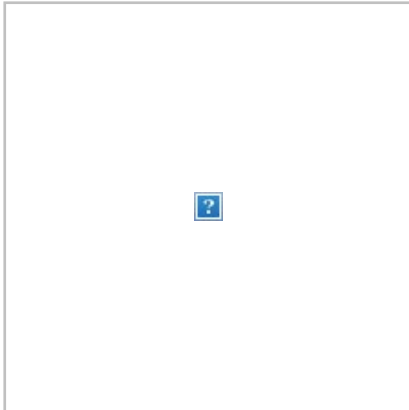
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## **The Black History You Never Knew: Uncovering Unsung Heroes in the Struggle for Racial Justice.**

*The Spirit of Justice* reveals the stories of the people who fought against racism and agitated for justice—and what we can learn from their example, their suffering, their methods, and their hope.

How is it that people still work for change after continuously seeing the worst of humanity and experiencing the most demoralizing setbacks? What keeps them going? It is that spirit of justice

that rises up "like a war horse," as Myrlie Evers-Williams famously said. It is a sense in the hearts of people who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

In this book, award-winning author Jemar Tisby will open your eyes to the "pattern of endurance" in the centuries-long struggle for Black freedom in America. Through a historical survey of the nation from its founding to the present day, this book gives real-world examples of people who opposed racism, how they did it, what it cost, and what they gained for themselves and others.

For those who were galvanized by Tisby's call to action in his acclaimed *The Color of Compromise*, this book will inspire you to see past the complicity of the church and gain the determination to join the fight for racial justice, no matter the cost. As Tisby writes, "The Spirit of justice is always at work to inspire followers of Christ to undertake acts of liberation and bear witness to the good news of their savior."

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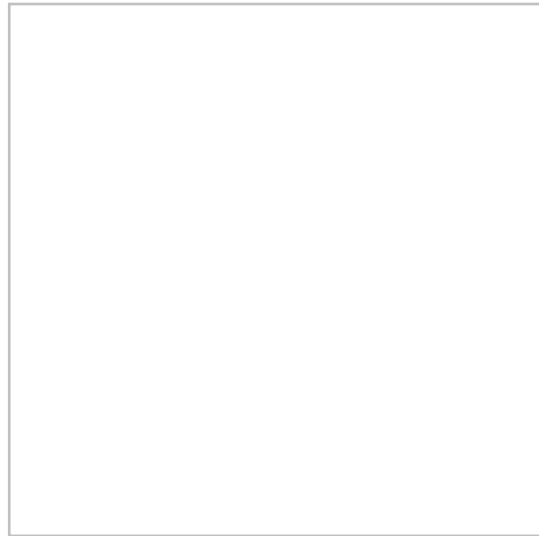


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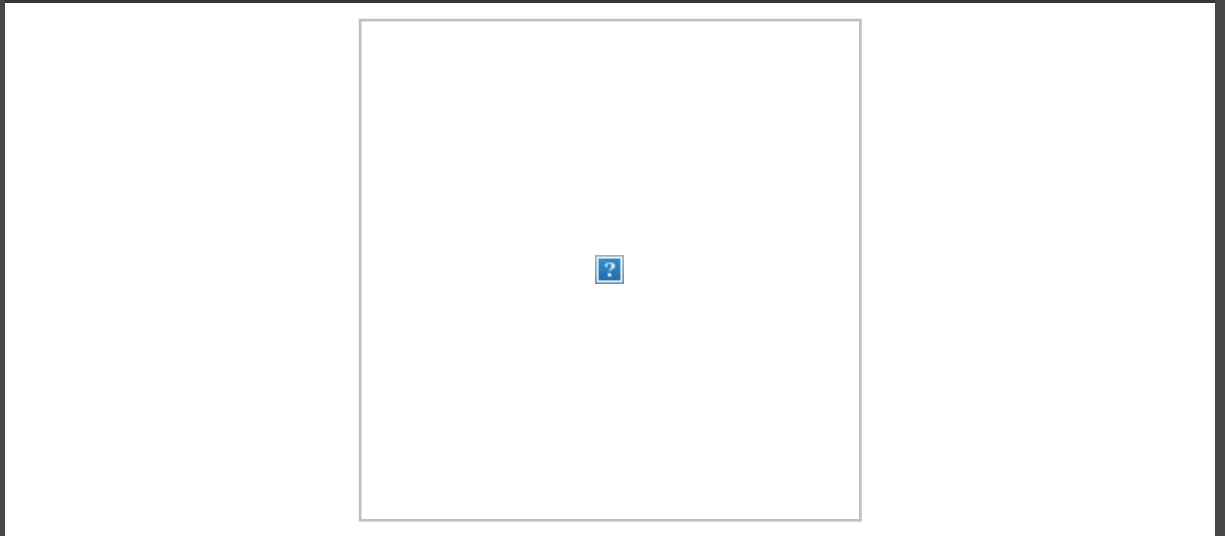
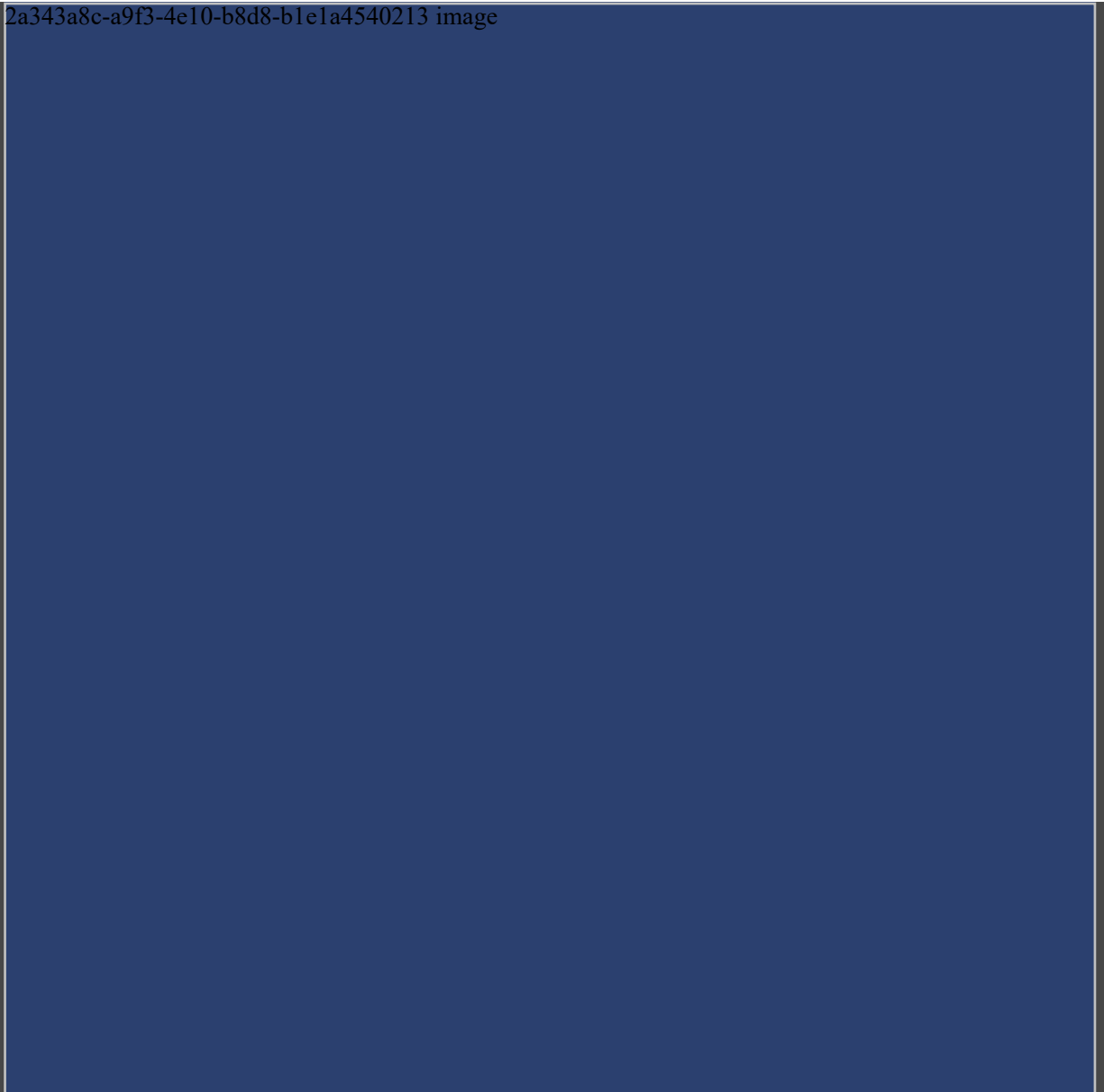
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From 1817 to 1858, the United States government engaged in a bitter conflict with the Seminole Nation. This conflict would result in three distinct wars. The Second Seminole War (1835-1842) was conducted under the Indian Removal Policy of the 1830's. This war was a

result of the American plantation societies' relentless efforts to enslave the Black Seminole population. The United States government's objective became to return as many Black Seminoles, if not all, to slavery. Evidence proves that the efforts of the U.S. military to place Blacks in bondage were not only a major underlying theme throughout the War, but at various points, the primary goal. It is clear that from the onset of the war, the United States government, military, and state militias grossly underestimated both the determination and the willingness of the Black Seminole to resist at all cost. Thus, this book will not only make the argument that the Second Seminole War was indeed a slave rebellion, but perhaps the most successful one in United States' history.

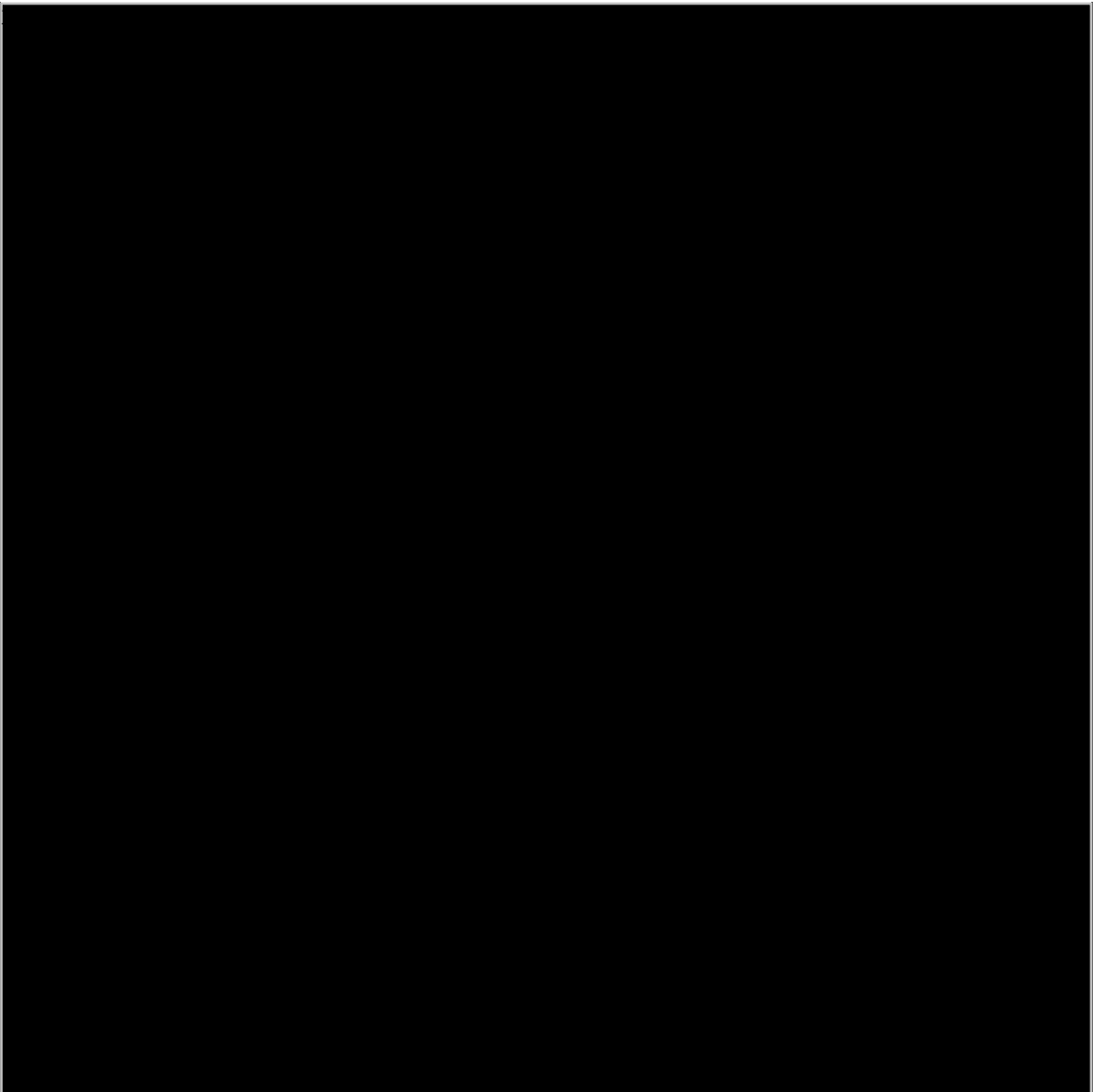


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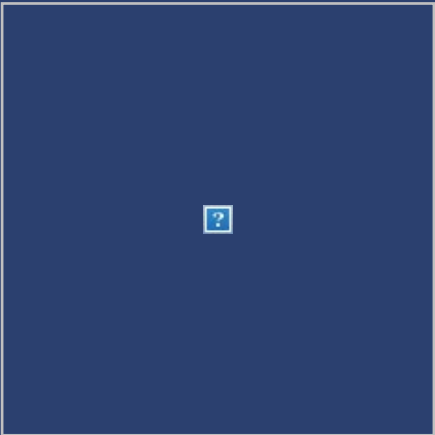


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*EJS President Lisa Holder was quoted in a recent Politico article on bills working its way through the California Legislature. Lisa is a leader in the Alliance for Reparations,*

*Reconciliation, and Truth (ARRT) and a former member of the California Reparations Task Force. Learn more and sign up for updates at <https://alliancefor.org>.*

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## **POLITICO: Reparations advocates play the long game**

By Lindsey Holden

JUST GETTING STARTED: Advocates for slavery reparations are shifting away from a conversation focused on cash payments and throwing their energy behind a slate of bills meant to address hundreds of years of racial discrimination.

With one week left in the legislative session, at least eight bills are awaiting key floor votes. Among them are proposals on eminent domain, prison book bans and anti-discrimination measures dealing with hair texture and style.

**“The way that we’ve done reparations in California is not about a check in the mail,” said Lisa Holder, a member of the state’s reparations task force, which Gov. Gavin Newsom formed in 2020. “It is so much deeper. That is one of five dimensions.”**

Mindful of the state’s multibillion-dollar budget deficit, the Legislative Black Caucus chose to launch the effort with proposals that have smaller price tags, including a letter of apology for the harms caused by slavery and its legacy.

At least three have already cleared the Legislature. Newsom last month signed a bill from Assemblymember Tina McKinnor to collect data by race for career technical education programs.

Voters in November will consider a ban on involuntary servitude targeting forced prison labor, following a legislative push from Assemblymember Lori Wilson. The governor last month signed another bill from Wilson that would require the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to create a voluntary work program if that ballot measure, Proposition 6, passes.

Holder said she was pleased to see Newsom and legislative leaders commit \$12 million in budget funding to begin implementing reparations legislation.

“Just the act of putting money to begin to seed reparations legislation is historic,” she said.

But lawmakers behind these efforts have been candid about the headwinds they face, from funding cutbacks to a lack of political will to spend taxpayer funds on such programs.

“This is a pretty good start,” said Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, one of two lawmakers who served on the task force. “But it also gives us an idea of what challenges we have in the future, like dealing with the budget.”

The Los Angeles lawmaker, who is terming out this year, said his colleagues aim to keep chipping away at the task force recommendations by taking up 15 to 20 per year.

“Most of them will have 10 years to get this completed,” he said, “and I think they would like to get this done in half that time.”

Bills associated with criminal justice policy changes have had a harder time getting traction as a tough-on-crime mood takes hold. A proposal from Jones-Sawyer to use savings from prison closures to establish an anti-violence grant program died last week in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

This week, Assemblymember Chris Holden announced he was dropping legislation that would have restricted the state’s use of solitary confinement in prisons, jails and immigrant detention centers.

“It shows you that we still have a lot of work to do to convince our colleagues that issues such as solitary confinement need to be addressed in this country,” said state Sen. Steven Bradford, who also served on the task force.

There were lawmakers “who didn’t even want to vote for the apology,” he added. “So it speaks to where we are as a state and as a nation.”

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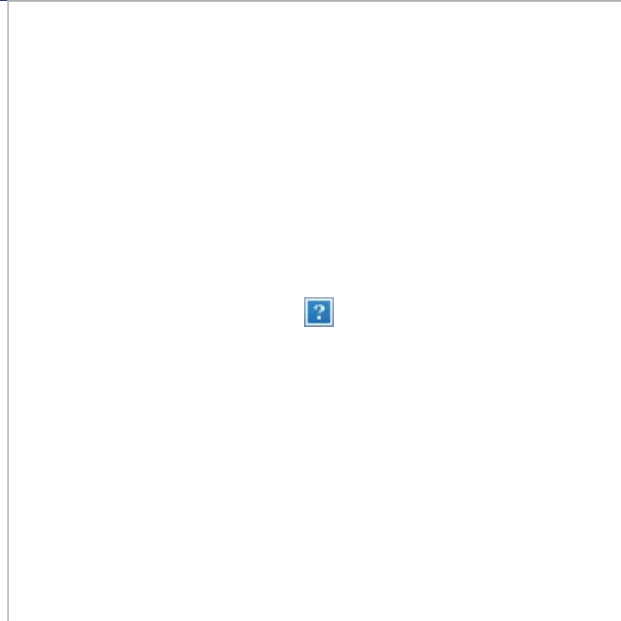
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## **Color and diversity/Absence of Color and Diversity**

For some reason I found myself watching both the RNC and DNC Conventions. Believing the fate of our democracy and fundamental civil rights are on the ballot. The conservative architects of Project 2025 are scheming to institutionalize Donald Trump's authoritarianism. I was excited with Jasmine Crockett comments on Trump : "Will a vindictive vile villain violate voters' vision?" as she praised

Vice President Kamala Harris: "She lived the American dream while he was America's nightmare." contrast During the RNC, Amber Rose said it didn't matter if you were Black, white, gay, or straight; it was all about love. It was a moment of realization for me, shedding my fears of judgment and embracing a newfound sense of belonging symbolized



by the red hat. But yet the RNC had an absence of people of color in the crowd. Hearing Amber Rose caused me to reflect on the movie *Imitation of Life* 1954 (mixed-race daughter is desperate to be seen as white.)

As I settled in to watch the RNC and DNC conventions, it was clear that the DNC had a musical extravaganza, with artists spanning every genre hitting all the right notes. Meanwhile, over at the RNC, they were hit with a lawsuit by none other than Issac Hayes Jr. It seems they thought they were too privileged to ask for permission before blaring someone else's tunes. Oh, the audacity of political parties and their soundtrack shenanigans!

The Democrats showed an inclusive party of the future that rejects “going back” to the reactionary past advocated by the GOP, the urgency of protecting reproductive freedom, the promise to fight to keep drug prices down. I was inspired by what Senator Warnock said. People who have no vision traffic in division. He continued with Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God," Warnock went on with I need my neighbor's children to be O.K. so that my children will be O.K. I need all of my neighbors' children to be O.K. Poor inner city children in Atlanta and poor children of Appalachia. I need the poor children of Israel and the poor children of Gaza. I need Israelis and Palestinians. I need those in the Congo, those in Haiti, those in Ukraine. I need American children on both sides of the track to be O.K. because we are all God's children." In contrast the RNC West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice's famous bulldog, sat quietly in an armchair onstage as the Senate candidate spoke glowingly about Trump, said of Babydog's (THE DOG) appearance. "She makes us smile, and she loves everybody

President Biden said, "All this talk about how I'm angry at all those people who said I should step down — that's not true. I love my country more, and we need to preserve our democracy in 2024." He also acknowledged the concerns of protesters against the war in Gaza who demonstrated a few blocks from the convention.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke hopefully of finally breaking the “glass ceiling” to elect a female president. Warriors coach Steve Kerr invoked Steph Curry, saying "night, night" to Trump.

Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez got cheers when she praised Harris for working “tirelessly to get a cease-fire in Gaza and get the hostages home." United Auto Workers president Shawn Fain said, "It's getting hot," and led a chant of “Trump’s a scab!” Reflecting on Rev. Jesse Jackson's speech, declaring that America is “like a quilt: Many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.”

At the RNC, former first lady Melania Trump didn't speak at all, while Peter Navarro joked to attendees that they "just want to know if you can see my MAGA tattoo." The absence of varied voices and perspectives was palpable as speakers reiterated a singular narrative without acknowledging the diverse experiences and backgrounds that define the American populace. Peter Navarro "If they can come for me, if they can come for Donald Trump, be careful, they will come for you." Let's embrace the diversity that defines us and strive to build a future where all voices are respected and valued.

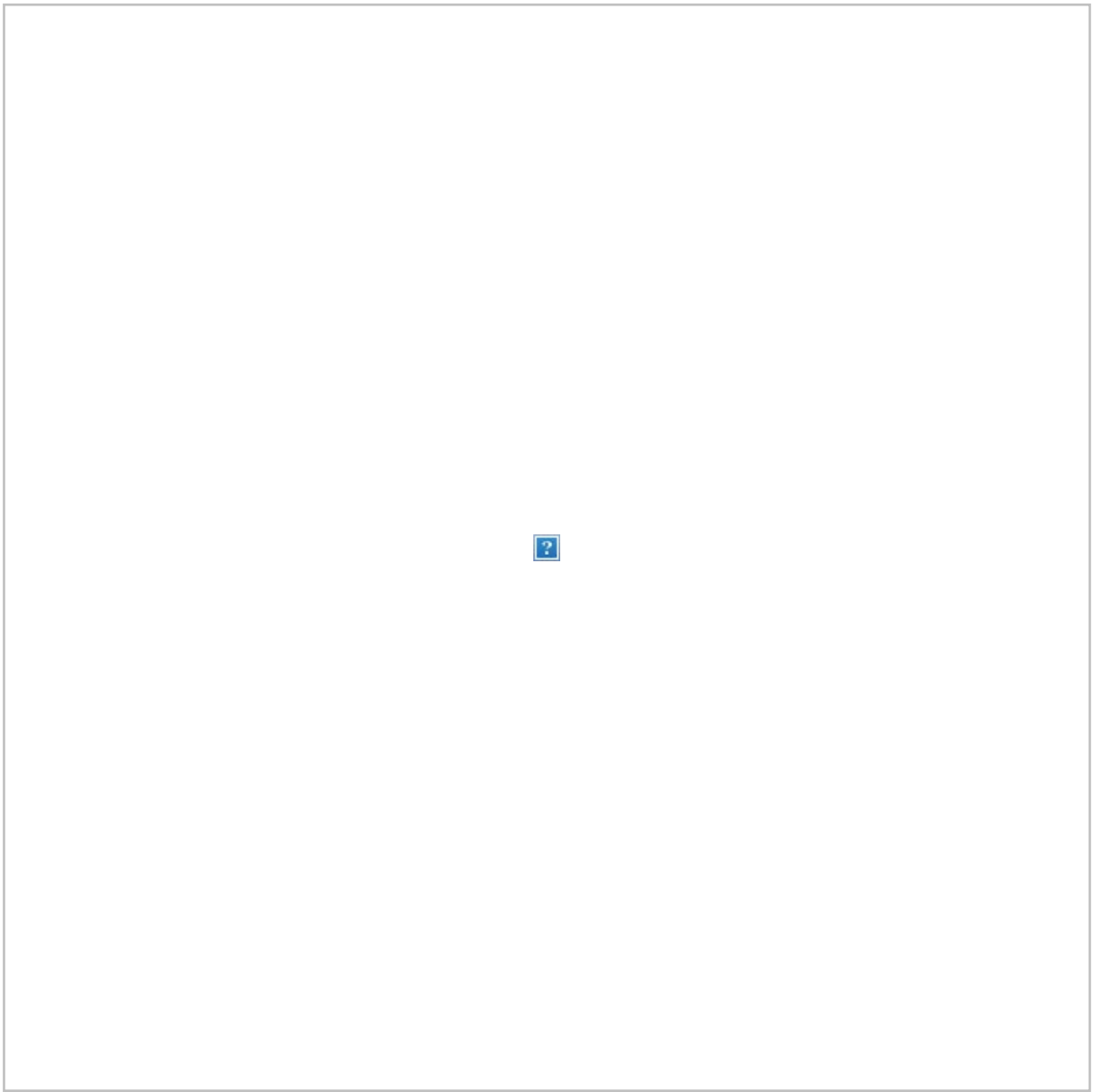
The simplistic messaging and lackluster music further contributed to the monotony of the event, leaving me with a lingering feeling of the glaring lack of diversity and inclusion. The focus on loyalty and unwavering support for a single figure without addressing the complexities and nuances of our society felt like a missed opportunity for meaningful discourse and engagement.

As I reflect on my experience watching the RNC convention, I can't help but emphasize the importance of diversity in shaping our political dialogue and decisions. The absence of

color and representation in the event served as a reminder of the work that still needs to be done to ensure that all voices are heard and valued in our political landscape. My observation of the RNC convention is not meant to criticize but rather to highlight the significance of diversity and inclusion in our political discourse. As we navigate through these turbulent times, let us strive to create a platform that celebrates the rich tapestry of experiences and perspectives that make up our society. Only then can we truly move forward as a united and inclusive nation.

**Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP**







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## **Trump Is the New Crack Rappers Are Dealing** BY *KYLA JENÉE LACEY*

It's time to have an honest critique of rappers. For many years, there was pushback against lyrics from inside the Black community—especially among Black women—about the images and themes that were being sold to and about Black people. However, even while facing major critique, rap music has not only remained as a genre but has found a solid fan base that continues to grow without accountability. Part of that reason is because rap is just as diverse as its fan base. The educated listener can tune out the ridiculousness of lyrics and understand that even if the music is based on reality, it still is not real, even for the person who is rapping.

While some rappers refuse to let the game go (Young Thug), other rappers may have never even indulged in a life danger (Drake), and that is okay because, at the end of the day, all genres of music involve some sort of creative writing. The problem is rap thrives off authenticity, and sometimes the realest n\*ggas are faking it, and sometimes the realest n\*ggas don't even really know what they are talking about.

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## **Ranked-Choice Voting Hurts Minorities: Study**

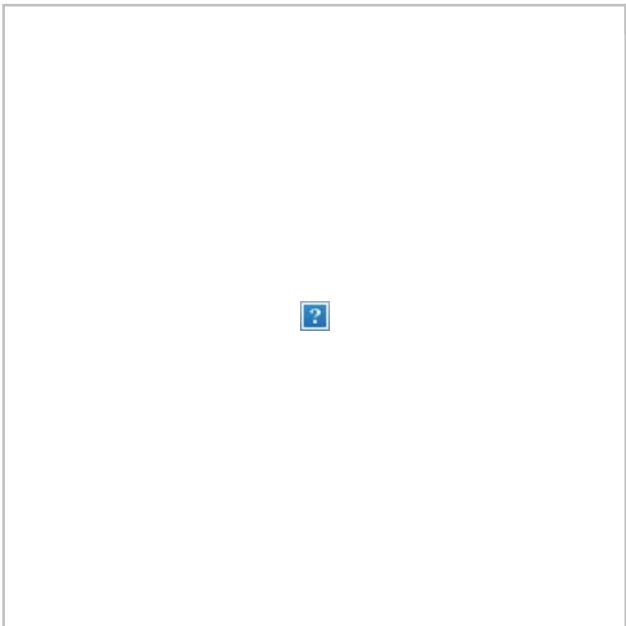
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## Weakens Electoral Influence of Minority Voters

(Arlington, Va.) – The Center for Election Confidence (CEC) announced today the release of research by Professor Nolan McCarty, with support from CEC, documenting harmful effects of ranked-choice voting (RCV) for racial and ethnic minority electorates. The study by Dr. McCarty, the Susan Dod Brown Professor of Politics at Princeton University, is entitled “Minority Electorates and Ranked Choice Voting”.

The research paper explains how RCV works, explains arguments made by proponents of RCV, and analyzes election data revealing how the RCV voting system affects the franchise of minority voters. Specifically, Dr. McCarty found that RCV disproportionately decreases the representation and electoral influence of minority voters because such voters disproportionately “exhaust” their ballots thereby removing them from decisive vote tabulations. ***READ MORE***



## **Black August: A Celebration of Freedom Fighters**

BY DOC HOLIDAY ET AL.

Black August originated in the California penal system in the 1970s. Many significant events in the New African Nation’s struggle for justice and liberation have occurred in August. The commemoration of Black August particularly hails the advances and sacrifices of Black Freedom Fighters. Following are several pages of authentic information on Black August provided by Doc Holiday, an original comrade of George Jackson and a longtime figure in

the Black Liberation and prison struggle. Doc is presently in prison in Marion, Illinois.  
History of Black August: Concept and Program

The month of August gained special significance and importance in the Black Liberation Movement beginning with a courageous attempt by Jonathan Jackson to demand the freedom of political prisoners/prisoners of war, of which the Soledad Brothers’ case brought to the center of attention.

On August 7, 1970 Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, James McClain, and Ruchell Magee were gunned down at the Marin County Courthouse in that attempt for freedom. Ruchell Cinque Magee remains the sole survivor of that bid for liberation. He also remains a POW at Folsom prison, doing life. Though this rebellion was put down by gory pigs and their agents, it was internalized within the hearts and minds of the people on the outside in the larger prison as well as those in the concentration camps (prison), internalized in the same fashion as we honor other heroic African Freedom Fighters, who sacrificed their lives for the people and the liberation. ***READ MORE***



## How Does the Citizens United Decision Still Affect Us in 2024?

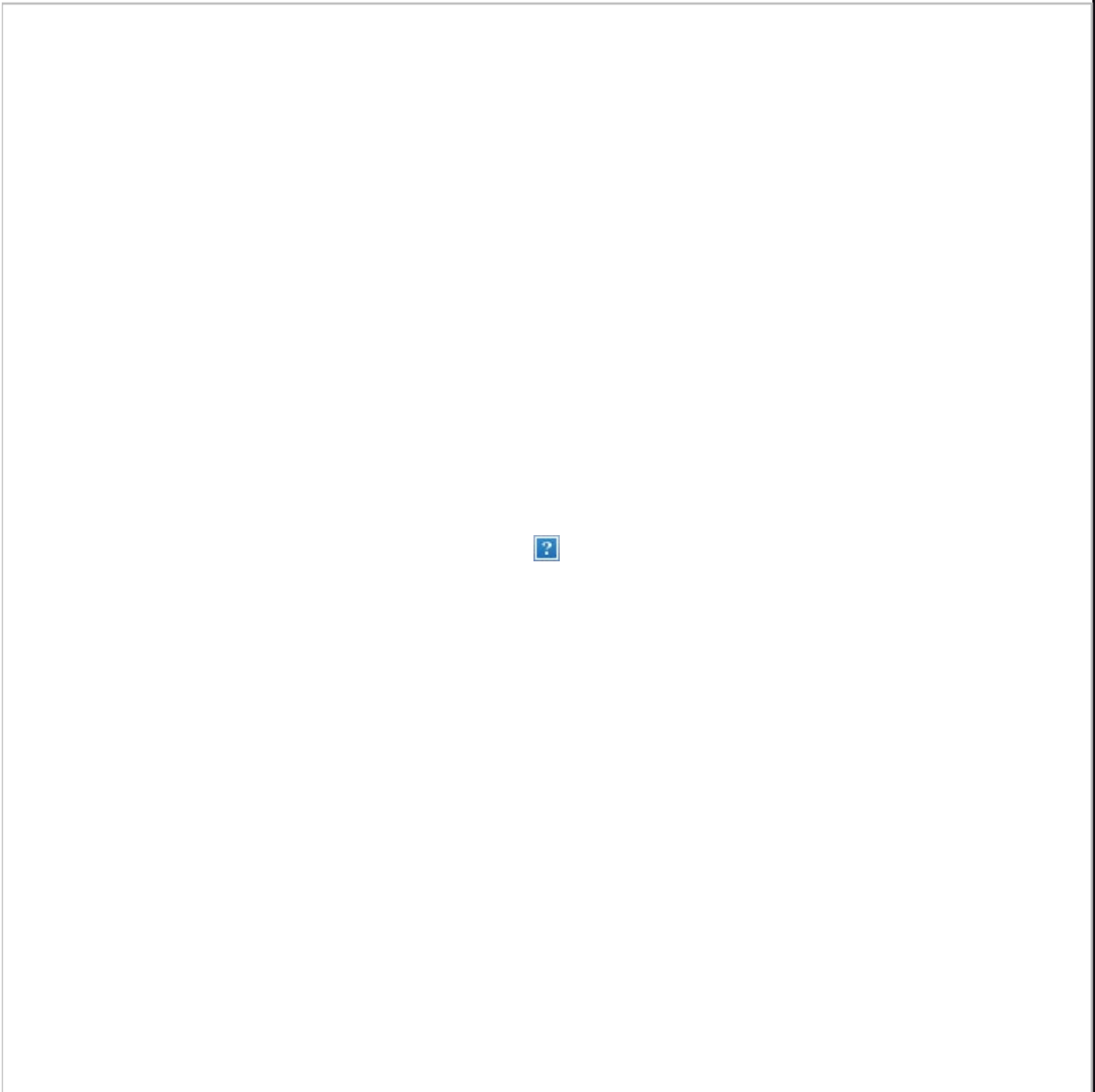
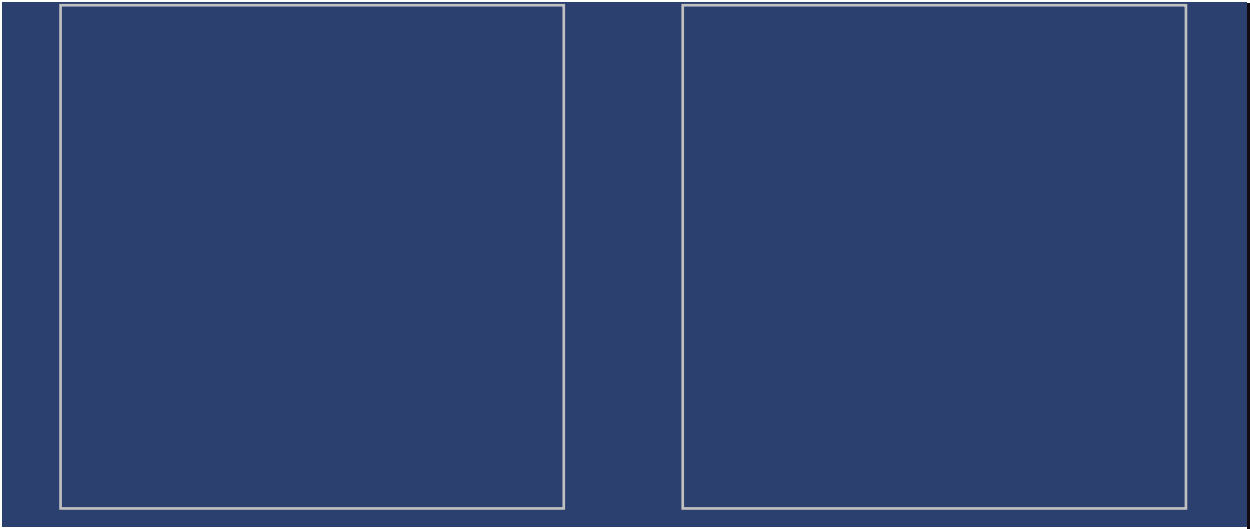
Voters have a right to know which wealthy special interests are spending big money to influence our vote and our government to rig the political system in their favor, but as the 2024 elections approach, a case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court over a decade ago continues to threaten that fundamental right.

On Jan. 21, 2010, in the case Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC), the Court ruled to strike down a prohibition on corporate independent expenditures, which has since enabled corporations and other outside groups to engage in unlimited amounts of campaign spending.

In Citizens United, the Court upheld certain disclosure provisions from the Bipartisan

Campaign Reform Act (BCRA), ***reasoning*** that prompt disclosure would be enough to prevent wealthy special interests from dominating the political process because voters could see who was paying for the ads and “give proper weight to different speakers and messages.” ***READ MORE***





In [Our 2025](#), women's bodies are protected from uninformed legislation, Black communities are protected from gun and police violence, and Black history and diversity is protected and not banned.

Here's how you can get involved today:

**EDUCATE:**

Spread the word about the dangers of Project 2025. Use the following resources to engage your family, friends, neighbors, and community:

- **[1. Social Media Toolkit](#)**
- **[2. Our 2025 Webpage](#)**
- **[3. All-Units Call Recording](#)**
- **[4. Talking points and Our 2025 policy positions](#)**, for additional information please reach out to your local branch.

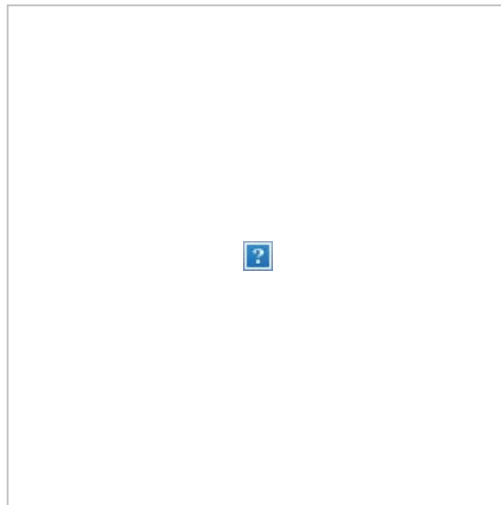
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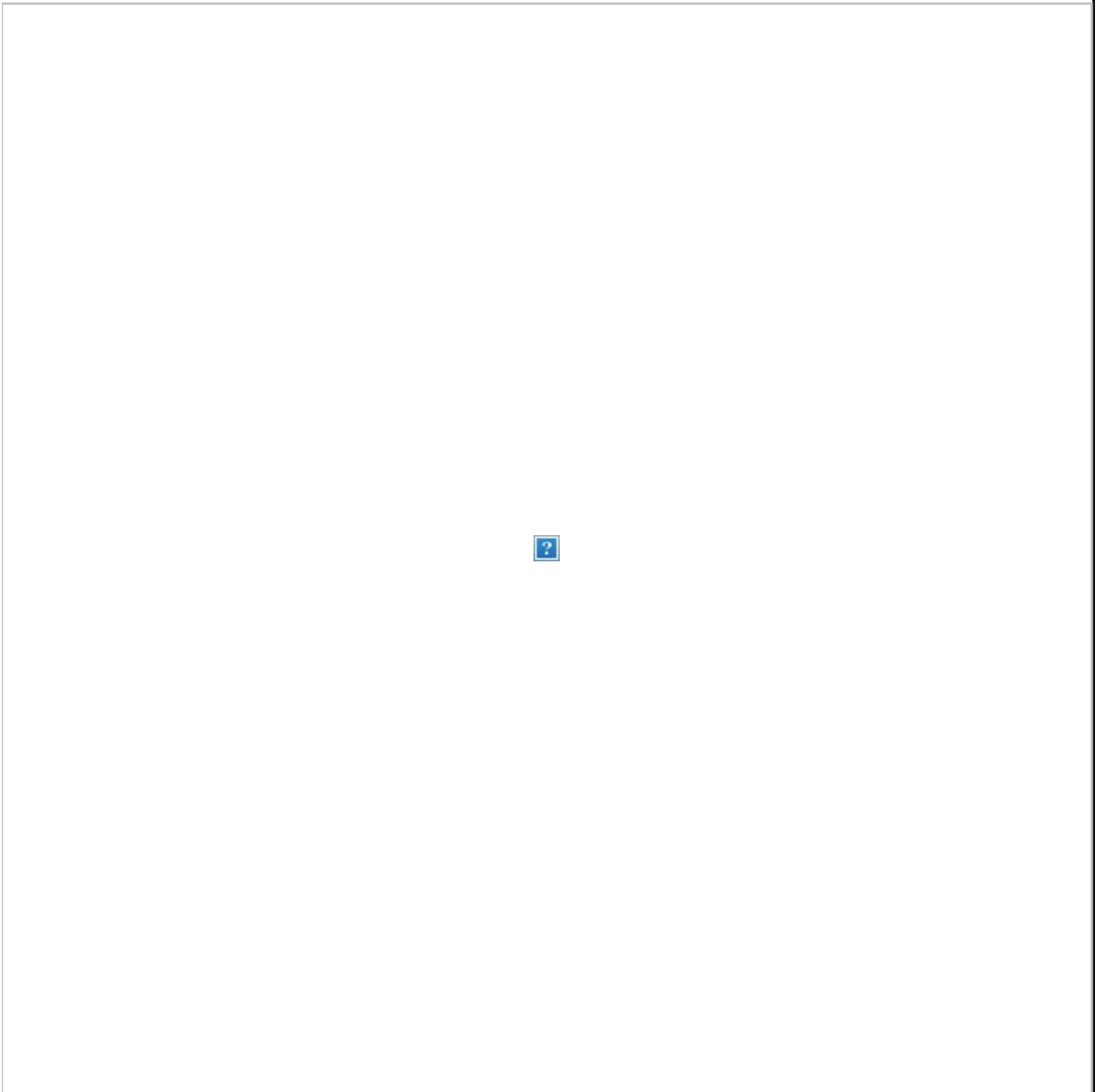
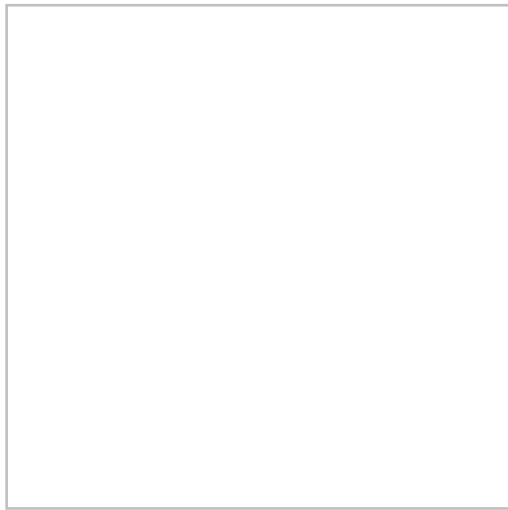
Increased Black voter turnout will ultimately stop Project 2025. Sign up to call or text potential voters to make sure they're ready for Election Day. Visit here to **[Volunteer](#)** or text VOLUNTEER to 20707 to volunteer this fall.

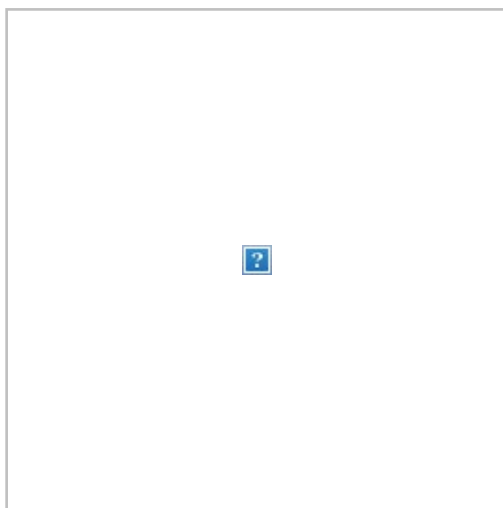
**VOTE:**

Our collective voice has the power to protect our rights and shape our future. Visit **[A Vote for Democracy](#)** to check your voter registration, make a plan for Election Day, and report any voting-related issues you run into.

Let's stay united, informed, and committed to protecting our community and the progress we've made. Your involvement is crucial, and together, we can make a difference.







The NAACP CA/HI State Conference is thrilled to be a part of significant and influential legislation in 2024. With an exciting, yet crucial election less than 100 days away, we want to emphasize the importance of getting out the vote. We have taken the following positions on the following Statewide Ballot Measures:

**“Yes” on Proposition 3**, ACA 5 (Resolution Chapter 125, Statutes of 2023) Low. Marriage equality.

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to repeal Proposition 8 (2008), which defined marriage as a union between one man and one woman, and declared that a "right to marry is a fundamental right" in the California Constitution.

**“Yes” on Proposition 4**, SB 867 (Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024) Allen. Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

"A "yes" vote supports issuing \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, energy projects, and flood protection projects.

**“Yes” on Proposition 5**, ACA 1 (Resolution Chapter 173, Statutes of 2023) Aguiar-Curry. ACA 10 (Resolution Chapter 134, Statutes of 2024) Aguiar-Curry. Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

"A "yes" vote supports lowering the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local bond measures to fund housing projects and public infrastructure.

**“Yes” on Proposition 6**, ACA 8 (Resolution Chapter 133, Statutes of 2024) Wilson. Slavery.

"A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime and authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award credits to incarcerated persons who voluntarily participate in work assignments.

**“Yes” on Proposition 32**, Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.

A "yes" vote supports increasing the state minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026 for all employers and thereafter adjusting the rate annually by increases to the cost of living.

**“No” on Proposition 33**, Expands Local Governments’ Authority To Enact Rent Control On Residential Property. Initiative Statute.

A "no" vote opposes repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which prohibits rent control on single-family homes and houses completed after February 1, 1995.

**“Yes” on Proposition 35**, Provides Permanent Funding For Medi-Cal Health Care

Services. Initiative Statute.

A "yes" vote supports permanently authorizing a tax on managed care organizations based on monthly enrollees, which is set to expire in 2026, and requiring revenues to be used for increased Medi-Cal programs.

**“No” on Proposition 36**, Allows Felony Charges And Increases Sentences For Certain Drug And Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

A "no" vote opposes this initiative that makes changes to Proposition 47 (2014), thereby maintaining certain drug and theft crimes as misdemeanors.

If there are any bills you would like the NAACP CA/HI State Conference to take a position on, please contact Taneicia Herring at [therring@cahinaacp.org](mailto:therring@cahinaacp.org) or (916) 234-6504.



## ***Register to Vote***

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete. Exercise

your right to defend democracy by registering to participate in upcoming elections.

### ***Absentee Voting***

Being away from home is no excuse for not voting! If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot.

### ***Verify Your Voter Registration Status***

Confirm your voter registration status to ensure you are ready to go once the polls open!



**The Ballot or the Bullet**

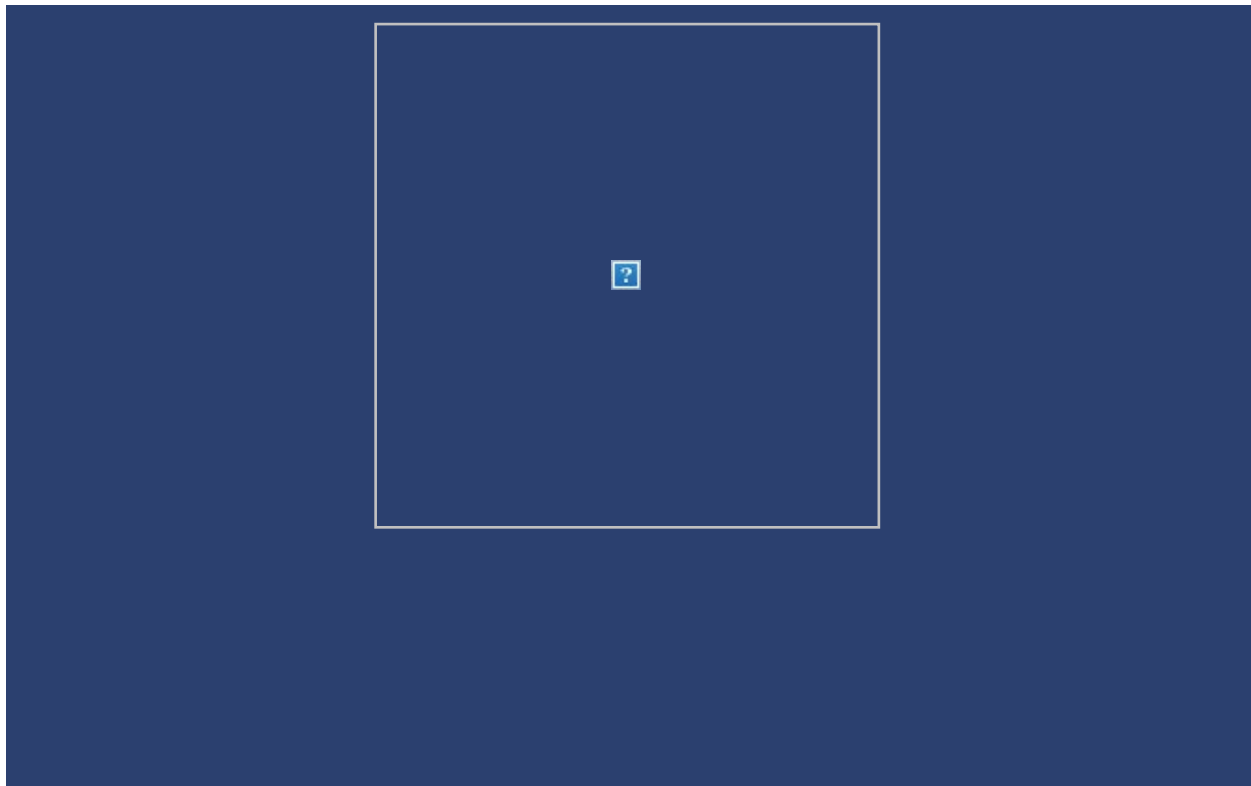
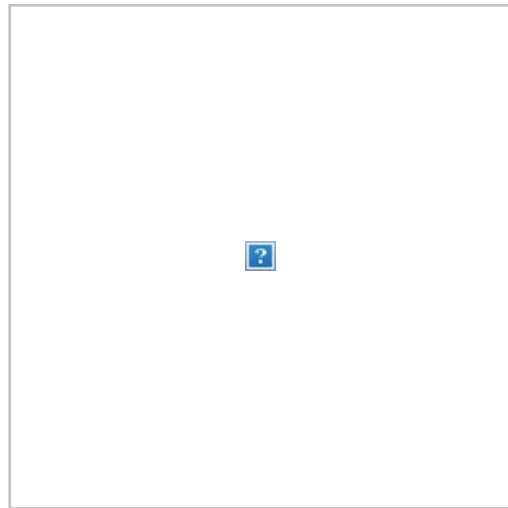
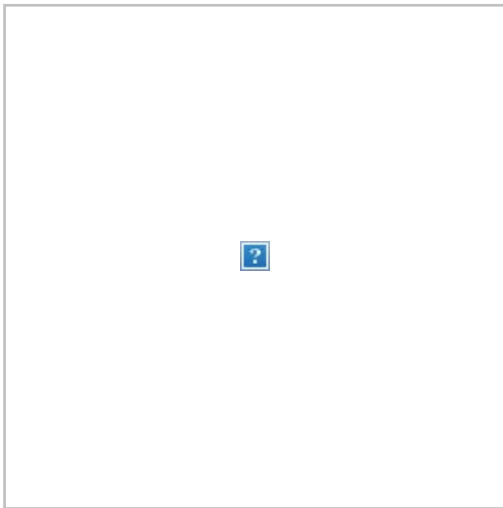
Author: Malcolm X

Date:1964

**Annotation:** In this speech Malcolm X described how Blacks should fight for civil-rights in America. Malcolm X emphasizes the worth of voting as a solution to ending discrimination against Blacks. He addresses both the poor voting decisions and also the denial of legitimate voting rights to Blacks.

**Document:** Mr. Moderator, Reverend Cleage, Brother Lomax, brothers and sisters, and friends -- and I see some enemies. In fact, I think we'd be fooling ourselves if we had an audience this large and didn't realize that there were some enemies present.

This afternoon we want to talk about "The ballot or the bullet." The ballot or the bullet explains itself. But before we get into it, since this is the year of the ballot or the bullet, I would like to clarify some things that refer to me personally -- concerning my own personal position. ***CLICK HERE***







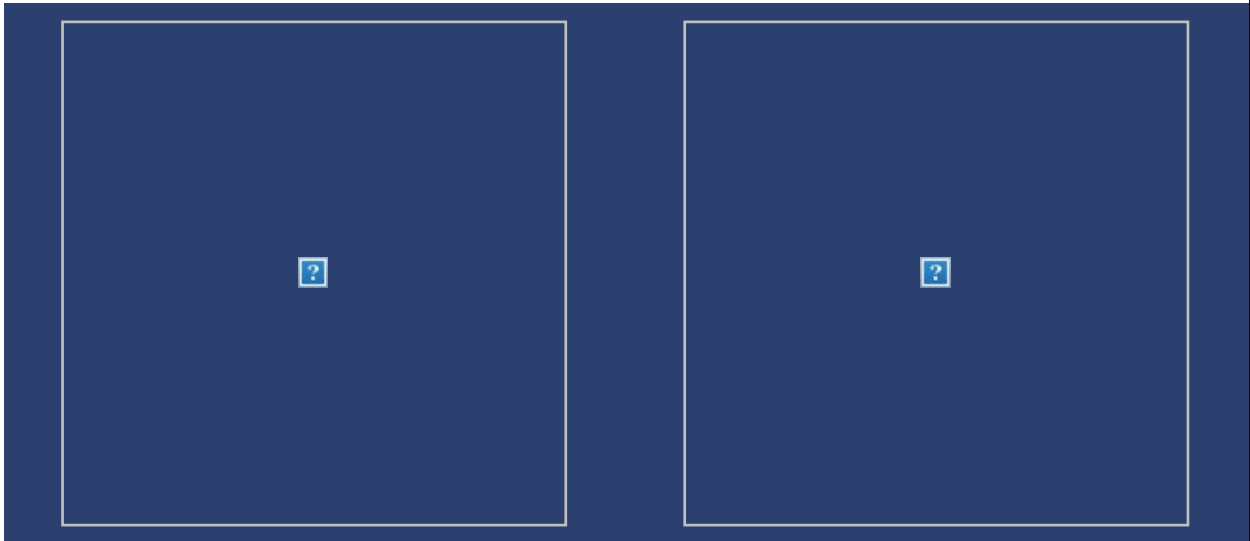
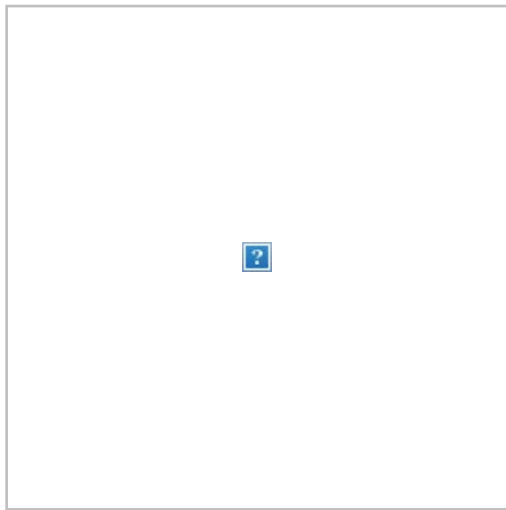
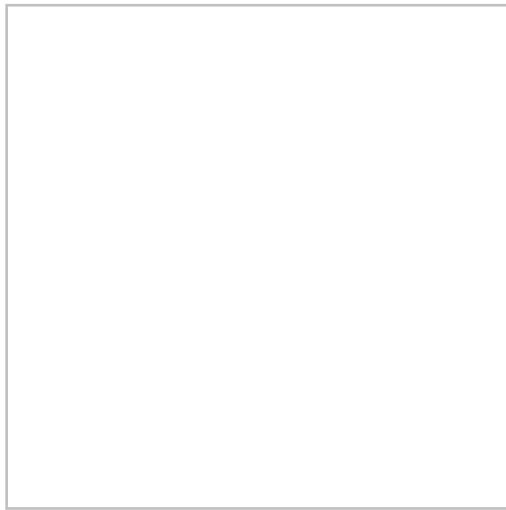


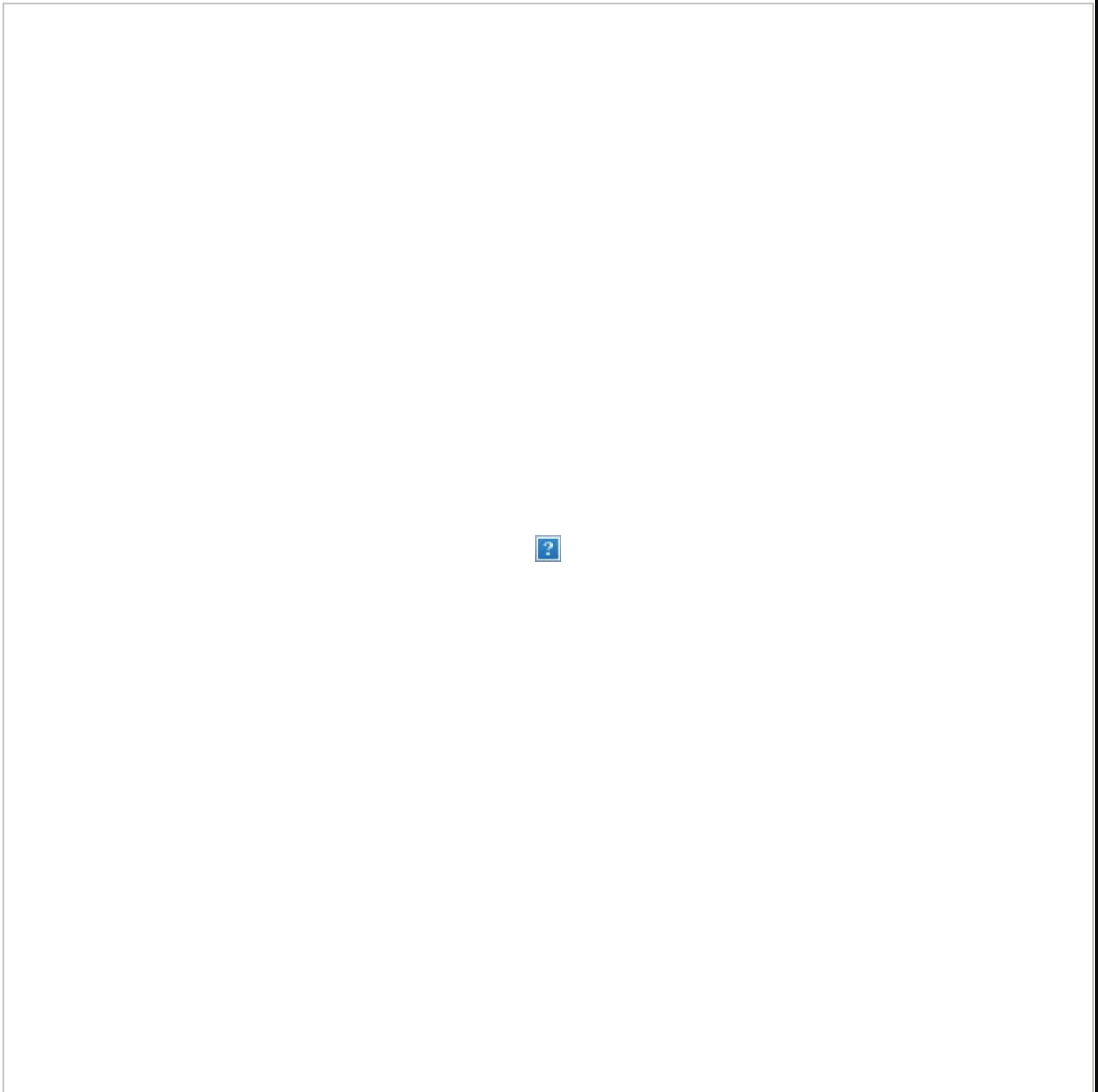
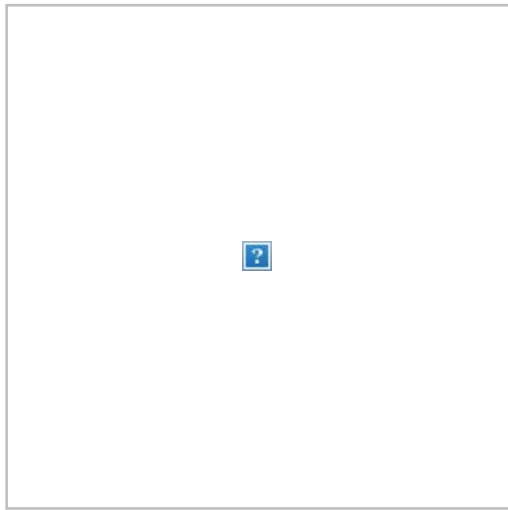
The California legislature overwhelmingly voted in favor of SB 403, a bill aimed at explicitly including caste as a protected category. However, it was vetoed by the Governor, allegedly influenced by the financial power of Hindu supremacist groups. A leader of a Hindu PAC claimed that he contacted the vice president Ms. Kamala Harris to intervene against SB 403. Additionally, a prominent Democratic Party donor revealed that Governor Newsom emailed him prior to vetoing the bill.

Brahminical forces, which took anti-race stances during the Black Lives Matter movement, continue to perplex people with their casteist agenda. Recently, Hindu supremacists have been encroaching on political spaces traditionally held by Black communities. For instance, a candidate supported by Hindu supremacists, defeated a Black woman in a congressional district where 44% of the population is Black, in the Democratic primary.

Thus far, Hindu supremacists have successfully masked their supremacist tendencies by leveraging their status as a religious minority, whether by opposing legal protections for those oppressed by caste or by encroaching on political spaces historically held by Black communities.

Against this backdrop, at the 5th conference of AKSC, anti-caste and racially oppressed communities will strategize on how to uproot Hindu supremacists from political and community spaces.



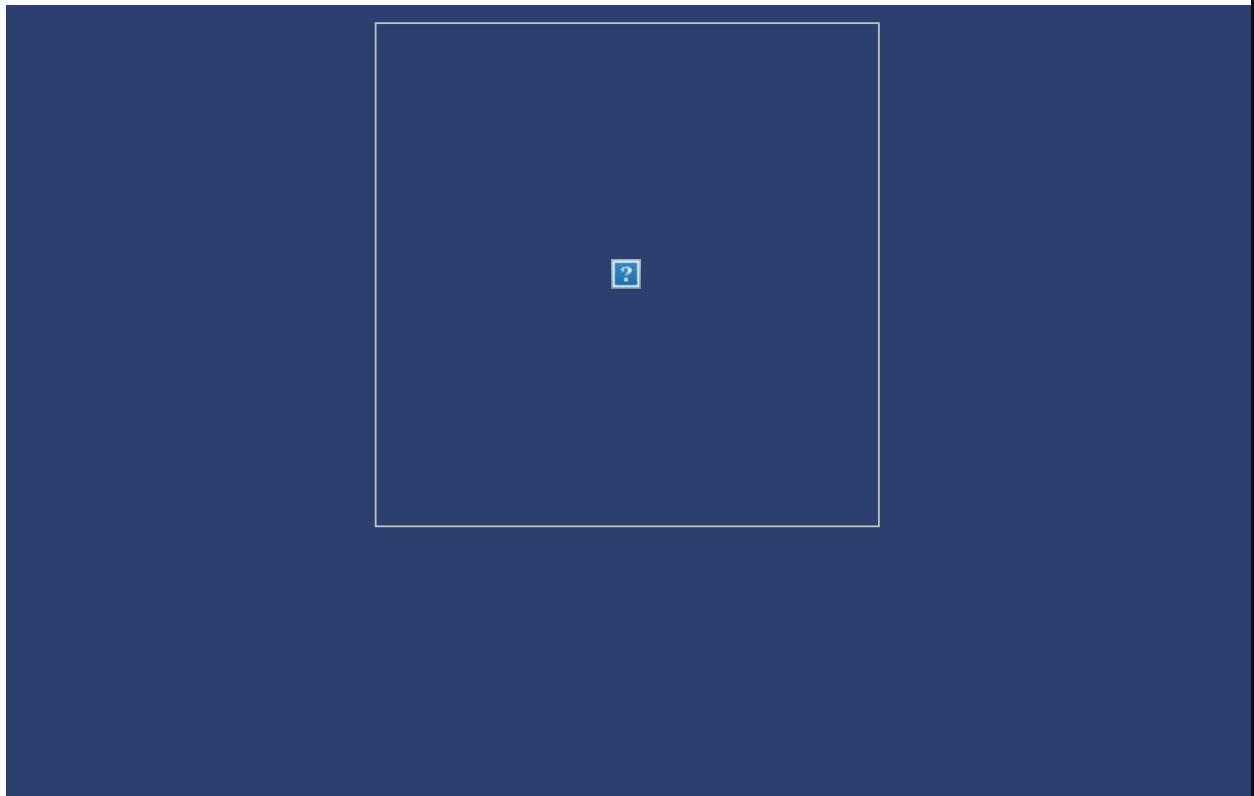
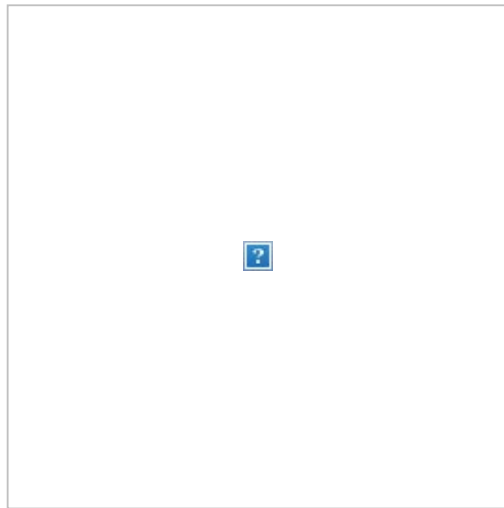


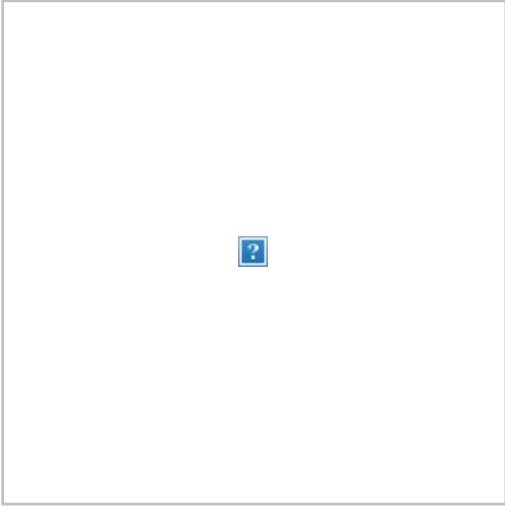
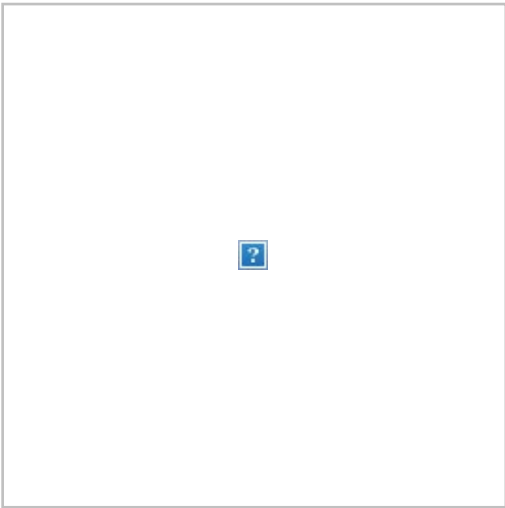
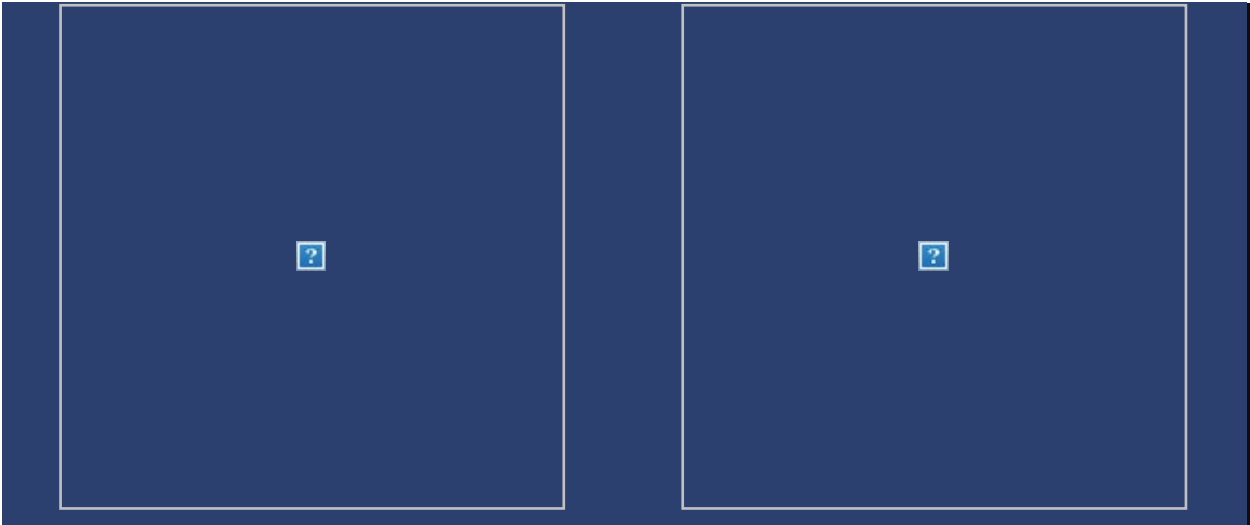
Our democracy stands at a crossroads. With the right to vote facing unprecedented challenges, it's more important than ever to amplify the voices of Black voters and ensure every vote is counted. This is where you come in.

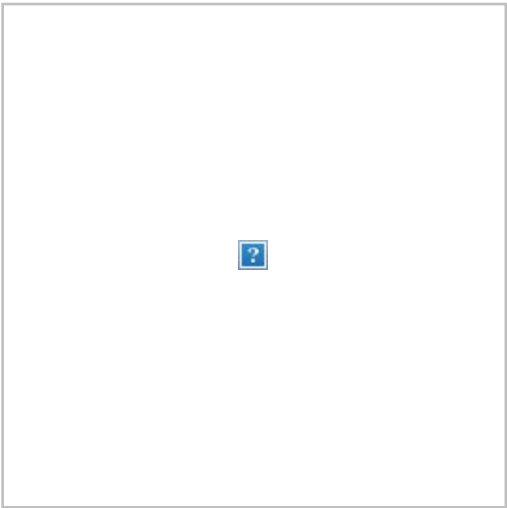
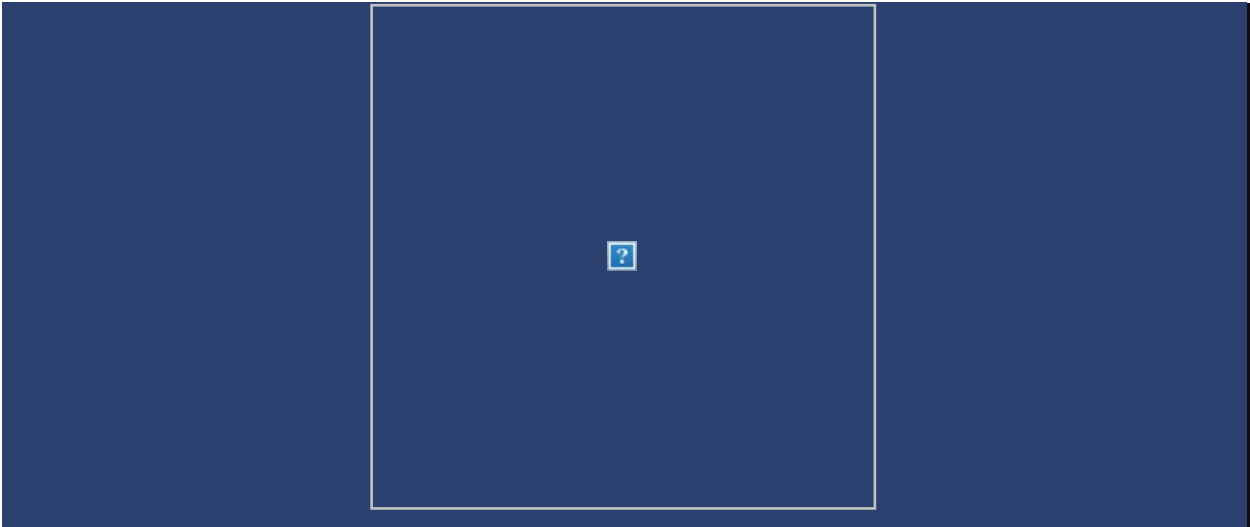
**[Our volunteers](#)** help drive the NAACP mission forward by dedicating their time to empowering voters to make it to the ballot box. Imagine the impact of your efforts — every call you make or text you send encourages an infrequent voter to exercise their right and participate in shaping our collective future.

**[Sign up to volunteer](#)** with the NAACP and be part of a movement that champions equity and justice for all. Together, let's make history by ensuring every Black voter has their say in the upcoming election.

Your voice matters, and so does your action. Join us in making a lasting impact.







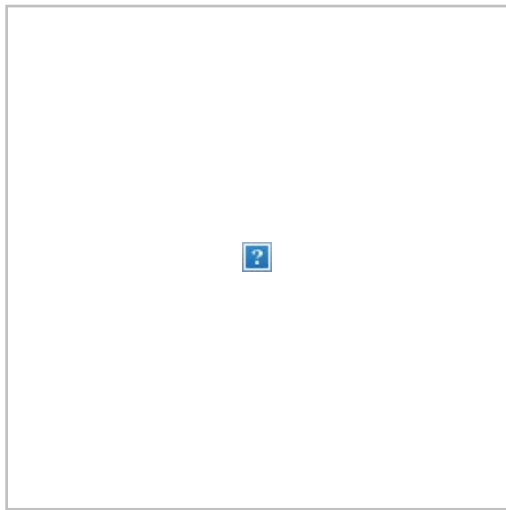
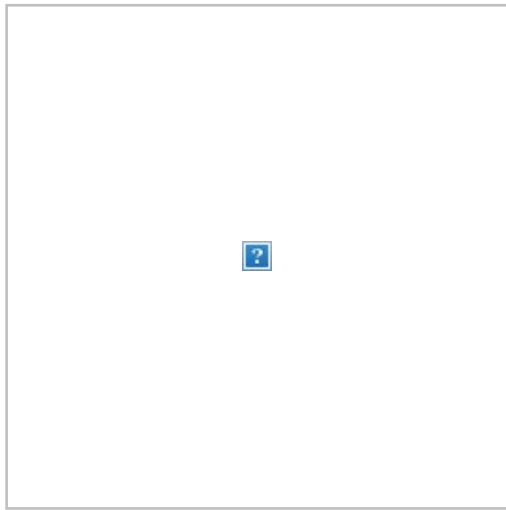
# **Rise of Police Unions on the Back of the Black Liberation Movement**

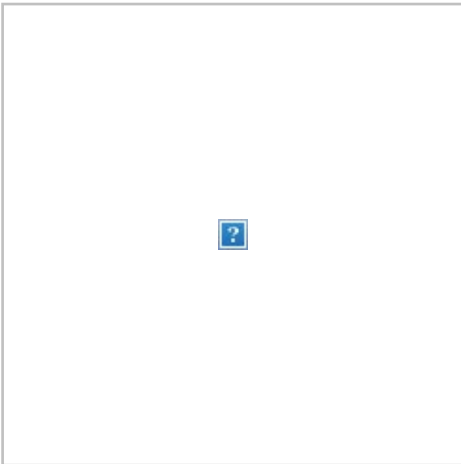
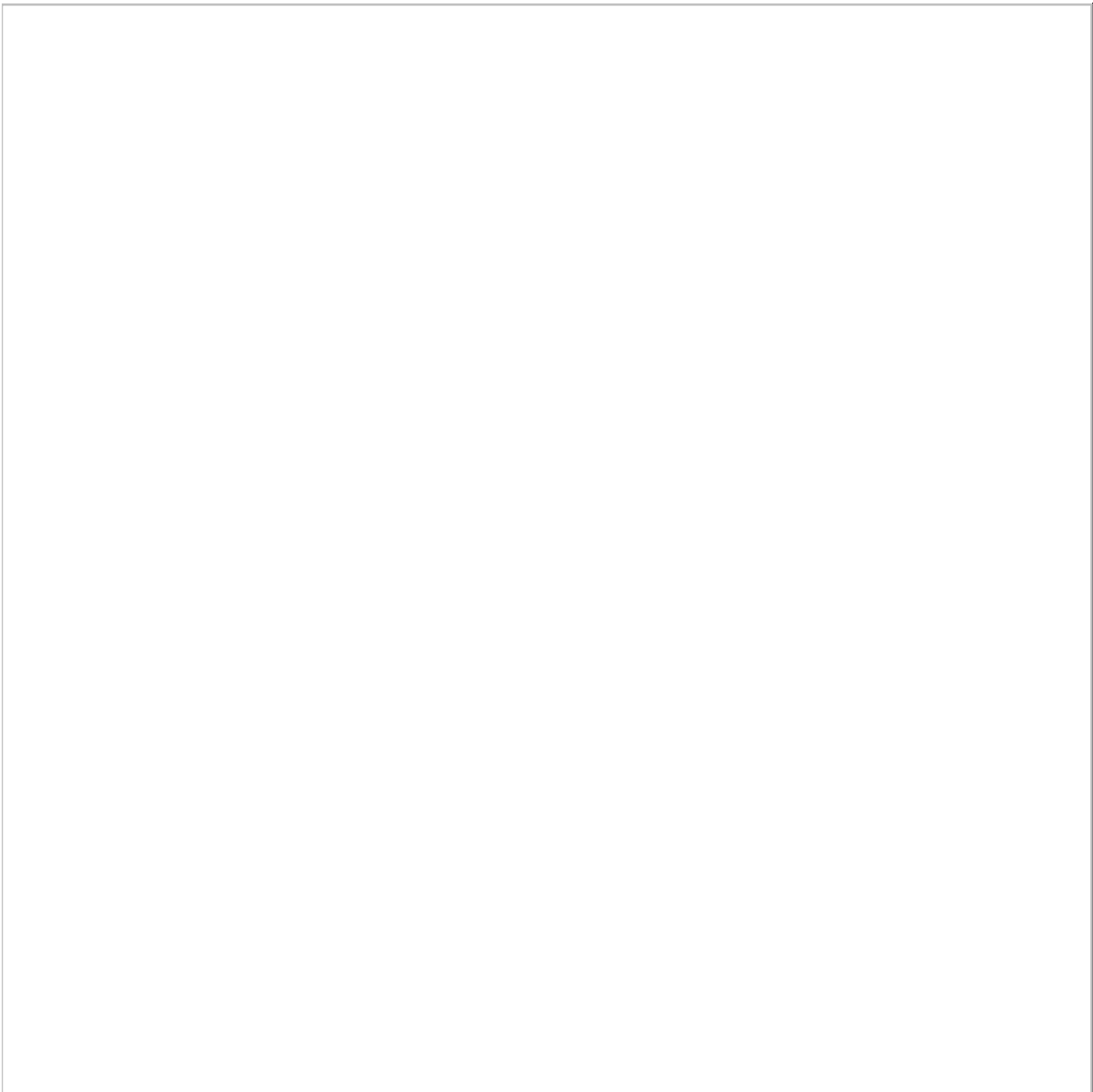
AYESHA BELL HARDAWAY

*Police unions have garnered the attention of the media and some scholars in recent years. That attention has often focused on exploring the seemingly inexplicable and routine power police unions have to shield problem officers from accountability. This Article shows that police union power did not surreptitiously arrive on the doorsteps of American cities. Instead, collective bargaining rights for law enforcement began to gain firm footing during the 1960s as white Americans remained committed to preserving their place in the nation's racial hierarchy as it related to housing, jobs, education, and entertainment. Existing legal scholarship has successfully highlighted the depth and breadth of modern-day union contracts and the undemocratic manner by which problematic provisions within those contracts have been negotiated. This Article adds to that research by explaining how*

*the social and political interests of both the electors and the elected merged with the demands of officers sworn to protect their specific interests. Law enforcement served as the first line of attack against efforts to free Black communities from police abuses during the 1960s. Police organizations amassed political power during their fight against Black liberation. That power netted them collective bargaining rights and secured mayoral seats for “law and order” candidates during the 1960s. It also demonstrated America’s deep commitment to unchecked police violence. In short, police unions have effectively accomplished their aim of impeding external inquiries into officers’ actions and methods. Decades of concerns about police brutality have followed. Any sincere effort to make police accountable must understand the origins of police union power—and then use that understanding to explore how to excise problematic collective bargaining provisions. The Article proposes the federal government impose conditional-spending restrictions on state and local police departments that fail to make demonstrable strides toward officer accountability by removing collective bargaining protections that foster misconduct. **READ MORE***







**THE BROKEN PROMISE  
OF INDEPENDENT  
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**Goins, Valle, Jayadev on the  
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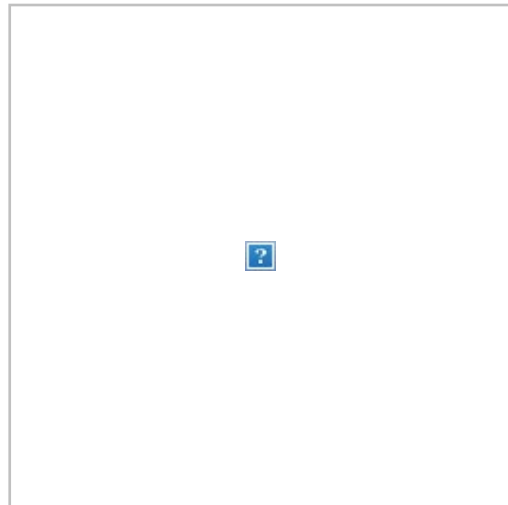
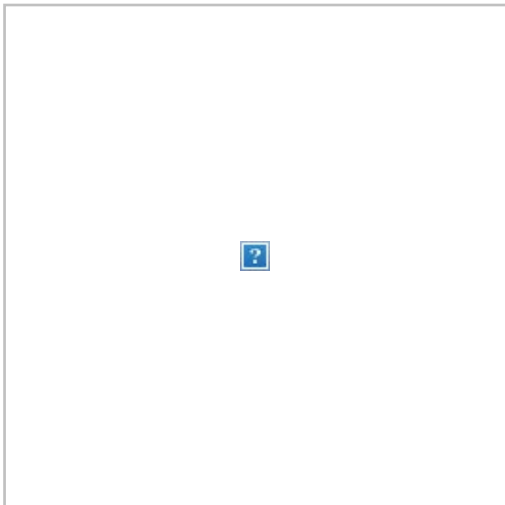


# OCLEM Could Have Meant Real Oversight, But Instead is More of a Broken System

By Raymond Goins

In the months since I have been released from serving a lifetime of incarceration, I have been fortunate enough to give testimony during hearings with the Board of Supervisors about my conditions of confinement while incarcerated here in Santa Clara County. I have testified to the Board of Supervisors to give perspective to not just what is actually occurring within the confines of the walls of Santa Clara Counties jails, but to what is actually being felt by those who are vulnerable to the lack of oversight, and the intended consequences that come from a rouge body that is not functioning properly.

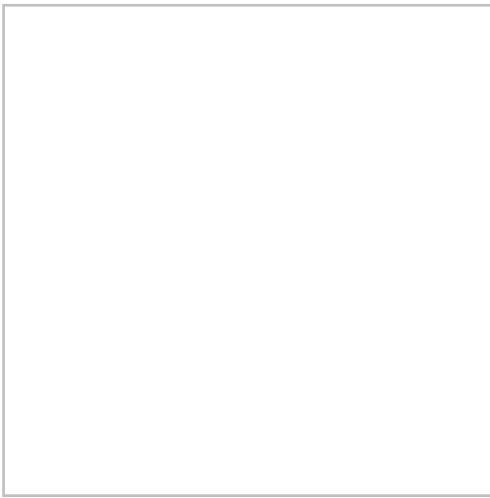
I have also been fortunate enough to participate in meetings with Michael Gennaco and the staff of the OIR Group, which has been contracted to serve as the consulting firm to run the Office of Correction and Law Enforcement Monitoring (OCLEM). We have discussed their role as the oversight mechanism that is supposed to keep the citizens of Santa Clara County (the incarcerated) and otherwise safe. A central focus of our discussions has been their position on the Sherriff's proposal to arm their department with Tasers. During these meetings I was often dumbfounded by the position that Mike Gennaco and his OIR Group takes which often conflict with what the reality is. To be brutally honest, I am disgusted with their justification for advocating for the arming of the Sheriff Department with another deadly weapons that will undisputedly be disproportionately used against 1.People of color,2.LGBTQ community, and 3.those who suffer a mental illness. **READ MORE**



## The Destroyer

The Golden State Warriors are deeply saddened to announce the passing of franchise legend Alvin Attles, who died yesterday at the age of 87, surrounded by his family in his East Bay home.

Alvin Attles' remarkable 60-year career with the Warriors is a testament to his unparalleled dedication and impact on the organization. From being drafted by the Philadelphia Warriors in 1960 to his induction into the



Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019, Attles epitomized what it means to be a Warrior. His number 16 jersey is retired alongside those of other greats, such as Rick Barry and Wilt Chamberlain.

Warriors Head Coach Steve Kerr reflected, “Alvin Attles didn’t just represent the Warriors—he was Mr. Warrior. His legacy as a tenacious player and a gentle, humble leader off the court will live on forever.”

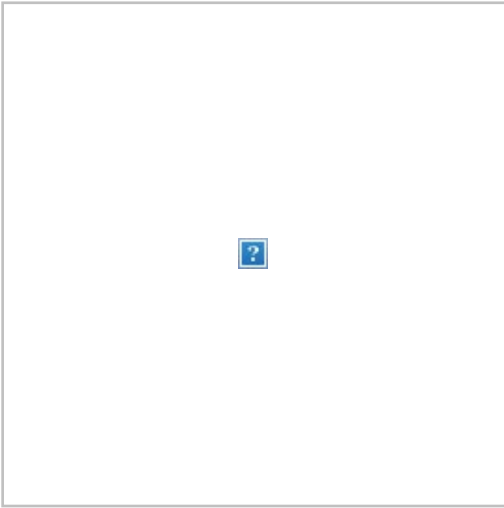
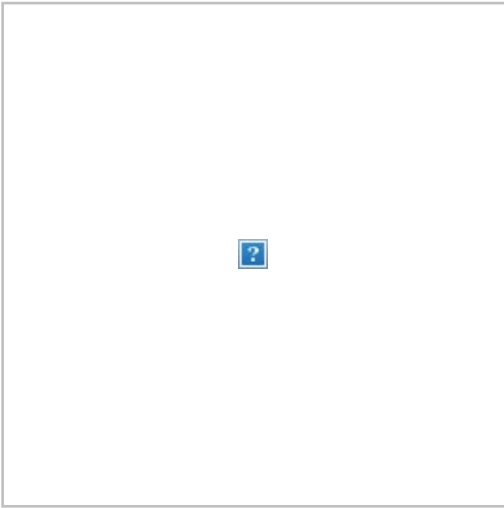
The Warriors organization and the entire NBA community mourn the loss of a true champion.

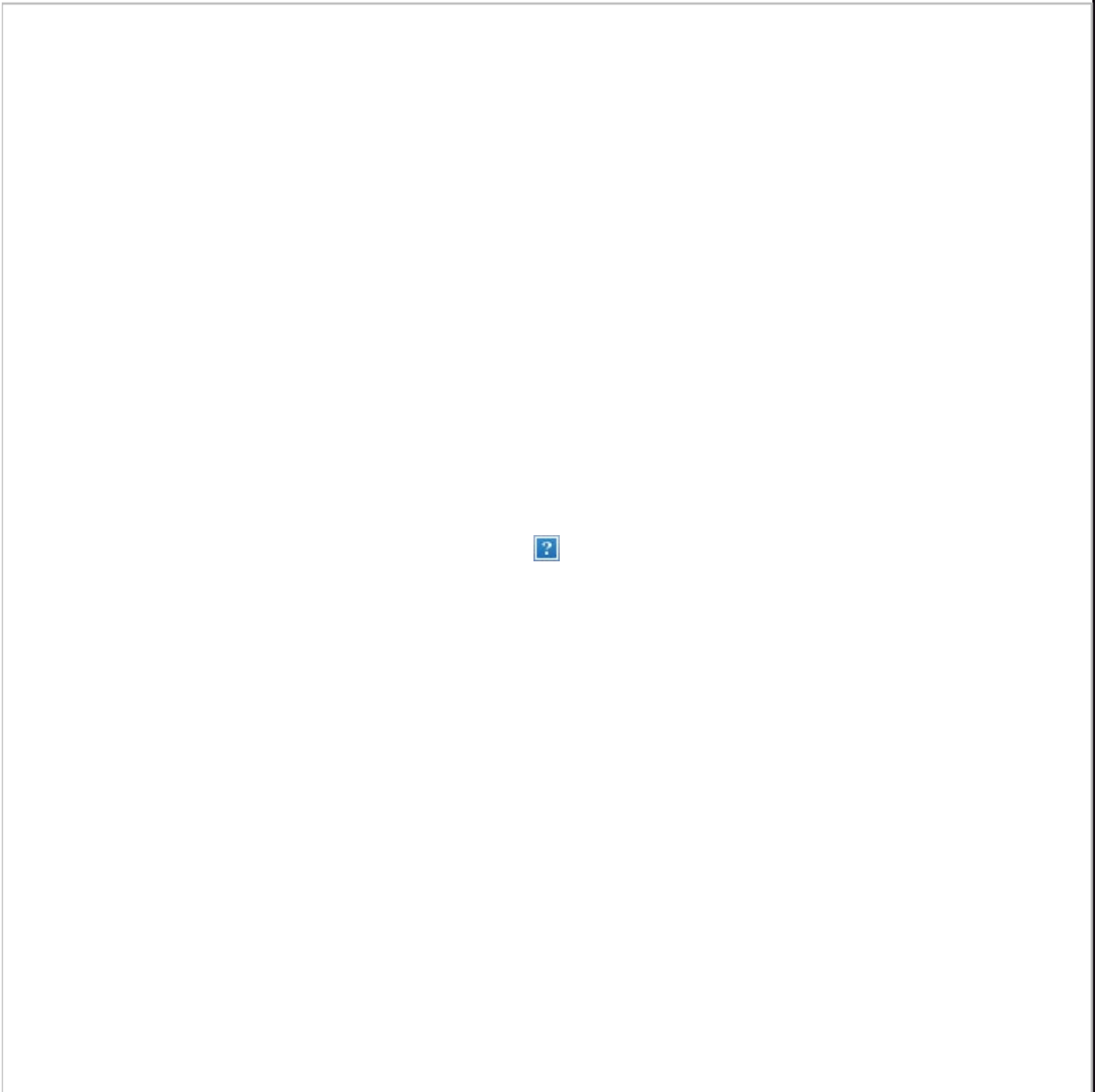
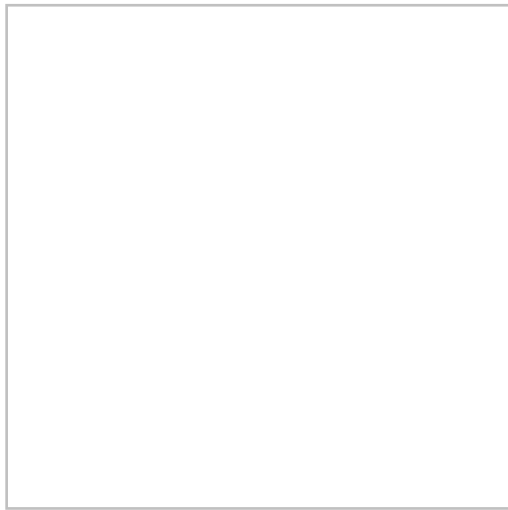
## A different level than 2020': Trump's plan to steal election is taking shape

There wasn't anything particularly controversial about Georgia's presidential primary in March this year. **Donald Trump** won the Republican contest – picking up a little more than **400,000 more votes** than **Nikki Haley**, who had long dropped out of the race. Nonetheless, two **Republicans** on the five-person Fulton county election board **refused to certify** the election.

**Julie Adams** and Michael Heekin didn't point to specific irregularities. Instead, they said they needed more information from election administrators, like chain-of-custody **documents for ballots**. Adams and Heekin were outvoted. But it didn't end there. In May, Adams, who is a part of an election activist network founded by **Cleta Mitchell**, voted against certifying another Georgia primary election.

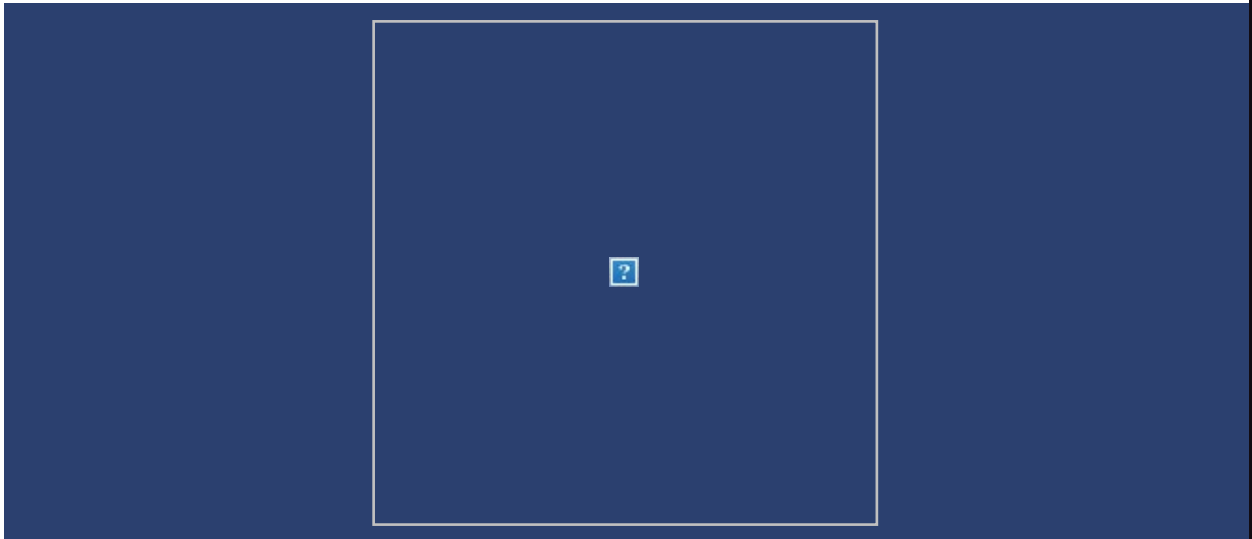
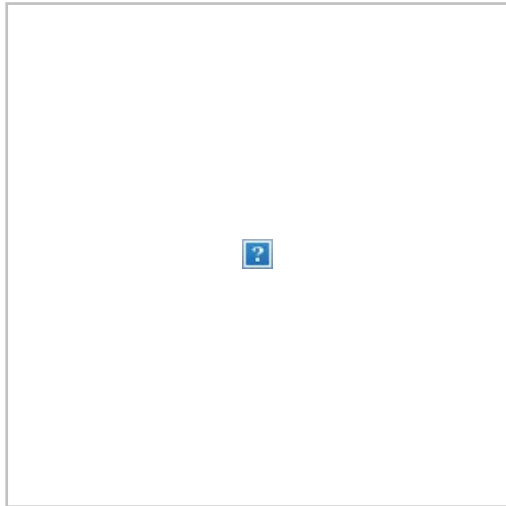
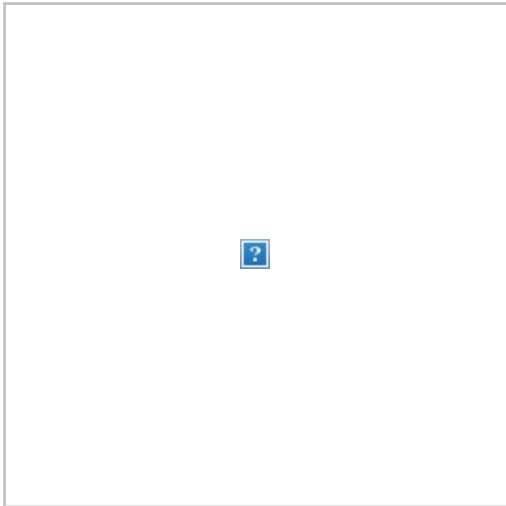
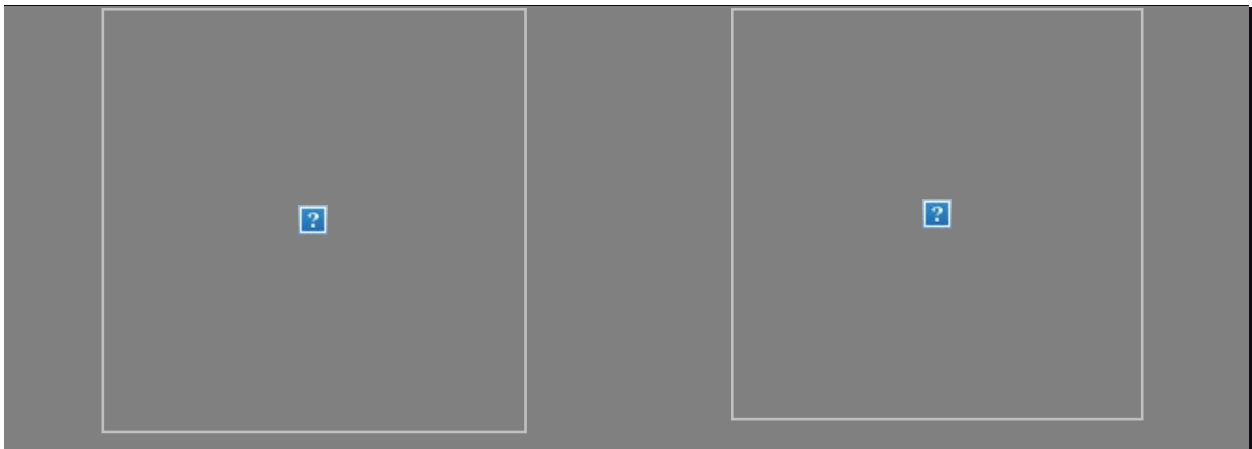
Again, despite no irregularities, she said she needed more information. With the backing of a group closely aligned with Donald Trump, Adams had also recently sued the Fulton county board, asking a judge to declare that she and other commissioners could choose not to certify the election. ***READ MORE***









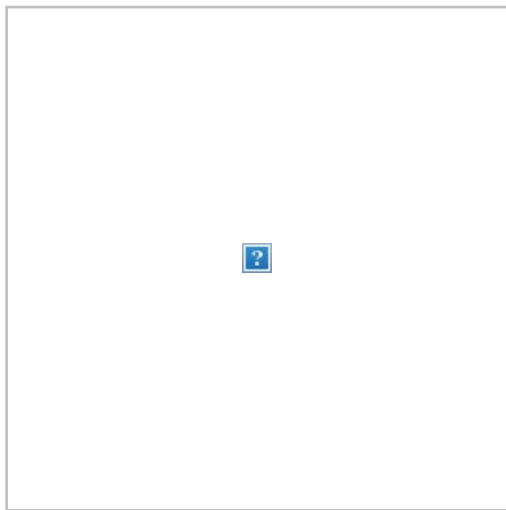


Abandoned as an infant on the streets of Greenville, Mississippi, and rescued by a loving white family, Tommy Davidson spent most of his childhood unaware that he was different from his brother and sister. All that changed as he came of age in a society of racial barriers—ones that

he was soon to help break. On a fledgling network, Tommy joined the cast of *In Living Color*, alongside other relative newcomers including Jim Carrey, Rosie Perez, Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Lopez—all united by an ingenious throng of Wayans siblings (Keenen, Damon, Kim, Shawn, and Marlon), poised to break new ground.

Now Tommy gives readers the never-before-told behind-the-scenes story of the first show born of the Hip Hop Nation: from its incredible rise, to his own creation of such unforgettable characters as Sweet Tooth Jones and dead-on impressions of Sammy Davis, Jr., Michael Jackson, M.C. Hammer and Sugar Ray Leonard, and appearing in such classic sketches as “Homie The Clown,” the “Hey Mon, family,” and the unforgettable “Ugly Woman,” through guest-star skirmishes (and black eyes) to backstage tensions and the eventual fall of this pop-culture touchstone. He reveals his own nascent career on the stand-up circuit with Adam Sandler, Jerry Seinfeld, Louie Anderson and performing with Eddie Murphy and Richard Pryor, as well as reflections on working with Spike Lee, Halle Berry, Sam Jackson, Chris Rock and Jada Pinkett Smith. And he also shares his very personal story of living with—and being inspired and empowered by—two distinct family histories.

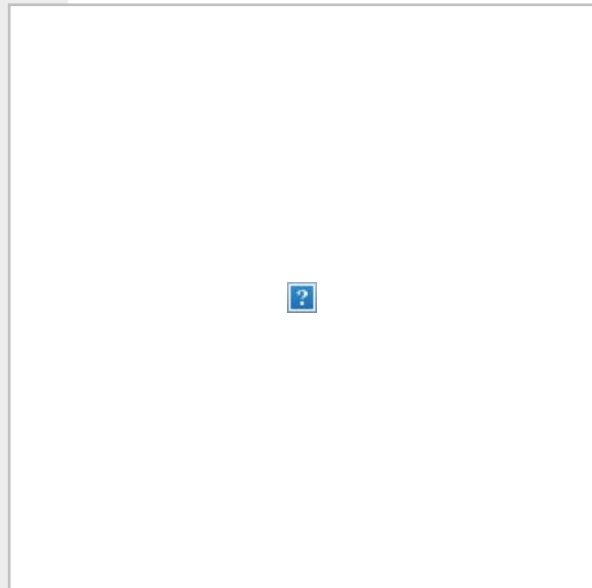


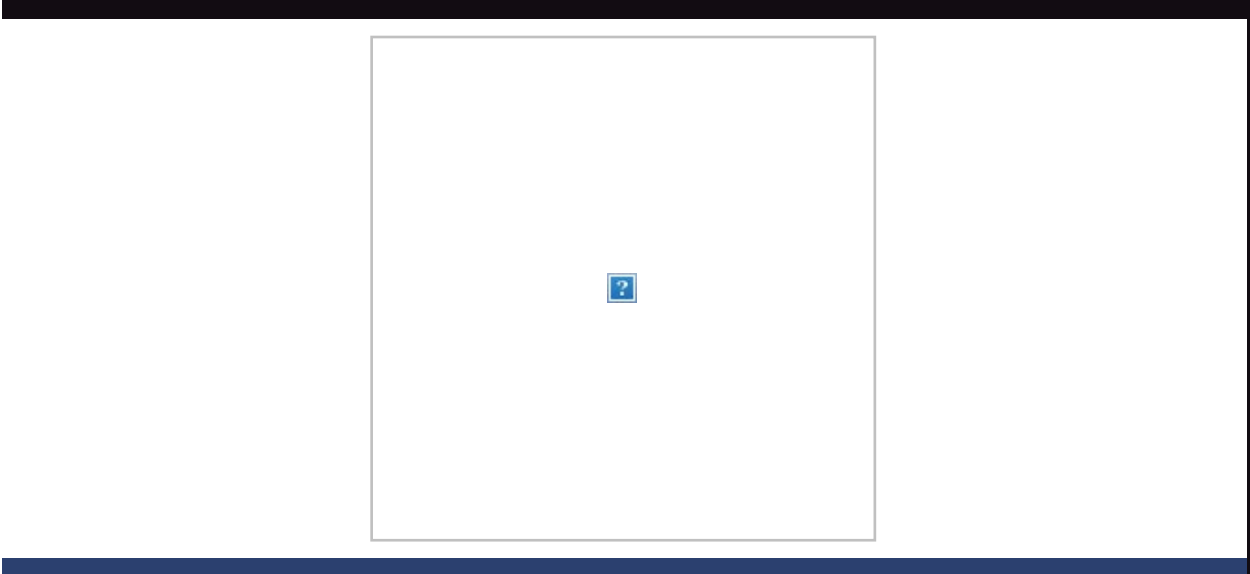
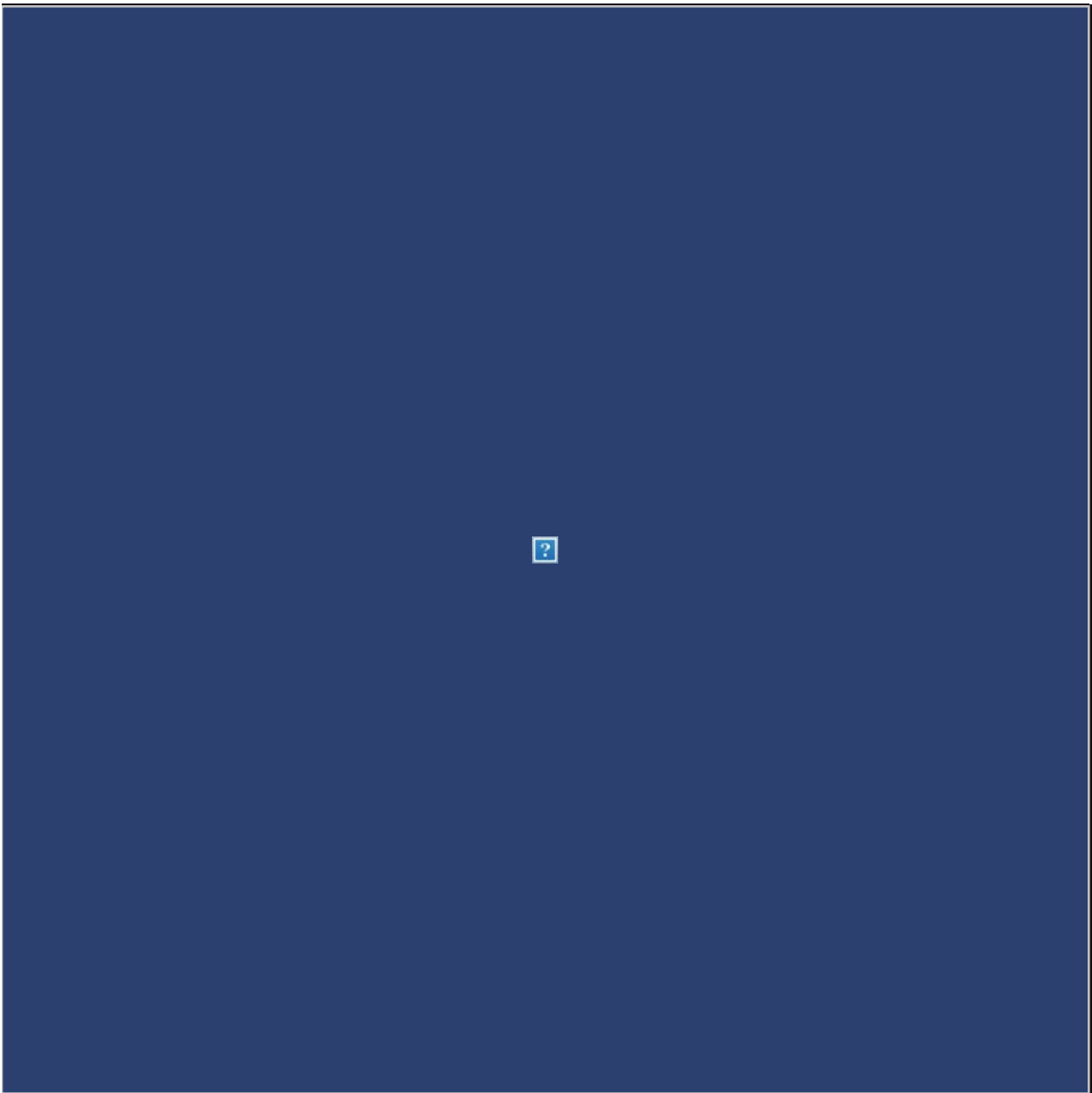


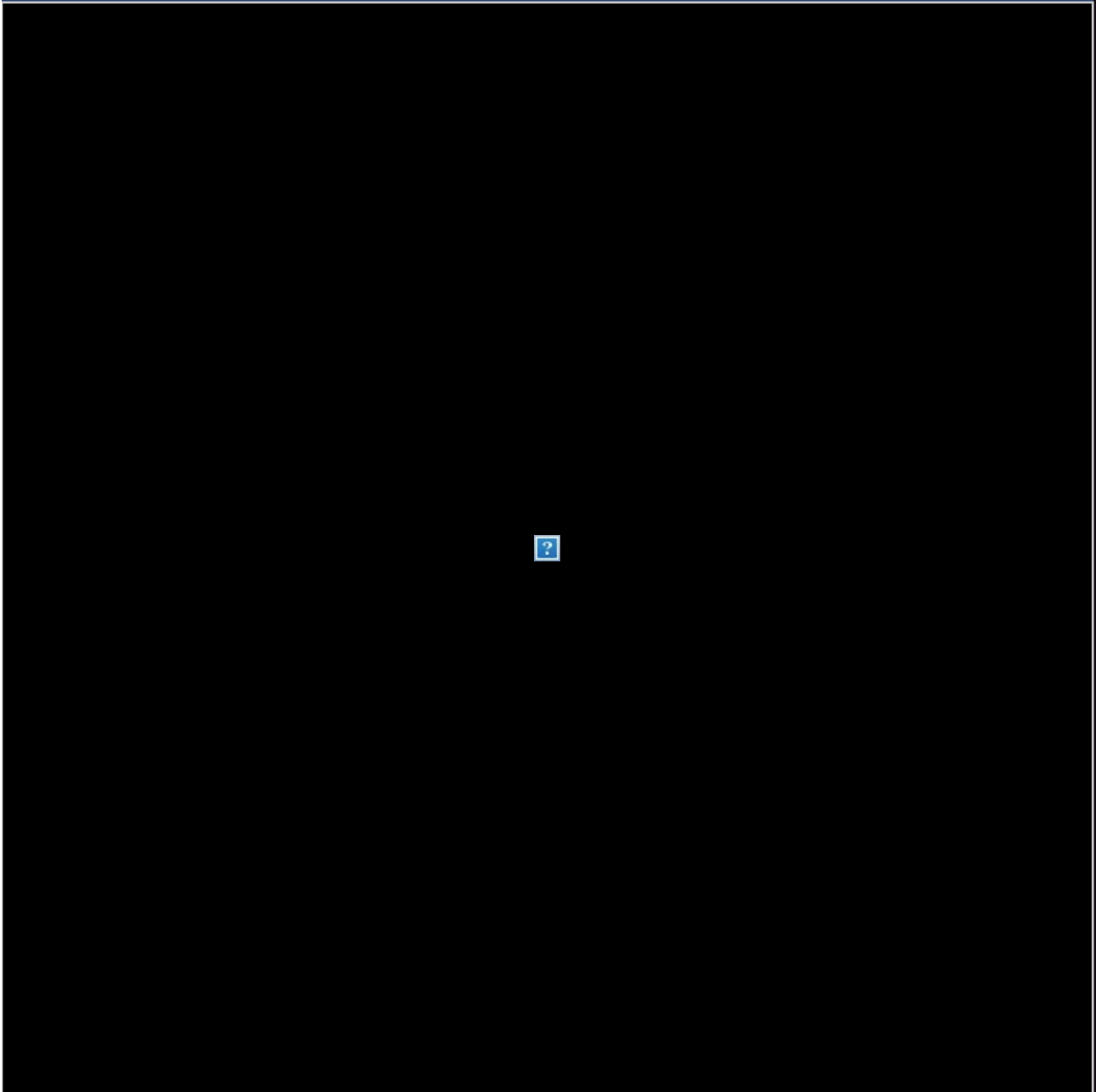
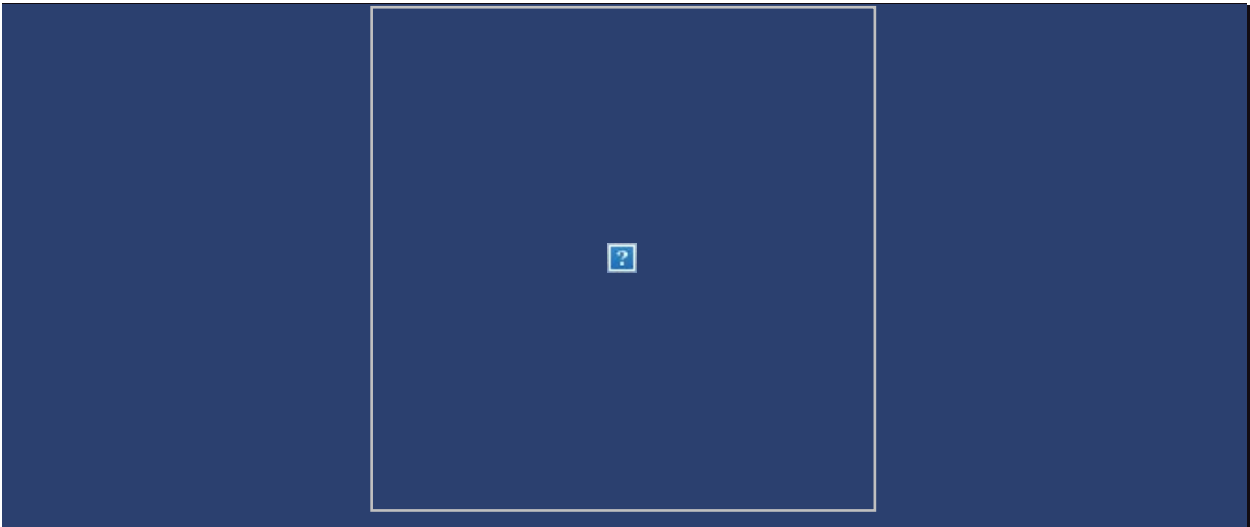
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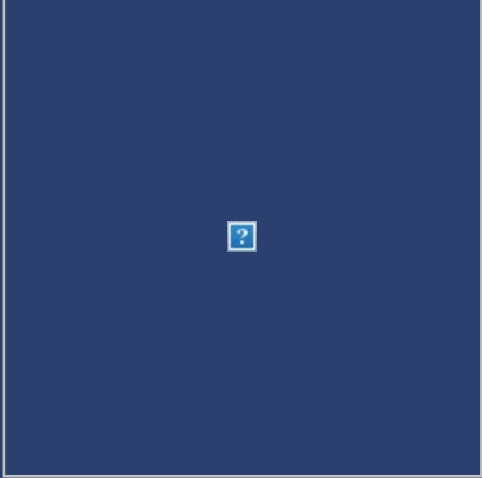




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# The Blue Wall of Silence: Law Enforcement Whistleblowers Face Severe Retaliation

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Hello everyone:

This summer, the California Association of Human Relations Organizations commissioned California State University, Northridge history masters candidate Marisela Venolia to compile resources for building bridges and communicating in communities and on college campuses during polarized time. On Wednesday, Oct. 2, CAHRO will be hosting a virtual convening on her work, moderated by CAHRO board member Marquez Equalibria, Assistant Deputy Director of Community Conflict Resolution in the California's Civil Rights' Department.

Today's email is just a "save the date." In coming weeks, we will be sending a formal invitation that will include an RSVP option. In the meantime, please share this email with those you think might be interested. If they want to be added to the invite list, have them email us at [CAHRO.official@gmail.com](mailto:CAHRO.official@gmail.com).

If the attached is not accessible, the link referenced in the attached is to the resource webpage, which can be found [here](#).

Thank you,

Carmen Ramos Chandler  
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Hi Aram,

I believe the United States Supreme Court, trump's California Supreme Court. I have always been an advocate and student of the First Amendment, but this court case, as noted below, sheds a questionable light and prohibition on the use of the N word.

United States v. Schwimmer, 279 U. S. 644, 655 (1929) (Holmes, J., dissenting).[1]

"Speech that demeans on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability, or any other similar ground is hateful; but the proudest boast of our free speech jurisprudence is that we protect the freedom to express "the thought that we hate."

Academically speaking and among legal distinguished constitutional scholars, it will be interesting to see how this court case plays out in the California Supreme Court.

Mark Petersen Perez  
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Dear Human Relations Commission,

I am writing in response to the agenda item 2 (report from the Human Relations Commission on anti-Palestinian/anti-Muslim, and Antisemitism).

As a Jewish American and member of Jewish Voice for Peace, I have noticed that diverse Jewish voices are often not acknowledged or are shunned. Within the Jewish communities there are more and more dissenting voices who are demanding to be heard and who believe in a Judaism beyond Zionism. We don't want our Judaism to be weaponized in such a way to fuel hate speech against Palestinian and cause genocide and destruction. When I participated in the fundraiser a few weeks ago for Palestinian children, I was deeply disturbed to witness Jewish community members taunting us by playing loud music, showing a total disregard for all of the Palestinians killed by Israel. That is not what Judaism is to me. Judaism to me is Pikuach Nefesh, one of the most basic principles in Jewish law is that human life comes first. Almost any religious commandment can be broken in order to save the life of a human being. Please listen to our voices and to the voices of Palestinians who are experiencing acute levels of violence and hatred.

Sincerely,  
Lea Gabay

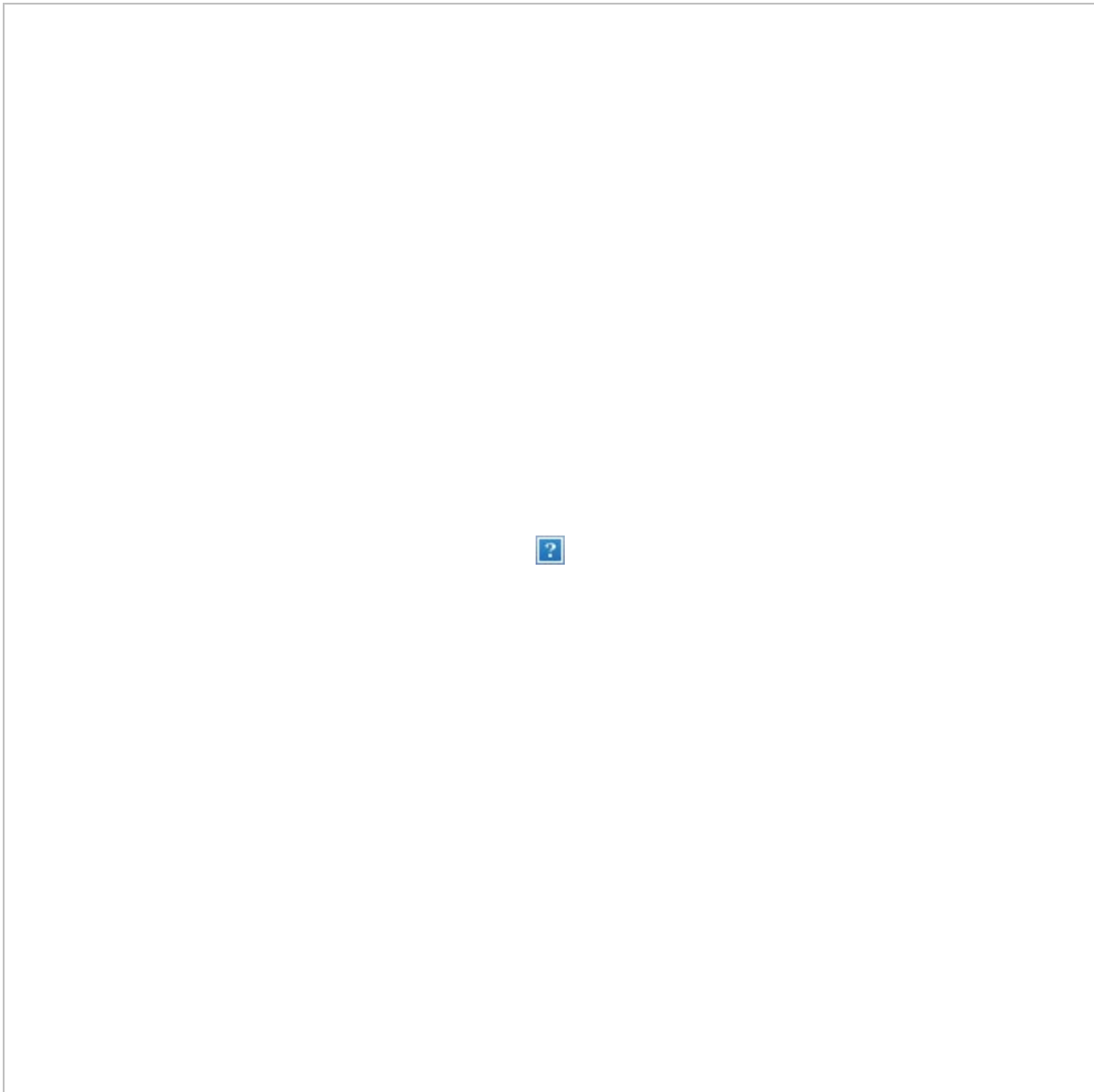
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"This scholarship holds immense importance for me as a first-generation Latina, not only for providing financial support, but also symbolizing a significant step towards breaking down generational barriers in pursuing higher education. My goal is to potentially earn a doctorate and advocate for policies that foster equity and hope not only for our planet, but also its diverse inhabitants."

-- Ruby Romero-Maya, pursuing a BS in Environmental Science from Brown University

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Welcome to August! Although the summer season often signals a slower pace, there has been a host of activities and events at Eden Housing. We trust you'll enjoy all the updates in this newsletter about legislation, events, awards and more.

First, we want to bring to your attention the importance of making your voice heard this November. While there has been a lot of action at the national election level, it's vital that we also pay attention to the issues that affect our neighbors here in California. We are disappointed that the [Bay Area Housing Finance Authority housing bond](#) didn't make it to the ballot this year, but we won't give up the effort to bring it back in the future. In the interim, it is critical that we rally behind [Proposition 5](#), which would lower local voter approval requirements for affordable housing bonds from two-thirds to 55 percent. This is important not only to a future effort to secure BAHFA, but to communities throughout California who need as many tools as they can muster to meet affordable housing challenges. Below, you will find more details, and please consider helping get the word out among your neighbors and associates about the importance of a "yes" vote. We will continue to keep you posted on how you can help.

On the Eden Housing front, I'd like to congratulate the 38 scholars who collectively received more than \$100,000 at the [32nd Annual Howard T. Collins Memorial Scholarship event](#) and thank [Mayor Salinas](#) and our local, state and federal representatives for showing their support by sending congratulatory certificates to the students, and Marin Community Foundation for sponsoring the event. I'd also like to congratulate Eden's Asset Management Intern Thomas Phung, who has been selected to participate in the [2024 Merritt Scholars program](#) where he will join 20 distinguished students from across the state eager to build careers in affordable housing. We look forward to seeing how this experience will further ignite his passion for the field.

Speaking of honors, [Blue Oak Landing](#), our first modular project in Vallejo, has been named "Best Supportive/Transitional Housing" in the [61st Annual Gold Nugget Awards at The Pacific Coast Builders Conference \(PCBC\)](#) and earned "Honorable Mention" in the [Fast Company Innovation by Design Awards](#). We are very proud of this 100% permanent supportive housing project, which has resulted in several awards to date.

In other event news, we held a groundbreaking ceremony for [Mulberry Gardens Senior Apartments](#), our first project on state surplus land. It's incredibly exciting to be expanding our presence in Southern California and building on the excellent relationship we've forged with the City of Riverside, the County and the state as we collectively aim to address the urgent affordable housing shortage.

And once again, we held [National Night Out](#) events at more than 160 of Eden's affordable housing sites throughout California, where we brought together local first responders, Eden Housing residents and team members, and even elected officials at some events to promote police-community partnerships and build camaraderie.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the retirement of [Mary Kay Sweeney from her position as CEO of Homeward Bound of Marin](#), the county's main provider of shelter and services to homeless families and adults. Paul Fordham, who has already accomplished much at Homeward Bound, will be taking over as CEO. The organization—and Mary Kay—have always been strong partners of Eden in championing affordable housing, and coincidentally, Homeward Bound recently celebrated its 50th anniversary as we did. We look forward to more progress together.

And with that, I wish you all a wonderful end of summer and thank you for your commitment as we celebrate the good work we are accomplishing, each in our own capacity.

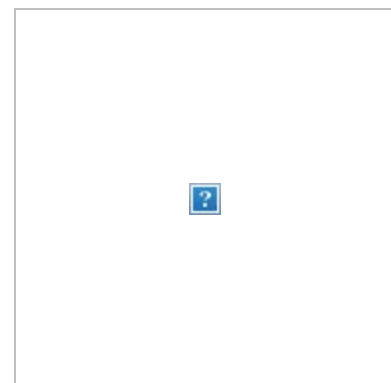
Linda Mandolini,  
President & CEO of Eden Housing

## ELECTIONS & MEASURES

### Vote Yes on Proposition 5

Proposition 5 will lower the necessary voter threshold from a two-thirds supermajority to 55% to approve local general obligation (GO) bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects. This represents a pivotal opportunity for our community: By lowering the voter approval threshold, this measure empowers local governments to act swiftly and decisively in expanding affordable housing and improving essential infrastructure.

Your support for Proposition 5 will directly impact countless families by making safe, affordable housing more attainable.



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## EDEN HOUSING UPDATES

### Mulberry Gardens Senior Apartments Groundbreaking Features Local Dignitaries



Another impactful project was launched this summer at the groundbreaking for Mulberry Gardens Senior Apartments, a four-story building that will provide 59 affordable housing units for the senior community of Riverside. The second phase of the project, Mulberry Gardens Family Apartments, will share several community spaces and provide 150 units that will offer a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom homes for low-income households in Riverside. Together these two projects will add 209 units of affordable housing to the Riverside community.

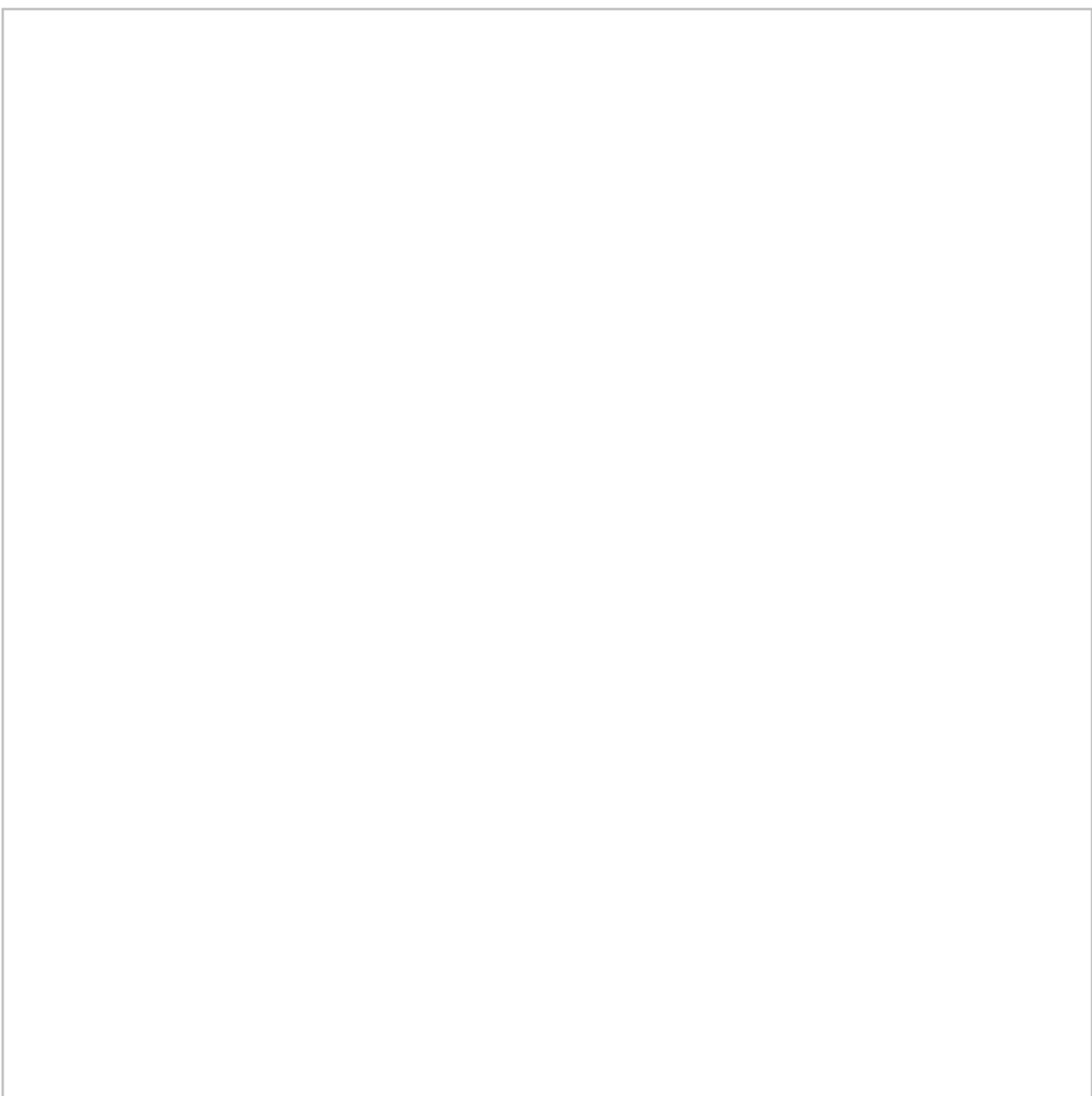
Underscoring the significance of this project, a number of key officials were on hand including Gustavo Velasquez, Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development; Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor of the City of Riverside; Ana M. Lasso, California Department of General Services Director; Lizbet Limon, Health, Housing and Human Services Case Manager, Riverside County; Philip Falcone, City of Riverside Councilmember; Estephanie Camarillo, Representative for Senator Richard Roth; and Julie Tomanpos, Associate Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank.

“We are proud to support the Mulberry Gardens Senior Apartments project, an example of how strategic use of state excess land can create sustainable, affordable housing solutions,” said Gustavo Velasquez, Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development and one of the any dignitaries who attended the ceremony. “This project not only addresses the urgent need for affordable homes in Riverside, but also sets a precedent for future developments. By leveraging state resources effectively, we can enhance quality of life for California seniors on a fixed income while fostering inclusive communities of opportunity.”

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[Blue Oak Landing Receives Another Prestigious Award](#)



Blue Oak Landing, an Eden Housing community in Vallejo that features 74 affordable rental units, has been named Best Supportive/Transitional Housing in the 61st Annual Gold Nugget Awards at The Pacific Coast Builders Conference (PCBC) trade show, presented by the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) in partnership with Leading Builders of America (LBA). The Gold Nugget Awards are the oldest and most prestigious residential design awards in the nation, presented to top innovators in design, planning and development.

The project also earned honorable mention in Fast Company's Innovation by Design 2024 awards, which honors projects that solve problems in the built environment.

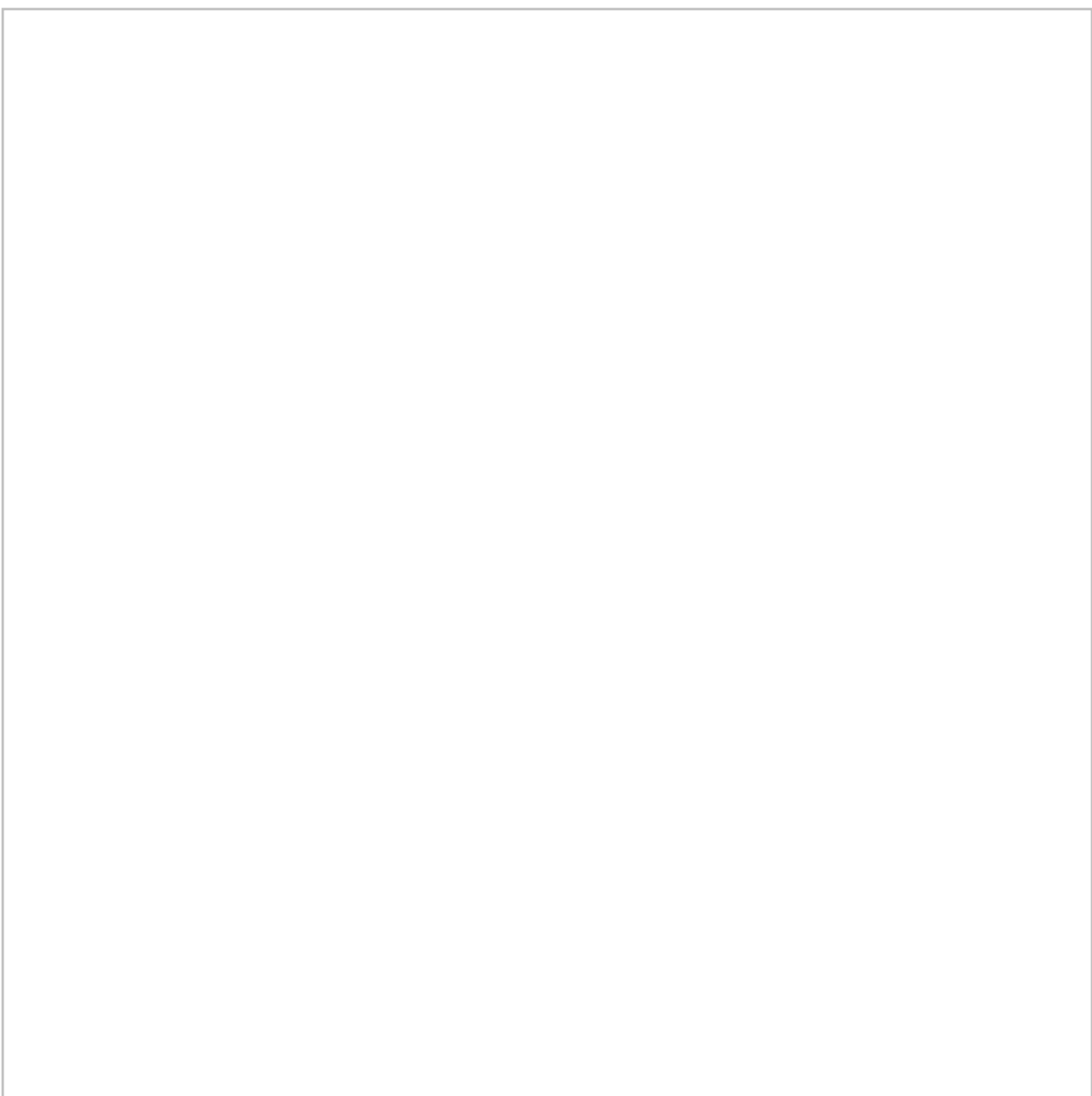
Blue Oak is our first modular construction project, and every aspect was built with sustainability in mind—including rooftop solar panels, an all-electric design and even indoor bike parking. In addition to contributing to a greener environment, these features help lower operating costs, which helps ensure the long-term financial feasibility of the community and allows the property to put more resources into much-needed resident programs.

This eco-friendly commitment began literally at the ground up, with the project converting unused land into high-quality, 100% permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Partners James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corp. and local modular manufacturer, Factory OS, collaborated to overcome the development challenge inherent in the simultaneous undertaking of supportive housing, modular construction and an all-electric approach.

In addition, the project is also a finalist for the Readers' Choice Award for Best Supportive Housing from Affordable Housing Finance ([please vote for us at the bottom of this page!](#)), and a "[2024 Development of Distinction Award](#)" from Novogradac, a national professional services organization headquartered in San Francisco that offers certified public accounting, valuation and consulting.

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Recognizing Exceptional Talent:  
32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Howard T. Collins Memorial Scholarship Awards



More than \$100,000 was distributed to 38 students across California at the 32nd Annual Howard T. Collins Memorial Scholarship dinner, held July 25. Scholarship recipients were honored by Eden Housing leadership, along with Hayward Mayor Mark Salinas and other legislative dignitaries, who handed out certificates and congratulated them on their success.

The program awards scholarships to individuals of all ages who are current residents of properties managed by Eden Housing. Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of supporting California students, the Howard T. Collins Memorial Scholarship has donated over \$ 1.1 million. This year's scholarship recipients represent Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties.

[Watch the Event Recording](#)

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## Congratulations to our Intern, Thomas Phung



Our Asset Management Intern Thomas Phung was selected to participate in the 2024 Merritt Scholars program, where he will join this year's cohort of 20 exceptional scholars from across the state eager to build careers in affordable housing. This prestigious recognition highlights Thomas' dedication and potential in the field, and underscores Eden Housing's commitment to fostering the next generation of leaders in affordable housing.

Thomas is currently studying Economics at UC Davis and is passionate about the impact of affordable housing in his own community and beyond. He sees it as a fundamental issue that affects essentially everyone. "Everybody needs somewhere to live, and the housing costs, especially in places like California, are really high," he said. "I want to help give back and keep the affordable housing industry going."

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## Strengthening Bonds with National Night Out

On August 6, Eden Housing once again joined neighborhoods around the country for National Night Out, hosting celebrations at more than 160 of its affordable housing sites throughout California.



An annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, National Night Out aims to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement by bringing everyone together to celebrate in a positive environment. The various sites welcomed special guests and speakers including local and first responders, elected officials and Eden Housing residents and team members.

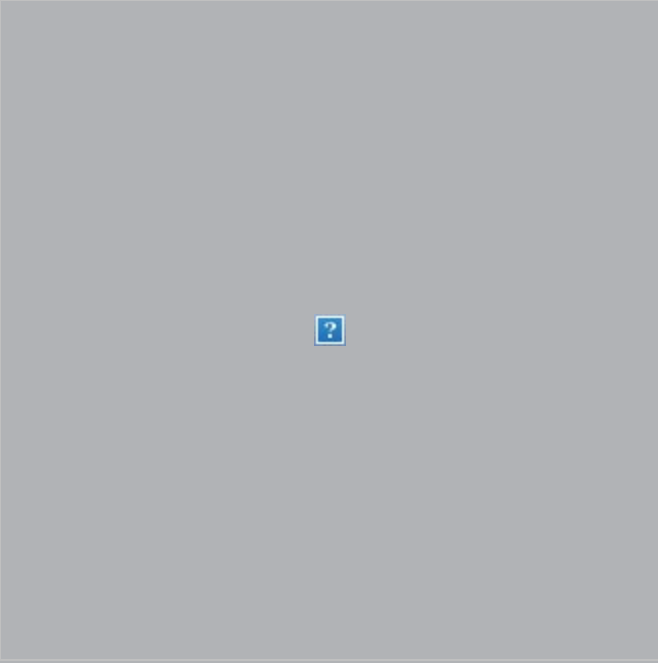
“By bringing together neighbors, staff and local first responders, we create a stronger, safer and more unified community,” said Darnell Williams, Eden Housing’s Senior Vice President of Property Operations. “It’s always rewarding to come together to celebrate and continue fostering meaningful connections with

our residents and elected officials.”

## EDEN HOUSING IN THE NEWS

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8/16/2024

Hi Linda,

So good to hear from you. Sadly every time a nation other than the U.S. attempts to handcuff the terrorist state of Israel from engaging in new war crimes the U.S. bails Isreal out with more billions in military aid monies that should rightfully go to the poor and disenfranchised of this country. From this Jews perspective the only just solution is the elimination of Israel and the return of all stolen lands to the Palestinian people.

Best regards,  
Aram

On Fri, Aug 16, 2024 at 10:33 PM Linda Jolley <[lindajolley9@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajolley9@yahoo.com)> wrote:

I would rather see handcuffs than elimination, Aram.

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August 13, 2024

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Aram



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Honorable mayor and city council member,  
Honorable members of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission.

It came to my attention that the Jewish Community Recommendations to the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission will be on the city council meeting on 8/19/2024 .

I have written to you in the past about the erosion of Human Rights to Jews here in Palo Alto and elsewhere around the world. The rise of racism in any form and that of Antisemitism in particular is a real threat.

Since October 2023 many city council meetings have been hijacked by supporters of terrorism. I thank the city council for standing strong against this hate speech.

I support the Jewish Community Recommendations to the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission.

I call upon the City Council to adopt the resolution.

Thank you,  
Roey Shaviv, Ph.D.  
Palo Alto CA

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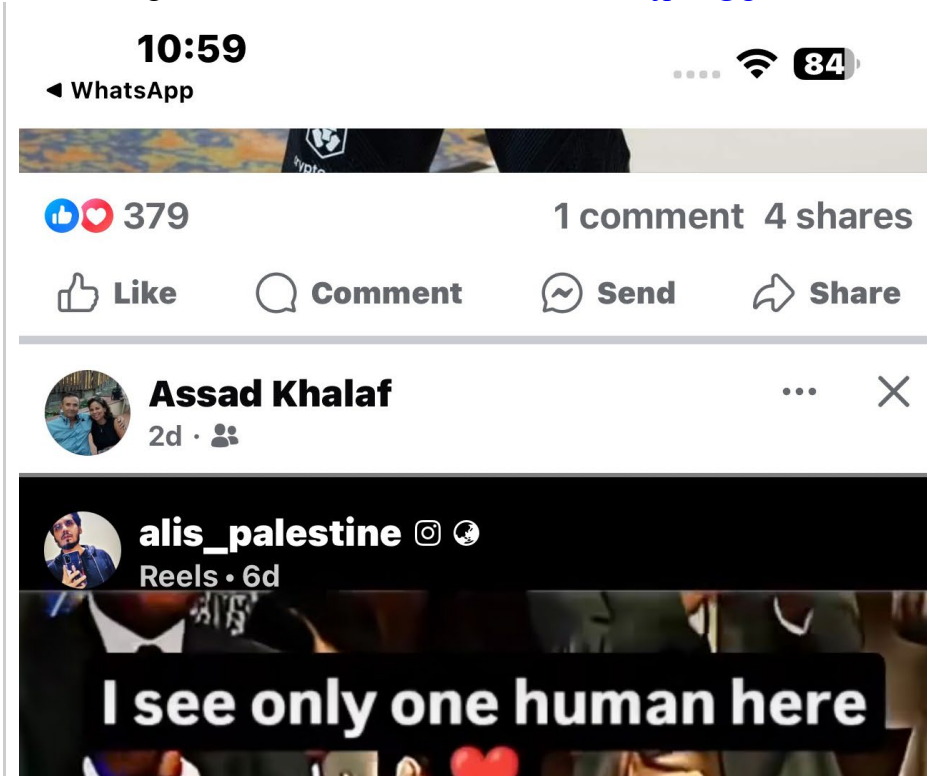
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That's the reality to many ppl are scared to speak up

Raymond Goins  
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For the shot, drowned, and burned  
For the tortured, Tormented, and Terrorized  
We Will Remember  
With Hope because Hopelessness is the enemy of justice  
With Courage because Peace requires Bravery  
With persistence because Justice Is a constant struggle  
**With Faith because we shall overcome!!!**

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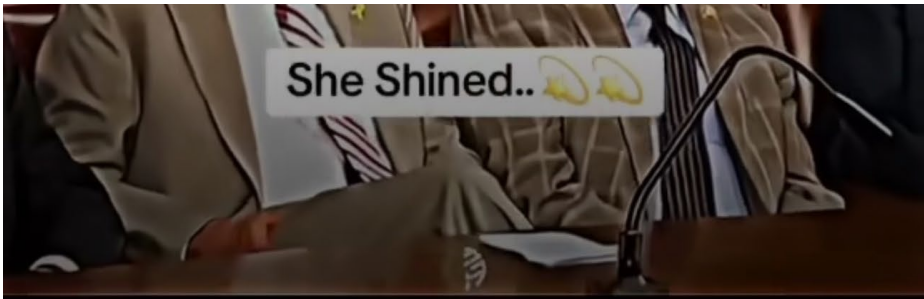
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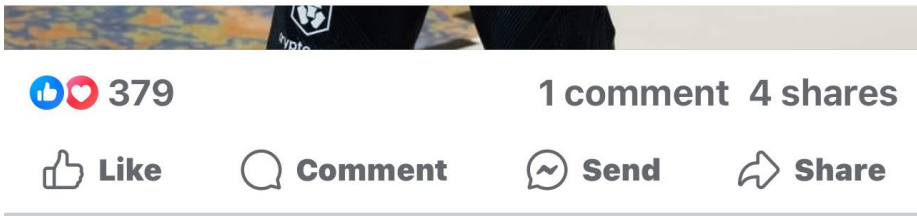
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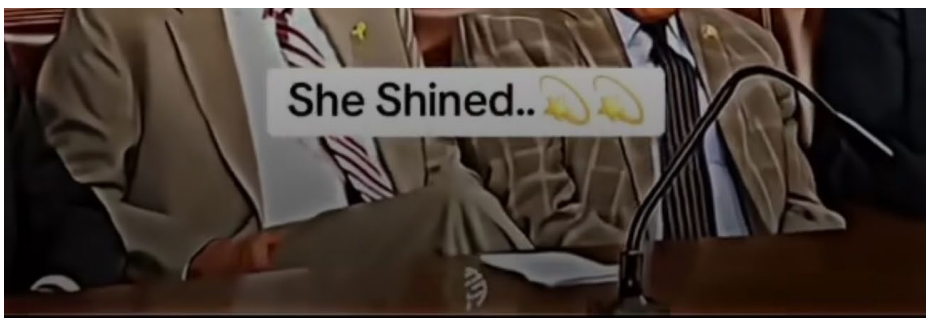
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Hi,

Hope you doing well.

This is to inform you that buyers-list of NDIA Navy Gold Coast Small Business Procurement Event 2024 is available to acquire with total

3987 contacts at infinite-usage.

Kindly let me know if you are interested. So, that I will come back to you with the Pricing and other details.

Awaiting your response!

Cheers,

Emma Smith

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Roberta,  
Thanks for passing on the info re the housing situation in the city of Santa Cruz.  
Aram

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**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 at 12:56:25 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Homeless Sweeps

Dear Mayor Fred Keeley, Santa Cruz City Council, City Manager & Board of Supervisors:  
RE: Homeless Sweeps

In April 2024, Santa Cruz was awarded a two-year \$4 million state homeless encampment resolution grant to sweep the area around the Housing Matters Shelter and Harvey West Park. I assume the purpose of the sweep is to remove homeless people from camping, sleeping and loitering.

It is my understanding that Santa Cruz would be expected to assist only 55 people who are sleeping on the streets. That is not enough people to help, considering that there are a few thousand homeless people camping on the streets and throughout Santa Cruz County.

Is Santa Cruz City Council going to spend \$4 Million building another homeless shelter or are they going to squander the money on paper pushers and social workers' salaries?

The government wastes money "studying" the homeless problem when they could build government subsidized studio apartments ASAP! The buildings should be 100% for homeless people. Allowing developers to build luxury highrises with only a very small percentage of apartments reserved for homeless or low income people does not solve the ever increasing homeless crisis.

The Tannery Arts Center is an example of a low income housing project that is a successful and thriving asset to our community.

Where do you expect homeless people to sleep?

No one hires seniors. Inflation devalued money. Food and gas prices skyrocketed. Everything is too expensive. The medical system gouged people financially and wiped out their savings. Homelessness is a symptom of a failed economic system. Many seniors do not receive social security or a pension. They may be divorced, widowed or never married so there is no one to take care of them. Their parents may have passed away and they may not have children or if they do, their children cannot afford to take care of them. Many homeless people are disabled or mentally ill. Many more people are only one paycheck away from becoming homeless and they are struggling to make ends meet.

*Where is your compassion?*

*Is the government turning into witches on broomsticks before Halloween?*

Encampment sweeps are cruel and inhumane, especially if the government does not offer immediate shelter.

Confiscating tents and personal property is government sanctioned theft. At minimum, the government should provide public lockers with easy access to accommodate large backpacks, tents, bicycles and personal possessions.

Subsidize shelter so residents may contribute positively to society and possibly become taxpayers.

Thank you for your urgent consideration.

Sincerely,  
Karen Kaplan  
Resident of Santa Cruz County Since 1974

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This is crazy, I don't know why this is t a hate crime. They beat on him because of what is was(an inmate) we need to start recognizing those incarcerated as people.

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For the tortured, Tormented, and Terrorized  
We Will Remember  
With Hope because Hopelessness is the enemy of justice  
With Courage because Peace requires Bravery  
With persistence because Justice Is a constant struggle  
With Faith because **we shall overcome!!!****

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:48 PM Aram James <[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Three ex-San Jose jail guards admit they beat Michael Tyree to death | KRON4

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/three-ex-san-jose-jail-guards-admit-they-beat-michael-tyree-to-death/>

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
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# *For Some Jewish Democrats, Heightened Worries About Antisemitism*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/11/us/politics/jewish-democrats-antisemitism.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>

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**Subject:** Re: Progressives are growing increasingly angry with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) after "squad" member Rep. Cori Bush's (D-Mo.) primary loss...  
**Date:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 6:52:30 PM

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Source: The Hill  
Progressive anger with AIPAC rises over Bush loss

<https://search.app/M9tq9ttuHCNrBsG36>

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
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**Subject:** Ex-Antioch police officer convicted in pay raise scam  
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# Don't tell a soul.' Ex-Antioch police officer convicted in pay raise scam

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**From:** [Adam Leo](#)  
**To:** [Human Relations Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Quote To Bid  
**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2024 12:34:46 PM

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Hi,

Sorry to bother you again,

Have you received my emails? We are a cost estimating and architectural service provider.

We estimate all types of construction projects including residential, commercial, new build and federal government projects.

If you could send me the set of plans, I would love to give you the price/turnaround time before getting started.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

On Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 3:52 PM <[adamleoie@gmail.com](mailto:adamleoie@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi,

We're using Acc-u-Bid, EBM, McCormick, CONest, Plans Swift, and Blue Beam for Electrical Takeoffs/Estimates.

If you have any industrial, residential or commercial projects for an estimate, then send us the plans. I'll give you a quote for the price and turnaround time.

Drop an email for any samples, queries and quotes for your projects.

Thank you,

Regards,  
Adam Leo | Estimation Department  
Ideal Estimating LLC

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**Subject:** The state is doing whatever it wants: Homeless advocate arrested while trying to block Oakland sweep  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 6:42:09 PM

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<https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/08/07/the-state-is-doing-whatever-it-wants-homeless-advocate-arrested-while-trying-to-block-oakland-sweep/>

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**Subject:** Re: Tim Walz on Criminal Justice: 5 Things to Know  
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Interesting Artical, and changes made by the Governor. I just wonder what his national stance will be when it comes to criminal Justice Reform.

Raymond Goins  
Silicon Valley De-Bug  
Community Organizer

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For the shot, drowned, and burned  
For the tortured, Tormented, and Terrorized  
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On Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 9:40 AM Aram James <[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

## Tim Walz on Criminal Justice: 5 Things to Know

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2024/08/06/tim-walz-kamala-harris-vp-criminal-justice>

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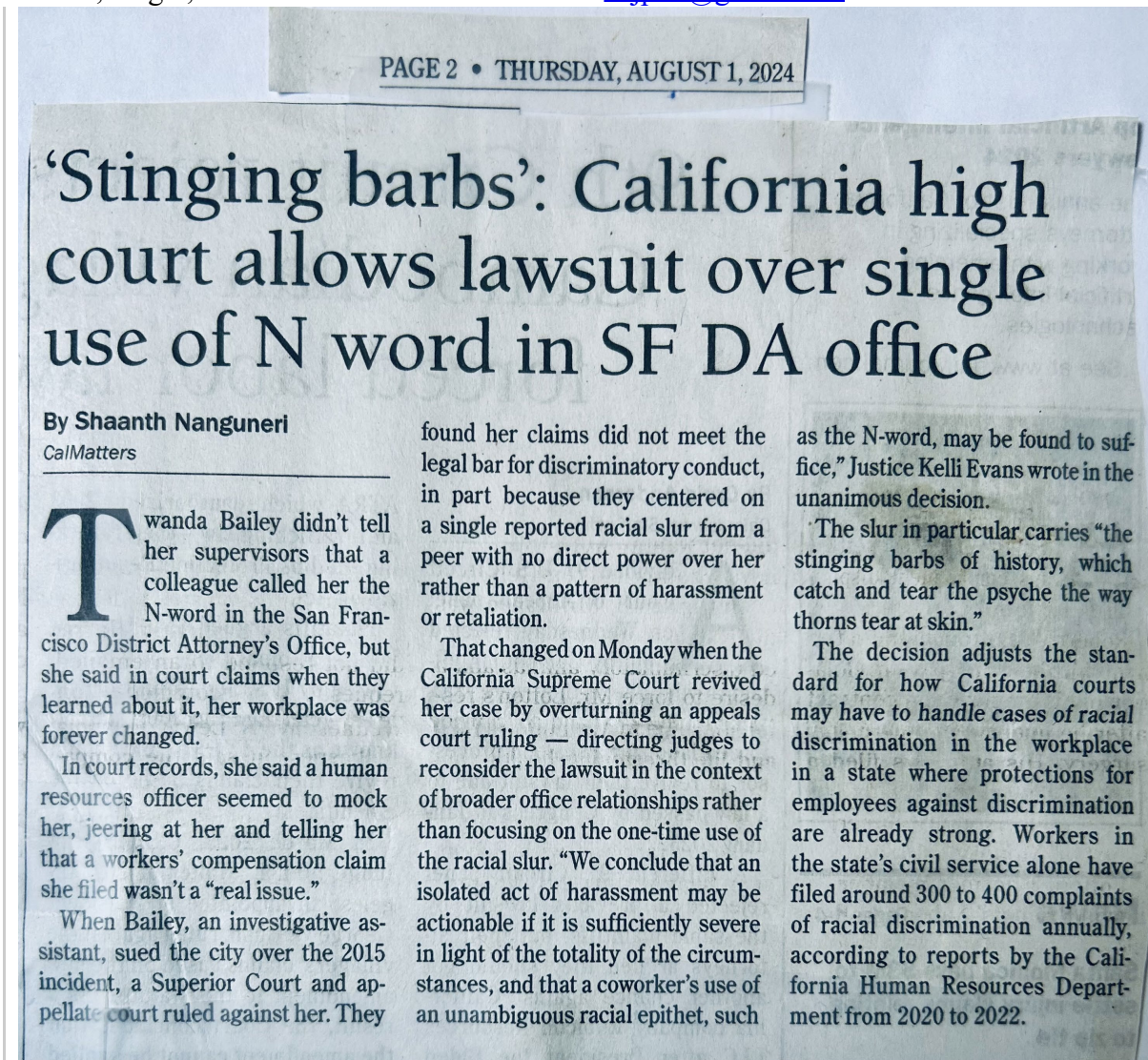
# Tim Walz on Criminal Justice: 5 Things to Know

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**To:** [Perron, Zachary](#)  
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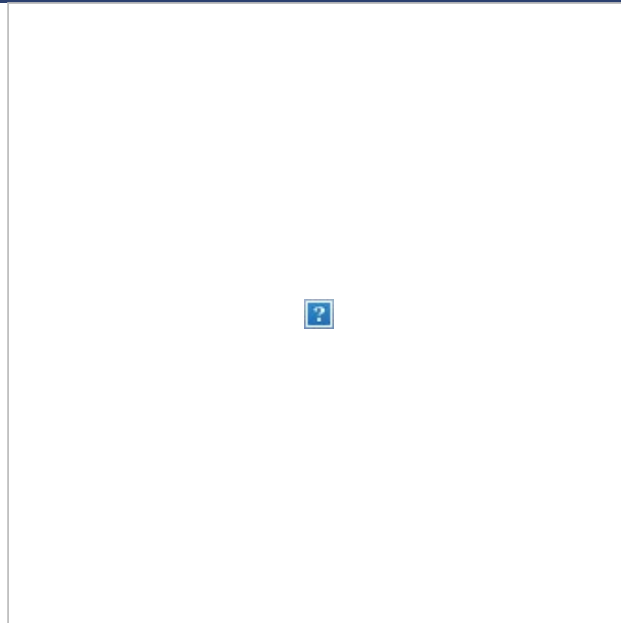
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From: [San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP](#)  
To: [Human Relations Commission](#)  
Subject: Does Ranked Choice Voting Disenfranchise Minorities? Dueling new studies reach opposing conclusions  
Date: Monday, August 5, 2024 4:19:35 AM

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Beautiful!!!!**

**The Oldest, Largest And Strongest**  
Civil Rights Organization In The United States.



## **Parity of Vice President Kamala Harris as Jesus and Trump as Barabbas**

"We are voting on one of two things: making America Great Again or making America, America! The American dream is that every person has the freedom and opportunity to succeed and attain a better Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Can America become a dream deferred and dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or fester like a sore-- And then run? Does it stink like rotten meat? (L.Hughes)

Some claim that we are a Christian Nation. If that were true, 1 Timothy 3:1-13 gives specific instructions concerning the kind of people who may hold positions that must be above reproach, must have unquestioned morality, especially in regard to their relations with the opposite sex, be self-controlled, hospitable, able to teach, not a lover of money, manage their own family well, have a firm hold on the truths, and must not be proud."

As the scene unfolded in a modern political satire, Vice President Kamala Harris stood before the crowd, her calm demeanor contrasting sharply with the blustering presence of former President Donald Trump, who had been brought before the people by Pontius Pilate for judgment. Pilate gazed out at the divided crowd, wondering who they would choose. "Who shall I release to you today?" he asked, his voice echoing across the square. "The righteous and just Kamala Harris, or the divisive and controversial Donald Trump?"

The crowd murmured and shifted, torn between their allegiances. Some cheered for Kamala, praising her intelligence and grace. Others jeered at Trump, remembering his tweets and tantrums.

Pilate turned to Kamala, studying her as she stood with poise and dignity. Harris radiating an aura of calm and compassion. "You who preaches love, acceptance, and equality. and the symbol of hope and change, Surely you see the value in releasing Kamala Harris," he urged the crowd. "She has served with honor and integrity, striving for equality and justice for all."

But then he turned to Trump, who stood with a defiant sneer on his face, his signature orange complexion glowing in the sunlight. "Former President Trump," he addressed him, "you stand accused of inciting division, spreading misinformation, and undermining the very foundations of our democracy. How do you plead?" And what of Donald Trump?" Pilate asked, his voice tinged with uncertainty. "Will you choose to release a man known for his brash rhetoric and questionable actions? Trump smirked and shrugged nonchalantly. "Fake news, Kamala. It's all fake news. The best news, really. Everyone knows I won big, bigly. Release me, and I'll make America great again! The crowd erupted into cheers and jeers, with Trump's supporters egging him on and the others shaking their heads in disbelief. Pilate raised his hand once more, calling for silence.

And as the words echoed through the square, Pilate knew that the vote would have to cast. The crowd had spoken, and the consequences would be felt far and wide. In the end, history would judge our decision. Would they choose the path of righteousness and unity with Kamala Harris, or would they embrace the darkness of division and discord with Donald Trump? Only time will tell. But for now, we must cast our votes this November, and the world holds its breath, waiting to see what the future would bring. "Who will you choose to release today? Kamala Harris, a beacon of hope and progress, or Donald Trump, a figure of controversy and discord?"

So as we look at the candidates for president in 2024 "America never was America to me, And yet I swear this oath—America will be! Out of the rack and ruin of our gangster death, The rape and rot of graft, and stealth, and lies, We, the people, must redeem The land, the mines, the plants, the rivers. The mountains and the endless plain—All, all the stretch of these great green states—And make America again! L Hughes

**Parity is by me, and not the position of the NAACP**  
**Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP**



## **Our Project 2025 All Unit Call**

Have you heard about Project 2025? Do you have questions? Need resources and language to express what it is? As the frontline warriors in this fight for Democracy, we've got your back. Join us next Tuesday, August 6th at 7:30PM ET for an All Units Call to discuss this important issue. Join us Tuesday Night at 7:30PM ET to: **[Click Here To Register](#)**

Learn why Project 2025 and why it is a threat to Democracy and Black America

Discuss how we fight Project 2025: OUR 2025

Arm yourself with material and resources to spread accurate and concise information to combat Project 2025 and motivate others to fight back through civic engagement and voting





## 2024 "New" Branch Election Manual

Good Morning Freedom Fighters,

You will find the New Branch Election Manual below. Let me know if you have any questions about any of the information provided. The manual includes the new election rules effective June 1, 2024. Thanks!

### **2024 Branch Elections**

We are approaching Branch Election time, and we are dedicated to providing the best information to assist you in this effort. There will be three webinars to cover the election manual and the election process.

***[Click Here: 2024 New Branch Election Manual](#)***



Are you All In? We have to be all in if we are going to make a difference in the November election on the policies we think are important. This November is about more than just voting. Education, women's right to choose, affordable healthcare, police reform, social security, medicare, medicaid, and the right to collective bargaining might be on the chopping block if we sit on the sidelines and don't get people out to vote. Many of you have heard about Project 2025 by now, and if not, I encourage you to research what is at stake if we fail to show up. Project 2025 takes us backwards to before Jim Crow and the beginning of the civil rights movement. As NAACP Chairman Leon Russell said at the NAACP Convention in Las Vegas, "If you don't do politics, politics WILL do you!"

Sign up and share this link to get out the vote - [\*\*\*naacp.org/volunteer\*\*\*](https://naacp.org/volunteer)

As we prepare for this critical election, we must also remember the ongoing struggles and injustices faced by our community. The events in Springfield, Illinois demonstrate that the movement is still very much needed. It's these kinds of tragedies which continue to deeply

impact all of us. Like many of you, my heart grieves for Sonya Massey and her family. Sonya Massey deserves justice.

Who was Sonya Massey? She is a descendant of William Donnegan, who was lynched by a white mob during violent racist attacks that led to the creation of the NAACP. She was the daughter of Donna Massey and James Wilburn. She was the mother of two children and had three siblings. Her oldest son Malachi Hill shared that his mother was “loving, caring, she knew how to cook I loved her cooking, the best cooking ever I’m not going to lie. She was just a ball of energy she could talk to anybody, we’d go anywhere and if she wanted to talk to them she would go talk to them, I don’t know she was just a lovable person. She always helped people too, that’s the thing about her—she helps everyone.”

We will not allow for the deaths of Black people to continue to be swept under the rug. Sonya Massey deserves justice. The movement is needed now more than ever.

Let’s all be All In...we have no choice!

Yours in the fight,

Rick L. Callender, Esq

## **Does Ranked Choice Voting Disenfranchise Minorities? Dueling new studies reach opposing conclusions on whether minority voters are well served by ranked choice voting.**

**JOE LANCASTER**

On January 11, the Center for Election Confidence *released a study* of the effects of ranked choice voting (RCV). (The center, previously known as the Lawyers Democracy Fund, *opposes* RCV.)

The study—conducted by Nolan McCarty, a public affairs professor at Princeton University—found that RCV "disproportionately decreases the representation and electoral influence of minority voters." But a study out

today from FairVote, a nonpartisan group that advocates for the adoption of RCV, reached a very different conclusion.

On an *RCV ballot*, instead of picking a single candidate, voters rank multiple candidates in order of preference. When votes are tallied, if one candidate gets over 50 percent of the vote, then that person wins; if not, then the candidate who got the least votes is eliminated, and all their voters' ballots are retallied with the second choices counted. This process repeats until one candidate reaches a majority. *READ MORE*



With just 91 days remaining until the election, we need to ensure that you and other NAACP members are fully engaged in voter registration, voter education, and turnout efforts. We have seen increased enthusiasm among voters for this upcoming election in the past week, and we must continue to advocate for and educate our community on key issues at the federal, state, and local levels. As we enter August, we're excited to announce that

resources and funding are available to support your efforts, from membership recruitment to get-out-the-vote initiatives. Don't miss this opportunity to strategically position your unit for success this fall.

Building Community Voice Fund - Deadline Aug 20

**The Building Community Voice (BCVF) Fund**, provides **grants to 501(c)(3) youth units** working to increase the political voice and representation of the Black community. If you're in a Tier 3 priority state focused on voter education, voter protection & turnout programs that target local, down-ballot elections where Black people can make an impact, this funding is for you. Note for support with completing the application process **join office hours Friday, Aug 2, 9 & 16 from 12 - 4 pm ET.**

**BCVF Office Hours:** Aug 2, 9 & 16

Application Deadline: Aug 20

Application Review: Sept 15

Applicant Decision Email: Sept 25

BCVF Funds Disbursement: Oct 1



## How Does the Citizens United Decision Still

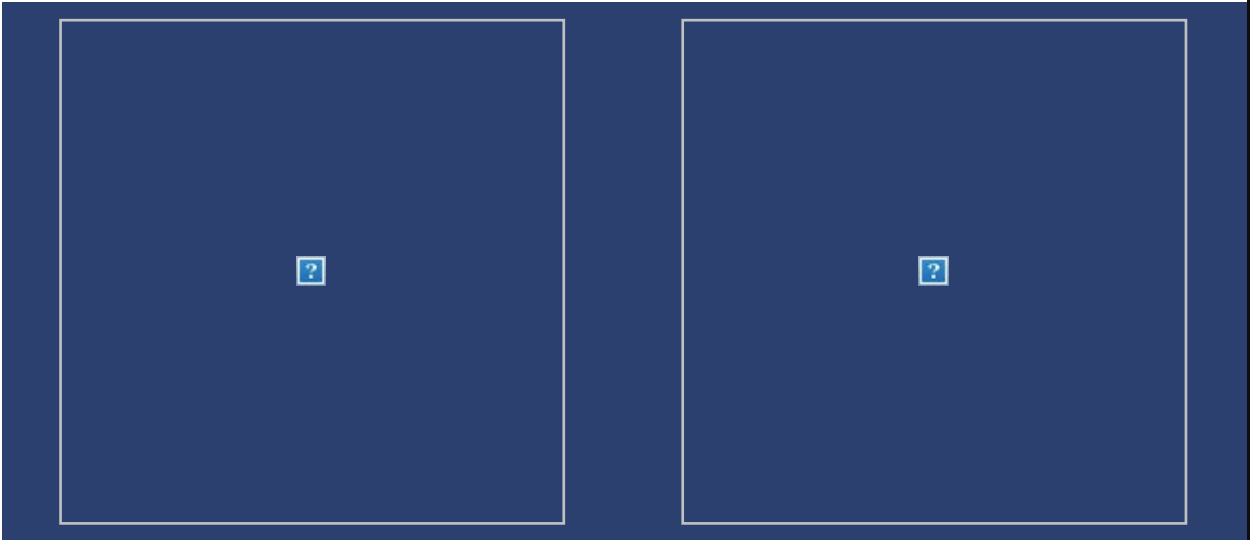
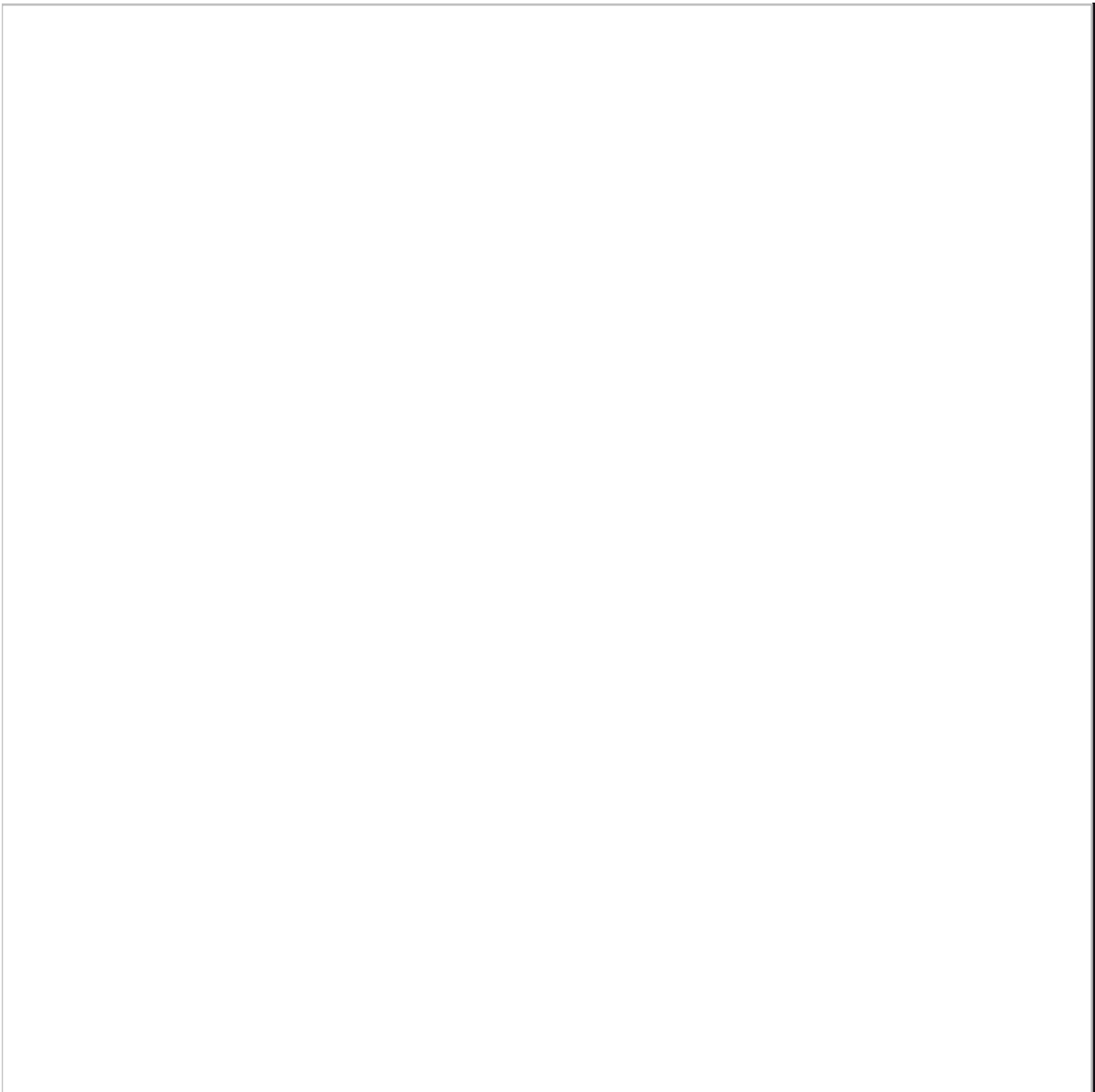
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## Affect Us in 2024?

Voters have a right to know which wealthy special interests are spending big money to influence our vote and our government to rig the political system in their favor, but as the 2024 elections approach, a case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court over a decade ago continues to threaten that fundamental right.

On Jan. 21, 2010, in the case Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC), the Court ruled to strike down a prohibition on corporate independent expenditures, which has since enabled corporations and other outside groups to engage in unlimited amounts of campaign spending.

In Citizens United, the Court upheld certain disclosure provisions from the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA), ***reasoning*** that prompt disclosure would be enough to prevent wealthy special interests from dominating the political process because voters could see who was paying for the ads and “give proper weight to different speakers and messages.” ***READ MORE***





## **LGBTQ+ Adults Are Coming Out at Younger Ages Than in the Past**

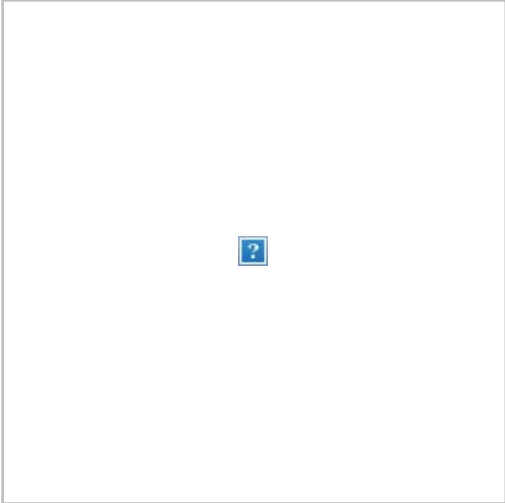
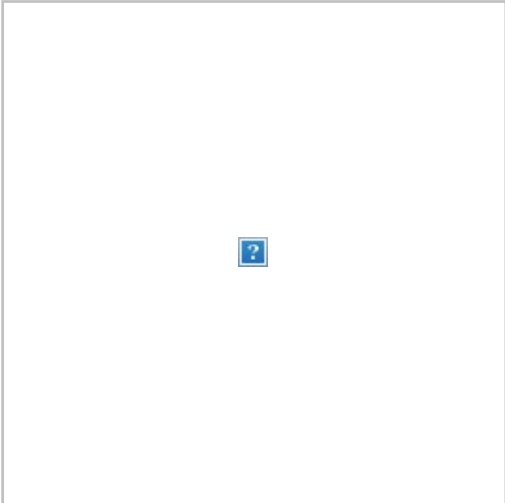
While most say society has become more accepting, one in four report recent discrimination *BY JUSTIN MCCARTHY AND RACHAEL YI*

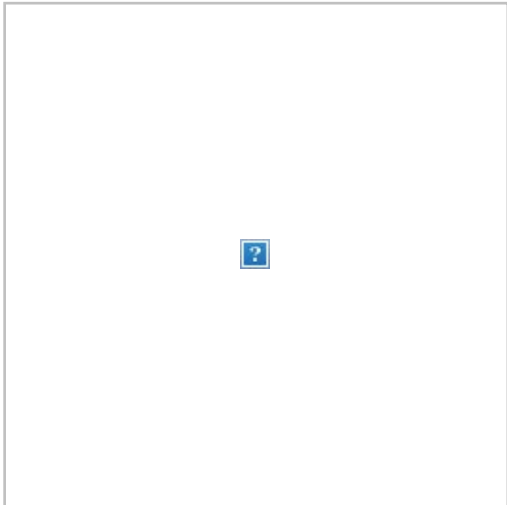
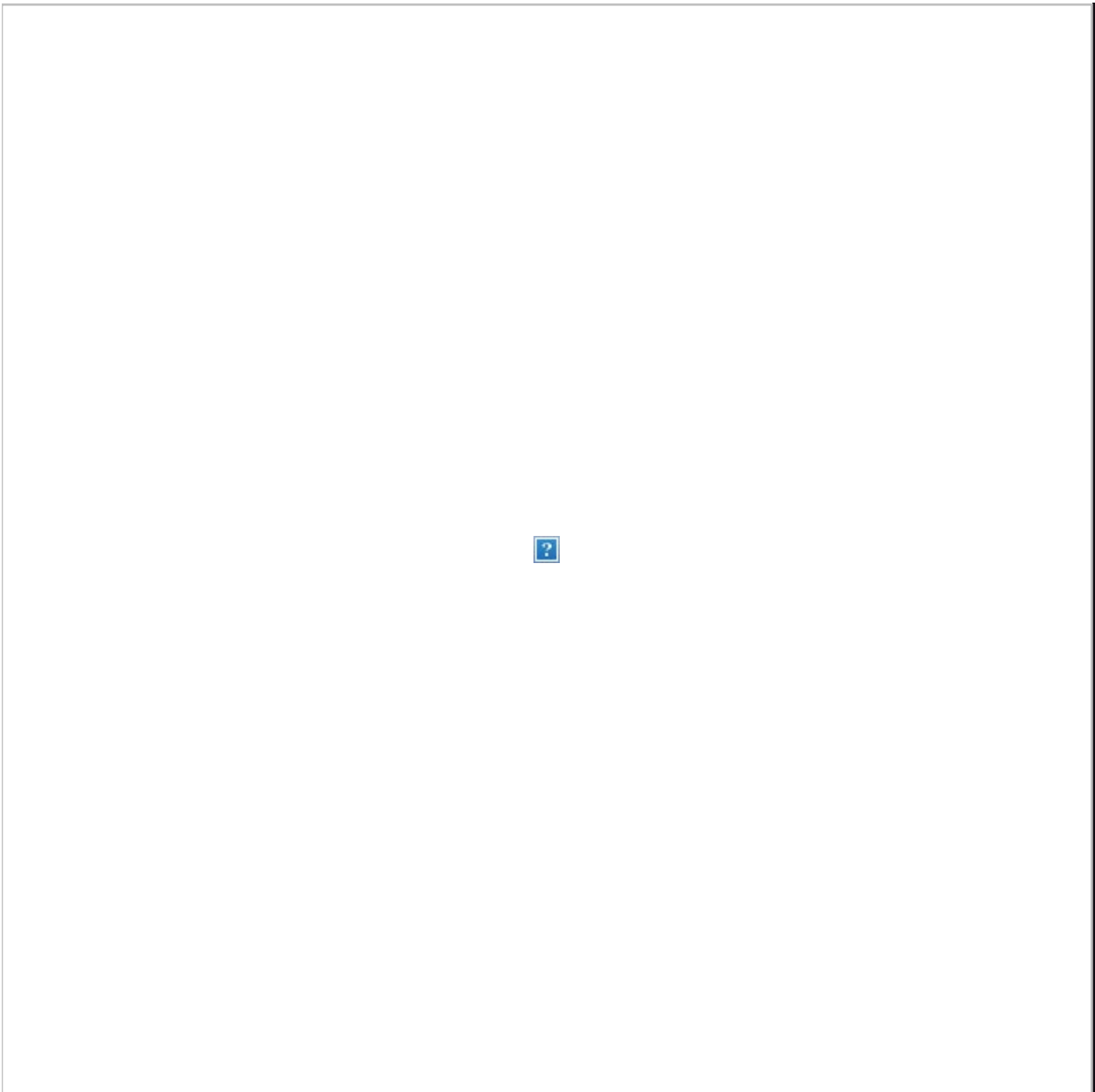
WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today's young LGBTQ+ Americans report having come out nearly a decade earlier than LGBTQ+ seniors, reflecting societal shifts in greater acceptance that LGBTQ+ adults report having seen over the past decade. Despite this increased acceptance, about one in four report experiences of discrimination in the past year.

These new findings -- from a probability-based Gallup Panel™ survey of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender adults and those who identify as something other than non-heterosexual or cisgender, conducted online May 1-15 -- provide more context about

LGBTQ+ Americans' experiences.

**Most LGBTQ+ People Came to Terms With Their Identity by Age 18 *READ MORE***





The NAACP CA/HI State Conference is thrilled to be a part of significant and influential legislation in 2024. With an exciting, yet crucial election less than 100 days away, we want to emphasize the importance of getting out the vote. We have taken the following positions on the following Statewide Ballot Measures:

**“Yes” on Proposition 3**, ACA 5 (Resolution Chapter 125, Statutes of 2023) Low. Marriage equality.

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to repeal Proposition 8 (2008), which defined marriage as a union between one man and one woman, and declared that a "right to marry is a fundamental right" in the California Constitution.

**“Yes” on Proposition 4**, SB 867 (Chapter 83, Statutes of 2024) Allen. Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

A "yes" vote supports issuing \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, energy projects, and flood protection projects.

**“Yes” on Proposition 5**, ACA 1 (Resolution Chapter 173, Statutes of 2023) Aguiar-Curry. ACA 10 (Resolution Chapter 134, Statutes of 2024) Aguiar-Curry. Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

A "yes" vote supports lowering the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local bond measures to fund housing projects and public infrastructure.

**“Yes” on Proposition 6**, ACA 8 (Resolution Chapter 133, Statutes of 2024) Wilson. Slavery.

A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime and authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award credits to incarcerated persons who voluntarily participate in work assignments.

**“Yes” on Proposition 32**, Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.

A "yes" vote supports increasing the state minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026 for all employers and thereafter adjusting the rate annually by increases to the cost of living.

**“No” on Proposition 33**, Expands Local Governments’ Authority To Enact Rent Control On Residential Property. Initiative Statute.

A "no" vote opposes repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which prohibits rent control on single-family homes and houses completed after February 1, 1995.

**“Yes” on Proposition 35**, Provides Permanent Funding For Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.

A "yes" vote supports permanently authorizing a tax on managed care organizations based on monthly enrollees, which is set to expire in 2026, and requiring revenues to be used for increased Medi-Cal programs.

**“No” on Proposition 36**, Allows Felony Charges And Increases Sentences For Certain Drug And Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

A "no" vote opposes this initiative that makes changes to Proposition 47 (2014), thereby maintaining certain drug and theft crimes as misdemeanors.

If there are any bills you would like the NAACP CA/HI State Conference to take a position on, please contact Taneicia Herring at [therring@cahinaacp.org](mailto:therring@cahinaacp.org) or (916) 234-6504.



### ***Register to Vote***

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete. Exercise your right to defend democracy by registering to participate in upcoming elections.

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Being away from home is no excuse for not voting! If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot.

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Confirm your voter registration status to ensure you are ready to go once the polls open!



## Scoop: Trump stalled Black journalists interview over fact-checking

*Delano Massey, Sophia Cai and Russell Contreras*

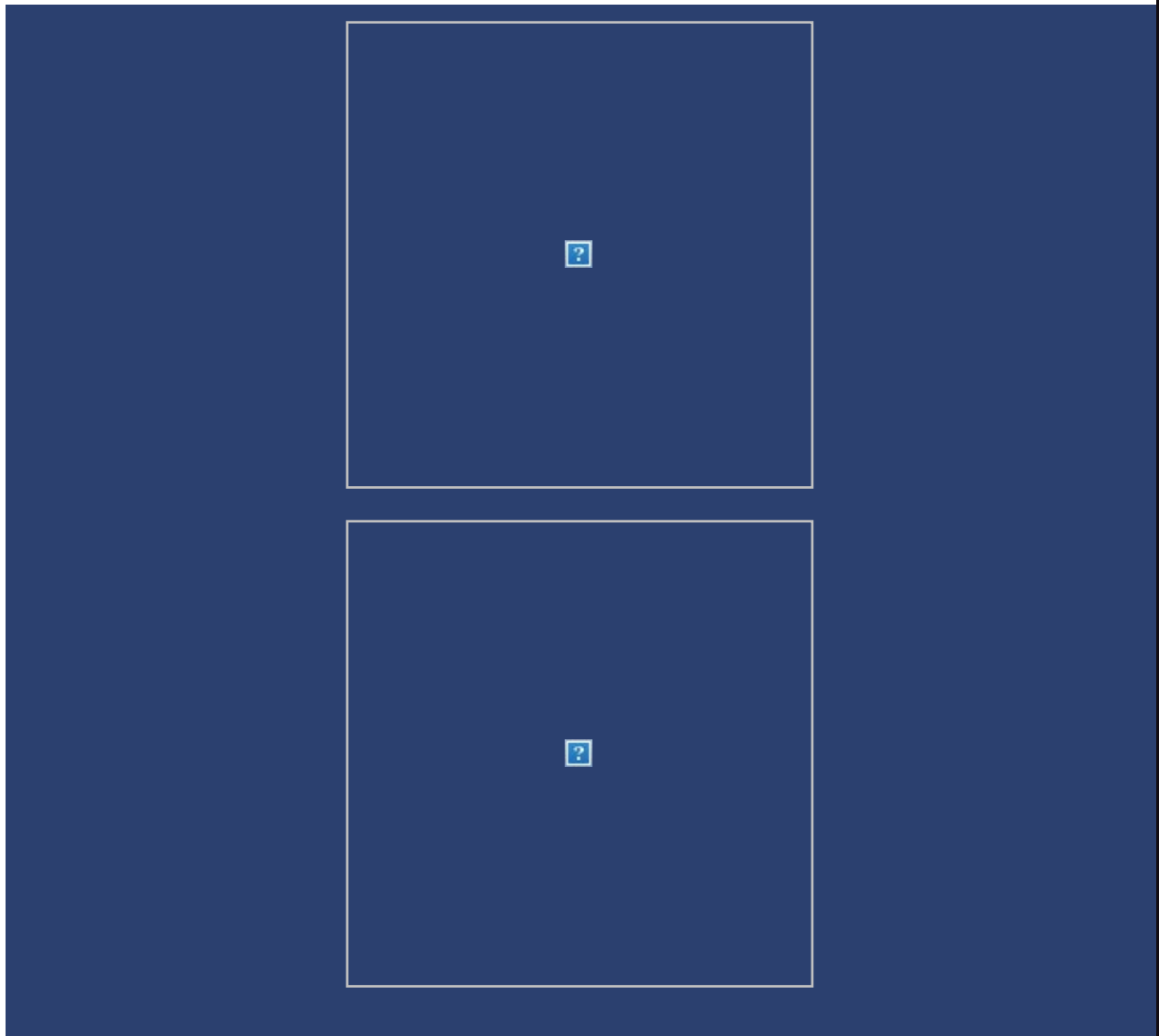
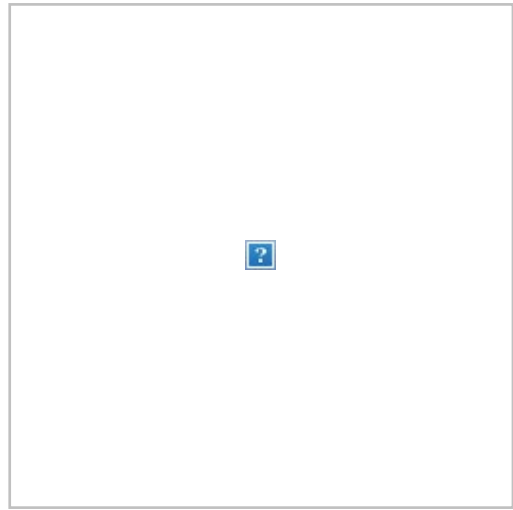
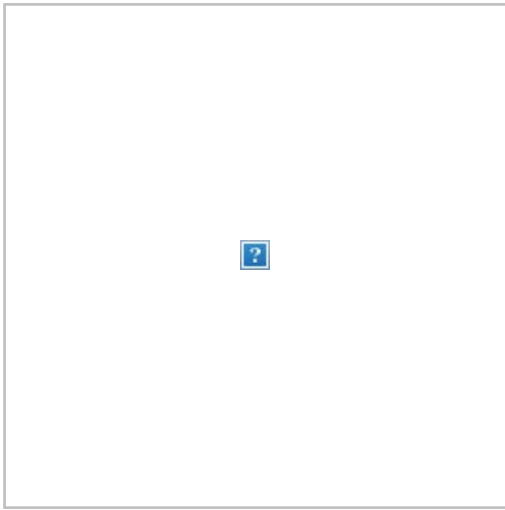
Moments before ***former President Trump*** took the stage at the National Association of Black Journalists annual convention in Chicago on Wednesday, the organization's president was called back to address an issue.

Why it matters: Trump did not want to be fact-checked live and was refusing to go on stage, NABJ president Ken Lemon told Axios.

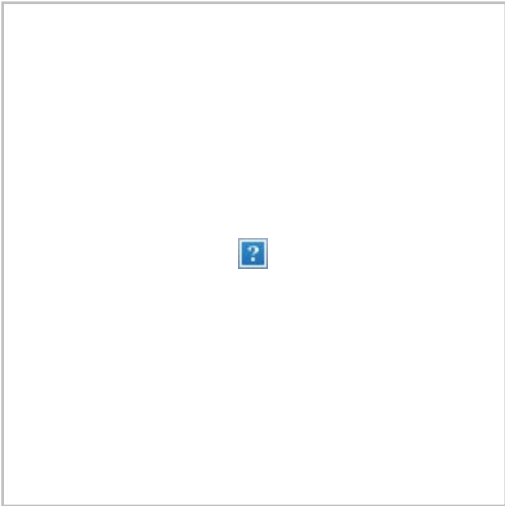
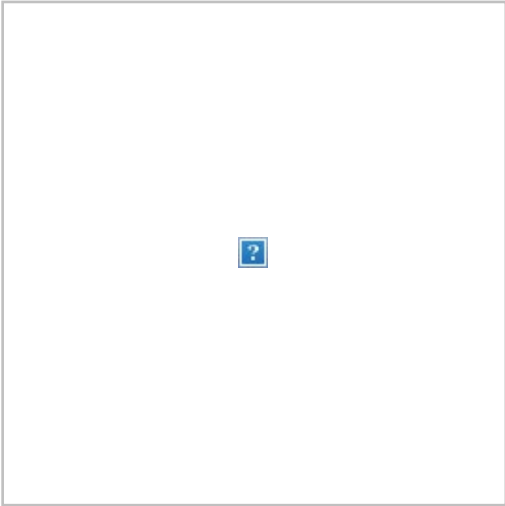
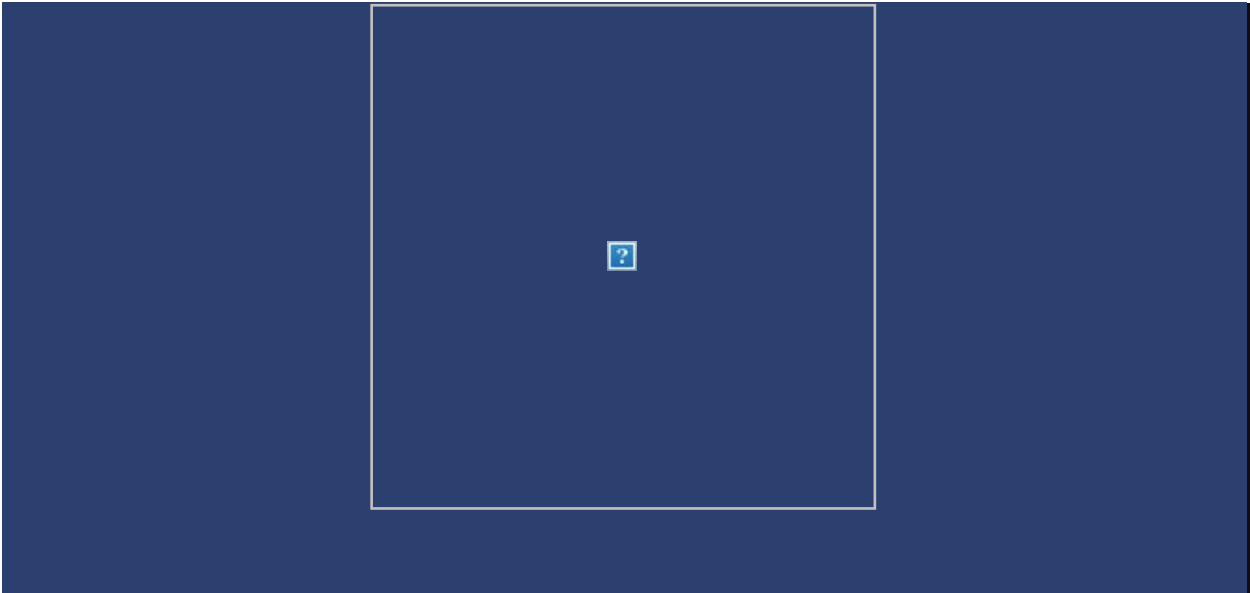
- "[Trump's team] said, 'Well, can you not fact check? He's not going to take the stage if you fact-check,'" Lemon said.

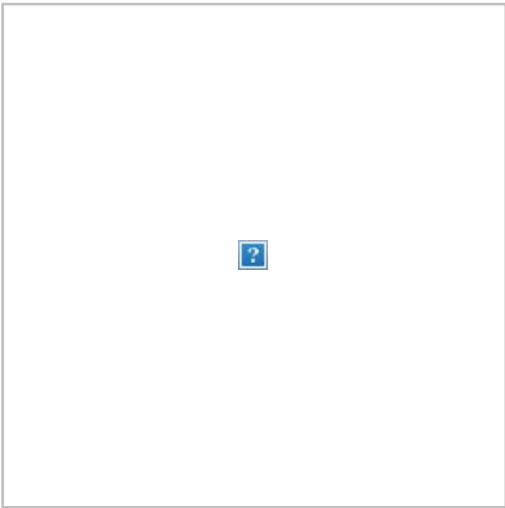
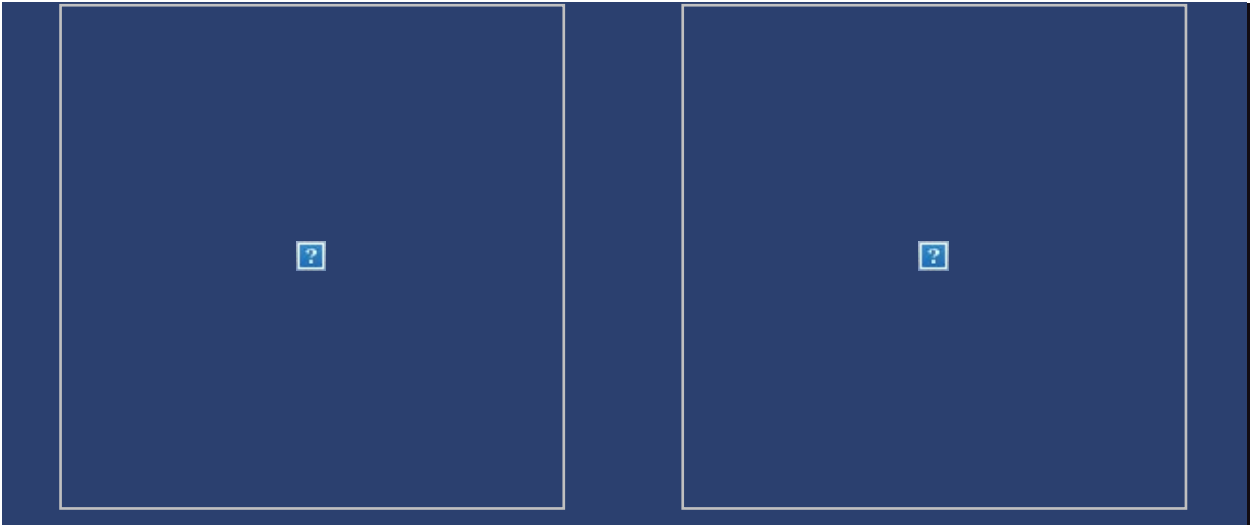
The intrigue: The ***Q&A with the GOP presidential nominee*** was delayed

more than an hour before he eventually joined a panel of Black journalists, including ABC News correspondent Rachel Scott, Fox News anchor Harris Faulkner and Sema for reporter Kadia Goba. ***READ MORE***









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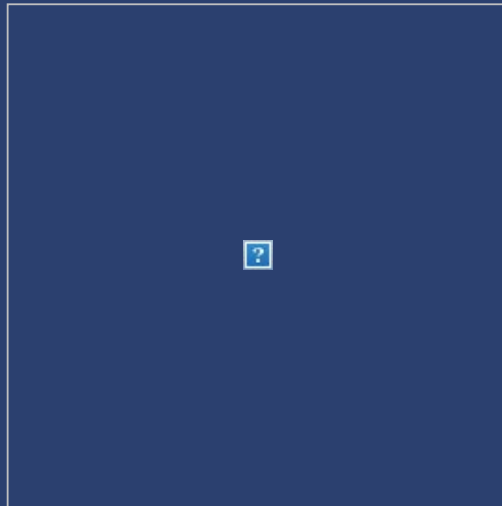
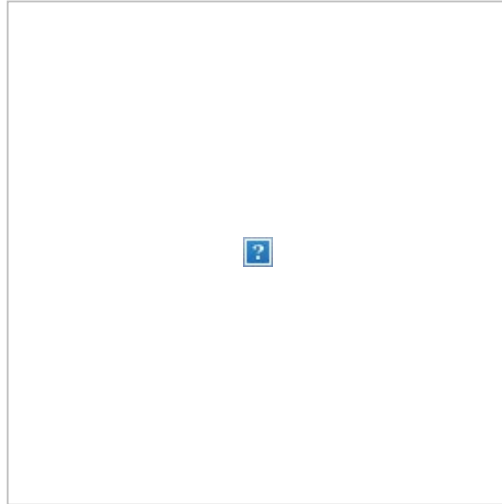
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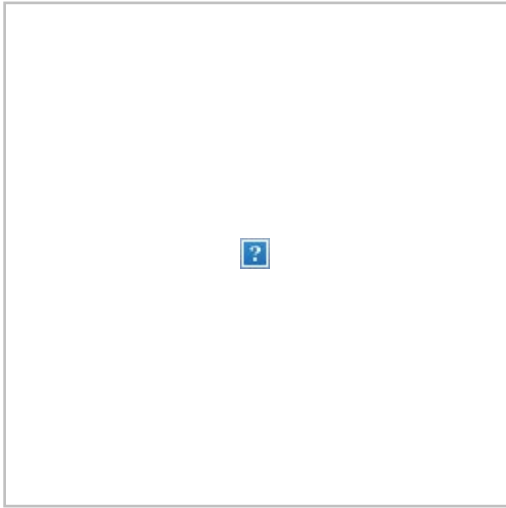
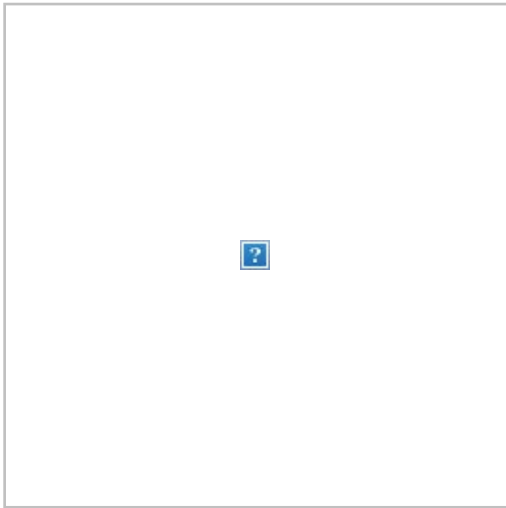
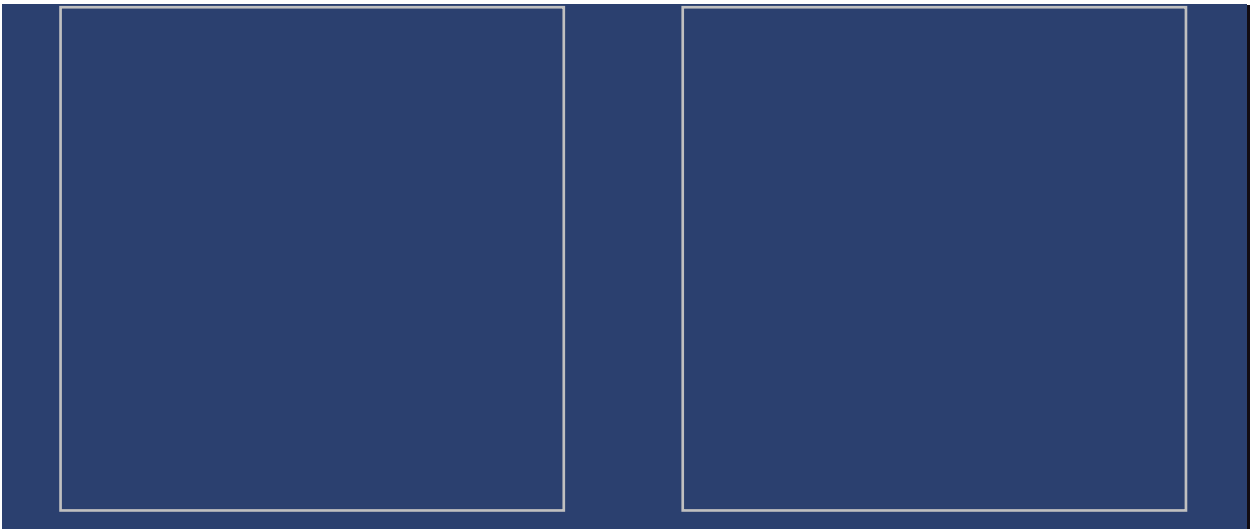
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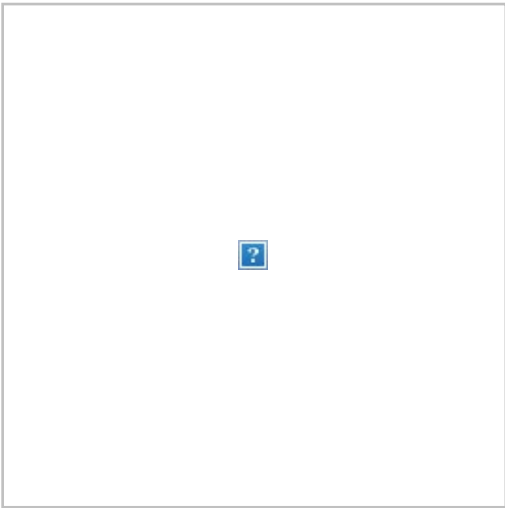
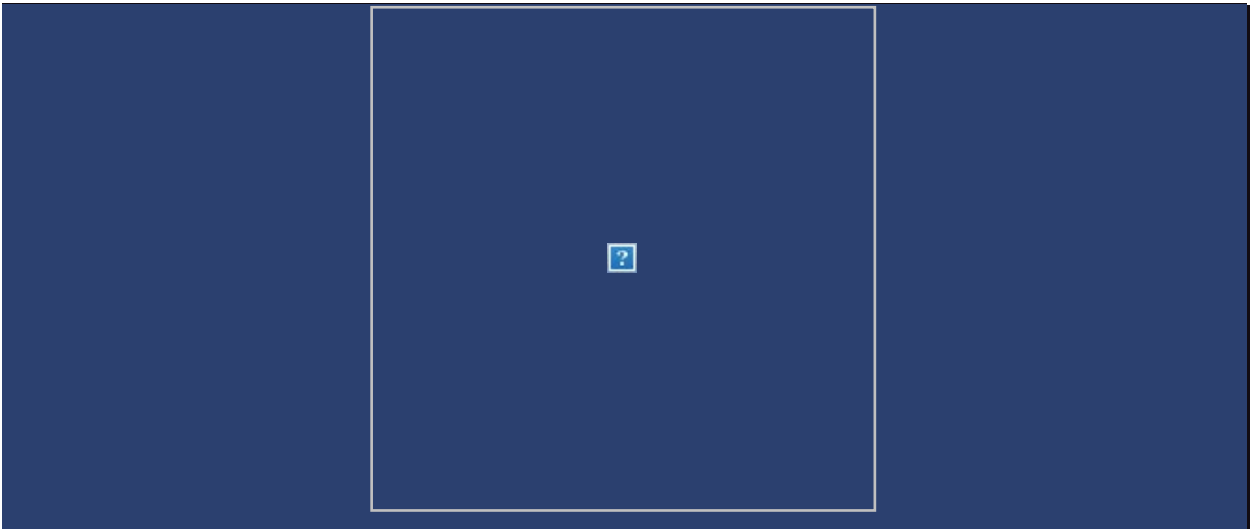
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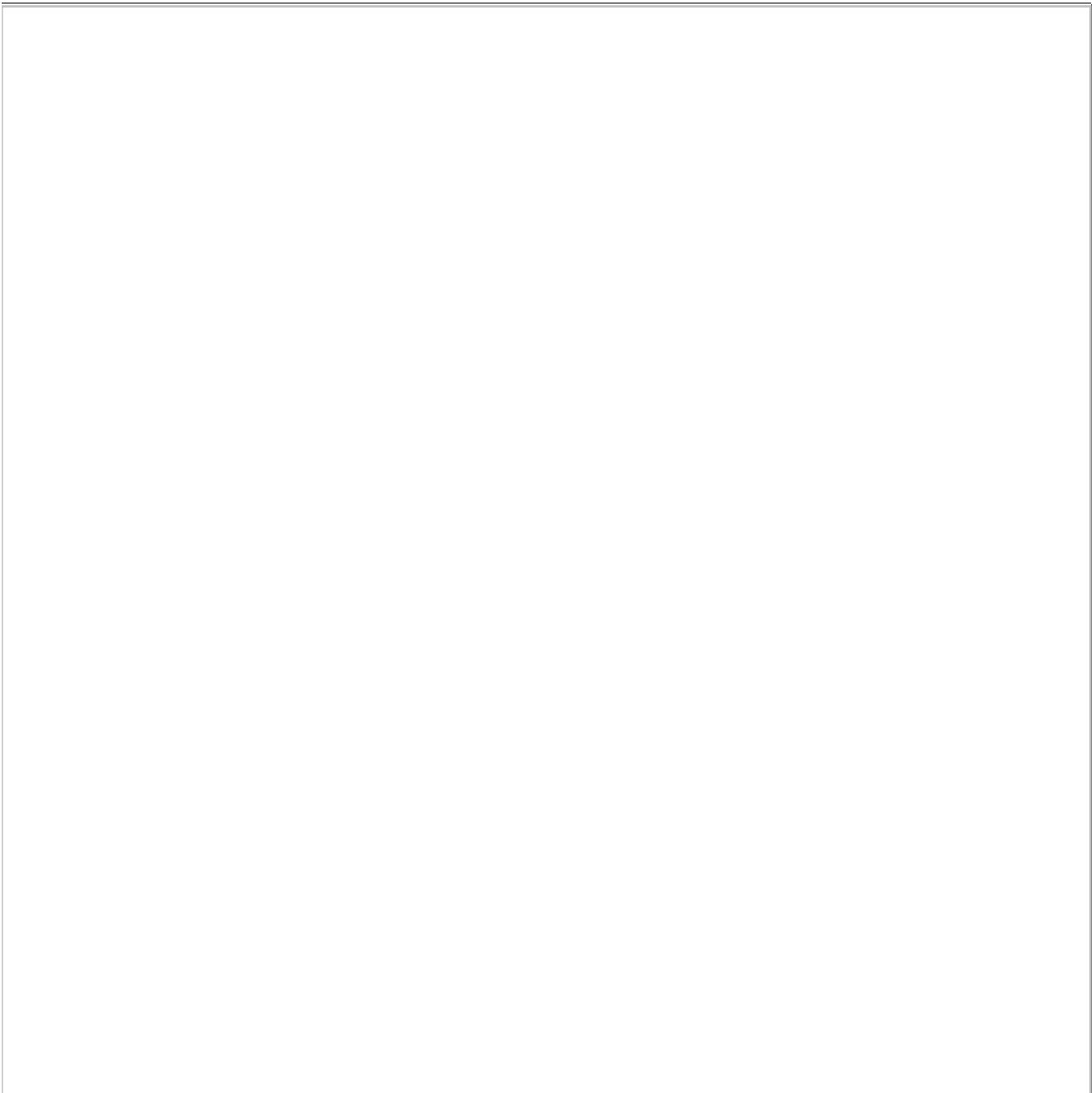
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***This Op-Ed response to the tragic shooting death of Ms. Massey does not reflect the opinions of those in LE (Law Enforcement) outside of our advocacy members from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Transparency group. We strongly believe in transparency and the responsibility of not only the rank/file but that of the LE Leadership for every agency to ensure the safety and 'sanctity' of human life in the community they serve. LE always asks the public 'see something, say something'. We believe LE should be held to the same statement that we ask of the public.***

THIS!..once again, is an unfortunate and tragic police shooting. People need to hold these Commanders, Chiefs, and Sheriffs responsible!!! We are terribly sorry for what happened to this lady. It shouldn't have never happened.

The Gov't agencies who hire and support the leadership have no real idea of their

backgrounds and true ability to lead. They hire headhunters and be done with it. They make their money and run. There should be accountability with everyone tied to hiring anyone in the rank/file who may be a criminal in uniform.

Many of these people in LE, especially the ones who bounce around are viewed as "bad seeds", soldiers who will do "dirty work" at the expense of the public. At least with our experiences with members of our group, who have worked in LE backgrounds and recruiting for years, believe this is the situation based on their experiences with many cases. We are not directly implying that perhaps they are hired to do 'dirty work', but that 'bad people' typically become 'bad cops'.

*While we can say the majority of LE in leadership roles are responsible and lead well, you have to look at the troubled depts with a history of poor leadership and start with them first. We also believe there should be a tracking system of where these rank/file LE people end up. For example, we know of former rank/file from the LASD who were involved with or were Deputy Gang members, now in leadership roles across the USA.*

Thanks to journalists such as *Cerise Castle*, who has exposed many of these 'cretins' who refuse to cease in their positions in LE. Granted, some have led trouble-free agencies, but do we forget about the atrocities they committed? Because they are now older and living "rent-free"? Our position is they all need to step down and get out. They should not be rewarded for their previous bad behavior by being allowed to work in LE leadership within the same department or elsewhere. They may get away with a lot because of the statute of limitations and other circumstances where prosecuting these individuals would be extremely difficult, *but exposure to the seriousness of what they did or were involved with and running them out of town is the next best thing to dismantling the systemic problems which continue to plague LE agencies across the Country.*

Bouncing around to many different departments is a *bad sign in our experiences*. Yet, when it's done in the private sector, many do not bat an eye because it's acceptable. **In LE, generally, it is NOT.** It is a sign, *most of the time*, of a bigger problem that could cause further problems for many communities in the future.

We also believe that govt agencies who look for ways to cut costs within any LE agency are always a "time bomb" measure. You get what you pay for. Blood is also on the hands of EVERY govt employee and politician who pushes for cuts within their government agencies when it comes to policing.

People screamed about de-funding the police and other cuts *but you have to wonder at whose expense? Ms. Massey? Others?*

When we read about why the Officer *changed departments many times*, it's only listed as '**other**', which is most likely a red flag that should have been deeply questioned by the leadership. It appears to us that those agencies he left from were *probably glad* to be rid of him, so they marked '**other**' to cloak the real reasons why he left. Yet, this made it easy for other agencies to hire him.

And the excuse about the Officer refusing to live within a certain radius of the village is BS. The Officer was hired *and then refused* to live within the 10-mile radius requirement? Sounds to us that they hired and then fired. *How about not hiring him at all for refusing to comply?* We are only basing our opinion on what we have read on the face of it, and the similar policies many agencies some of our members were employed at. A police applicant would not be hired if they could not live within the specific requirements, and for many

agencies, usually the first year or agreed upon time frame. *Or perhaps, there is more to this than they can disclose for personnel reasons.* Our members' collective LE experience with these issues is usually spot on.

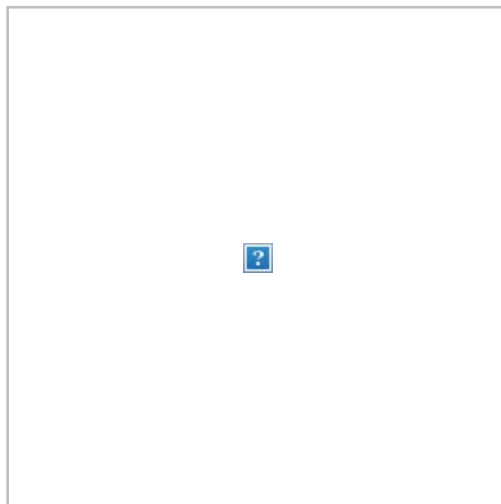
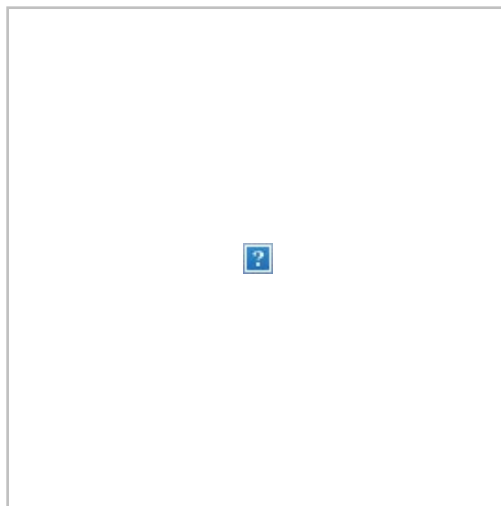
All LE Leadership needs to be scrutinized when there are questionable issues with training, poor management, etc with the rank/file. How do you hold them accountable? The City or County or whichever jurisdiction hired them needs to step up their role with this.

Yes, the Officers can be arrested, convicted, jailed, fired, etc. ***But how does that solve the problem that continues to lurk within these Depts with the leadership?***

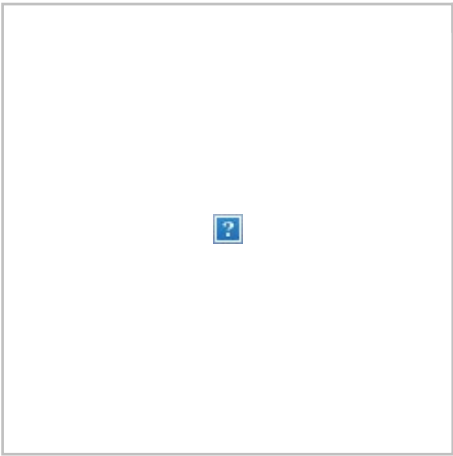
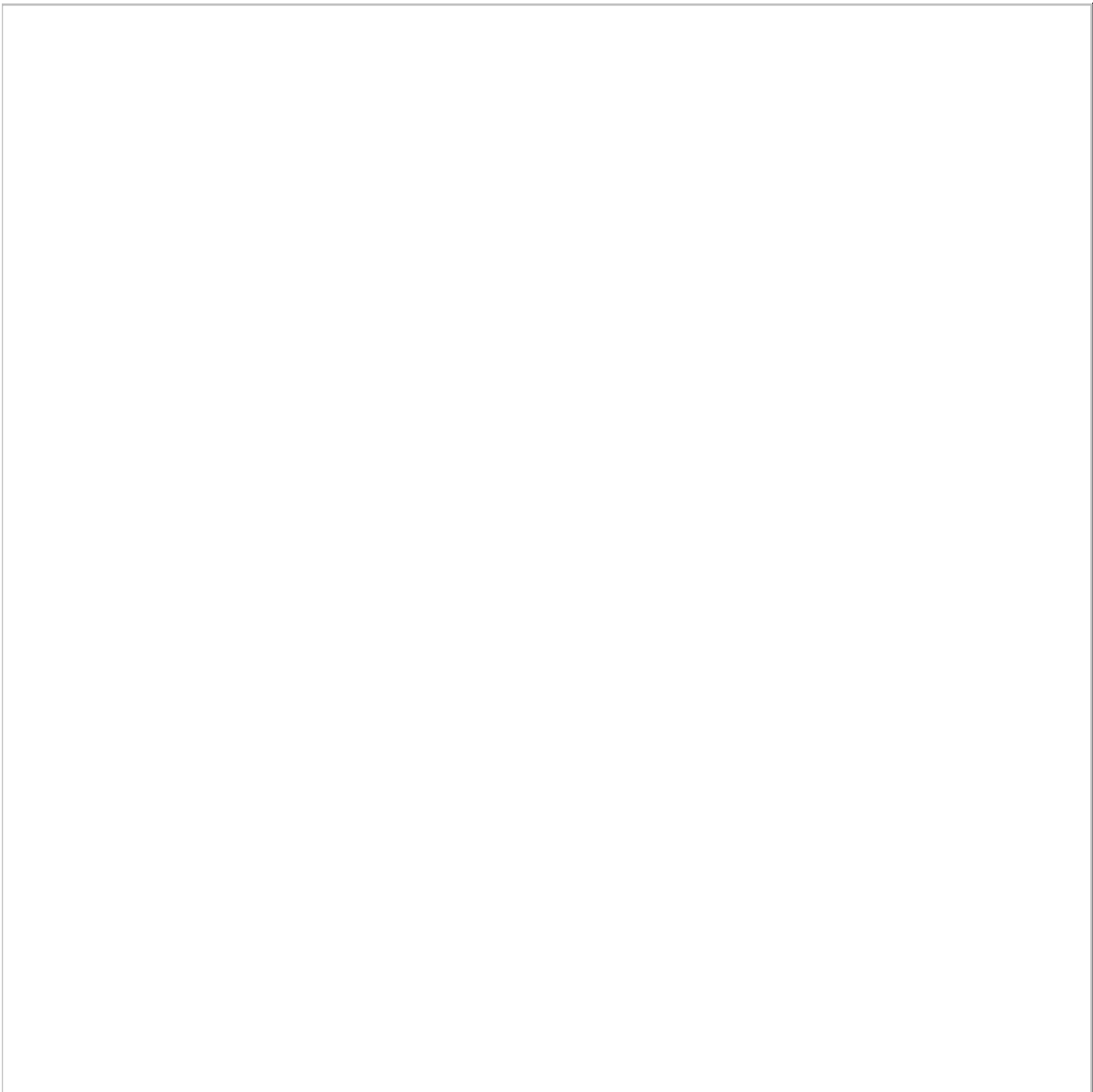
***Start*** with the Leadership, their Govt agencies, and everyone involved in their hiring process, including some of these useless head-hunting firms who hoard taxpayers' dollars.

*As far as elected officials in LE, such as the Sheriff (in many States, including California, they are elected=they cannot be fired or let go), that is a whole level of politics that involves a different discussion. Like a jury, there are times when the people get it wrong.*

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**Inside Ziklag, the Secret  
Organization of Wealthy  
Christians Trying to Sway  
the Election and Change  
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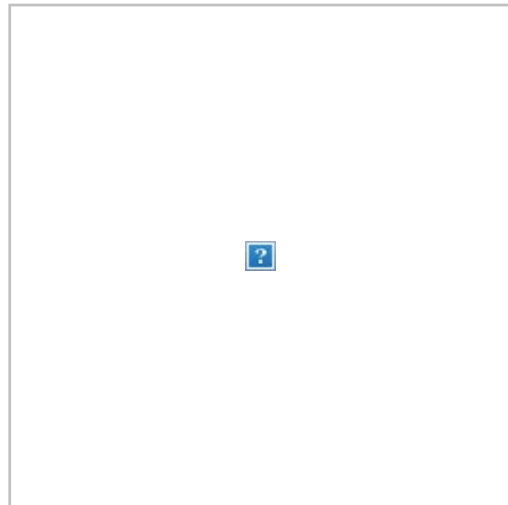
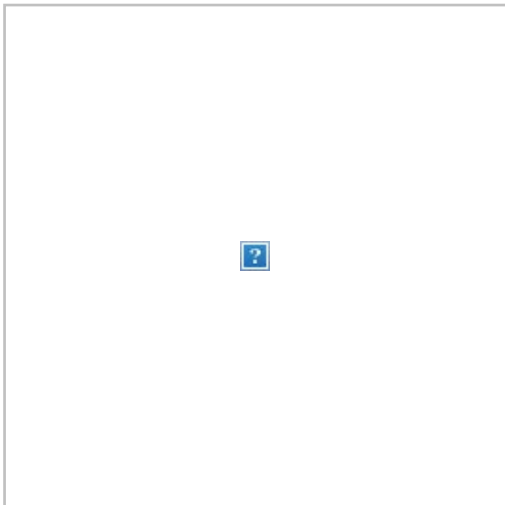
by *Andy Kroll*, ProPublica, and Nick  
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A network of ultrawealthy Christian donors is spending nearly \$12 million to mobilize Republican-leaning voters and purge more than a million people from the rolls in key swing states, aiming to tilt the 2024 election in favor of former President Donald Trump.

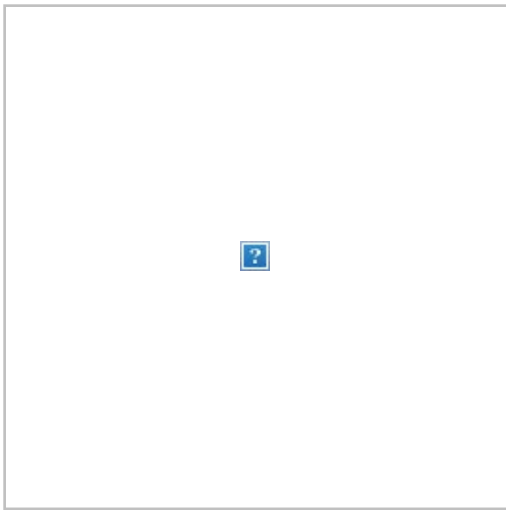
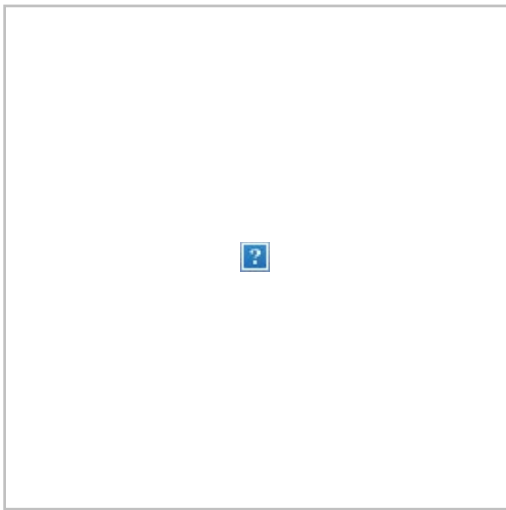
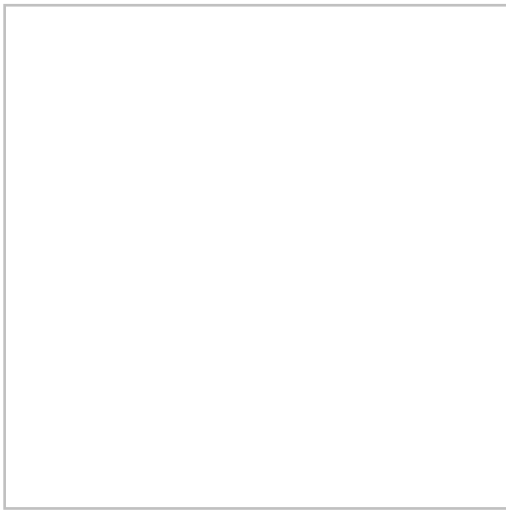
These previously unreported plans are the work of a group named Ziklag, a little-known charity whose donors have included some of the wealthiest conservative Christian families in the nation, including the billionaire Uihlein family, who made a fortune in office supplies, the Greens, who run Hobby Lobby, and the Wallers, who own the Jockey apparel corporation. Recipients of Ziklag's largesse include Alliance Defending Freedom, which is the Christian legal group that led the overturning of Roe v. Wade, plus the national pro-Trump group Turning Point USA and a constellation of right-of-center advocacy groups.

ProPublica and Documented obtained thousands of Ziklag's members-only email newsletters, internal videos, strategy documents and fundraising pitches, none of which has been previously made public. They reveal the group's 2024 plans and its long-term goal to underpin every major sphere of influence in American society with Christianity. In the Bible, the city of Ziklag was where David and his soldiers found refuge during their war with King Saul. ***READ MORE***

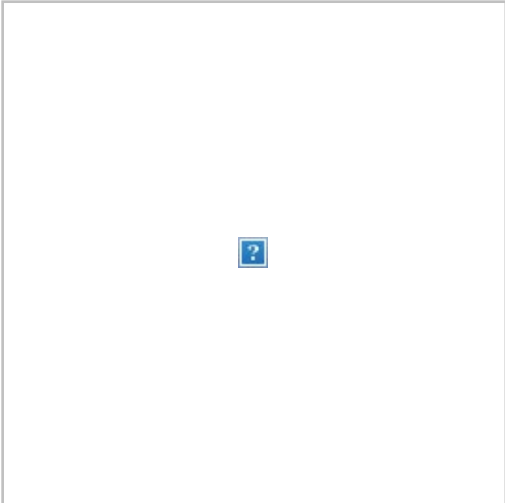
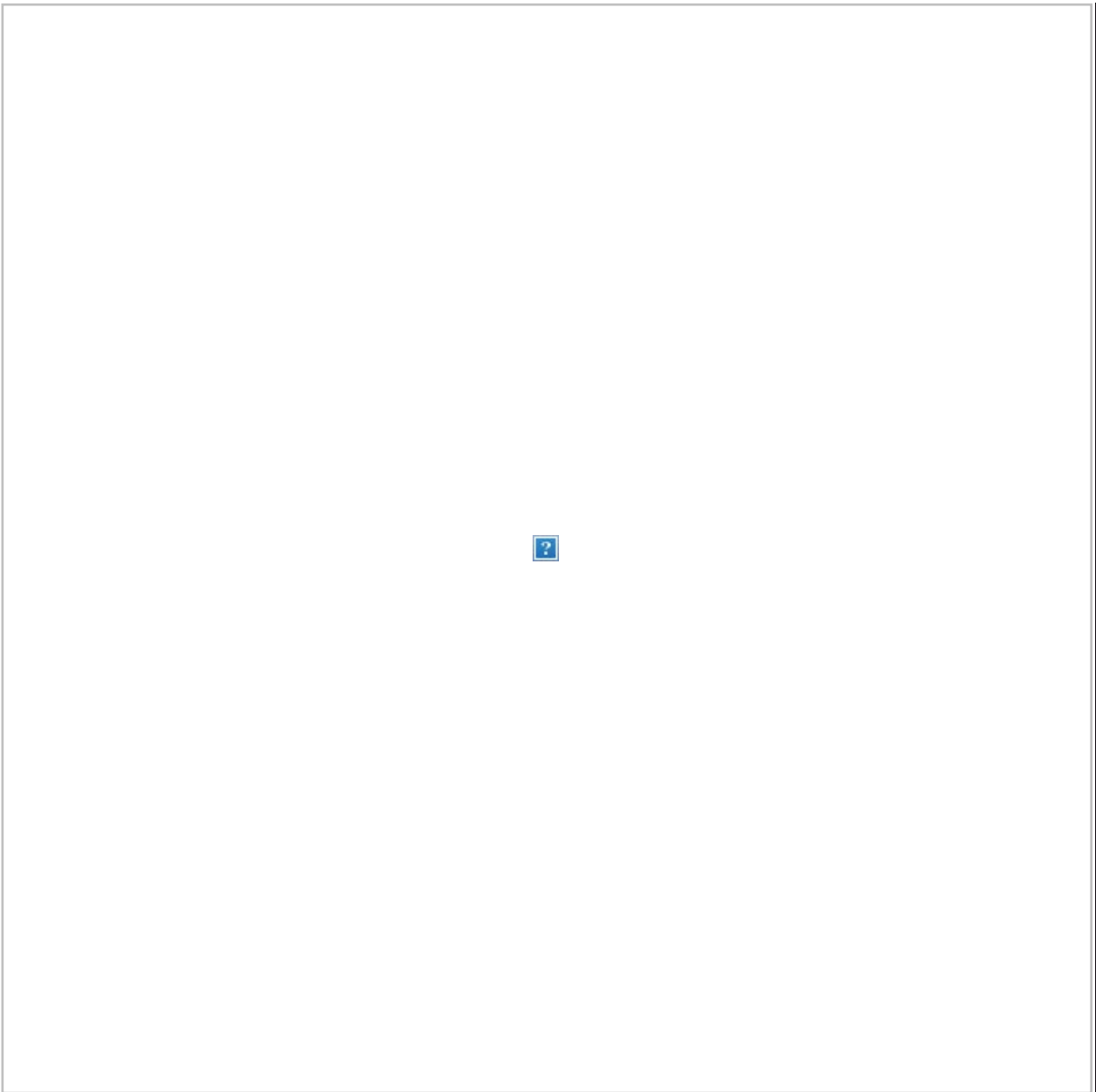


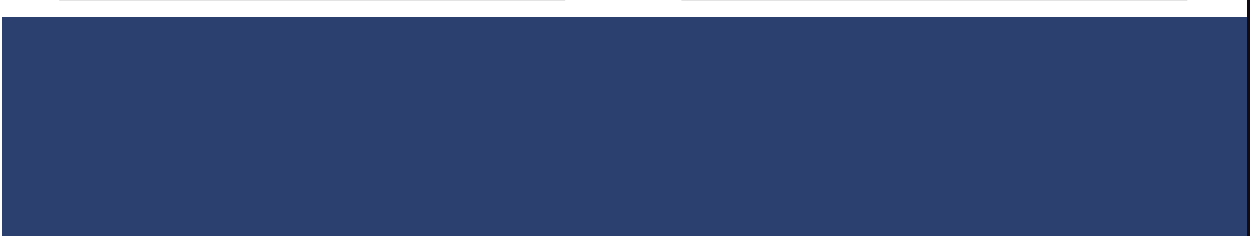
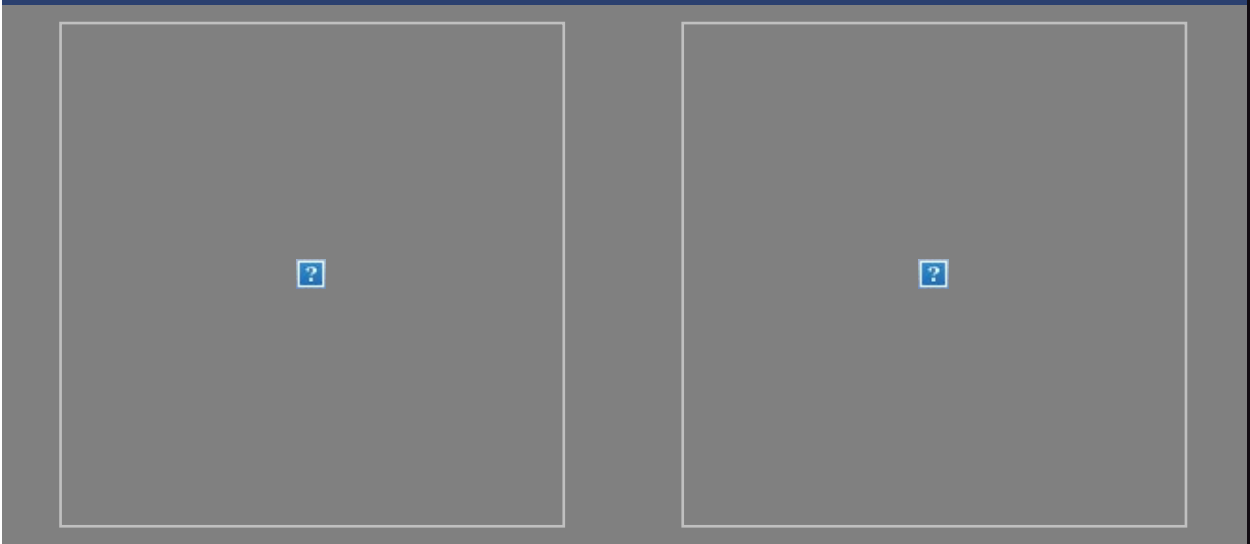
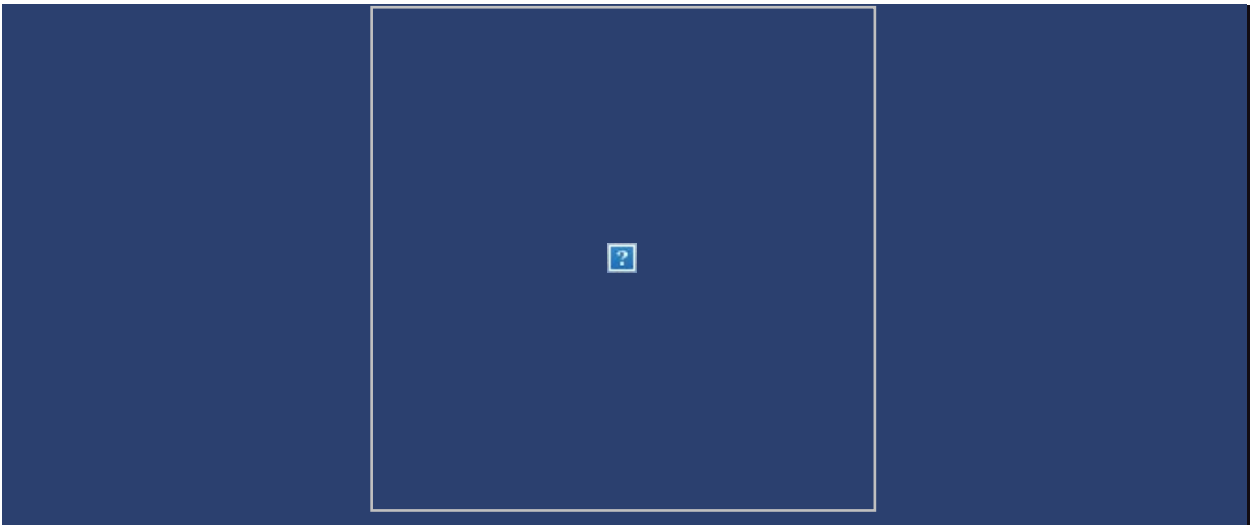


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# When the Trees Finally Testify

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The snap, pop, and roar of Bonita Lee Penn's poetry carries readers through the fires of time. This remarkable collection reflects themes of urgency similar to those of the Black Arts Movement. Her poems call out names, explore oppression within and outside of the Black community all the while demanding accountability. Her poems travel the path of intergenerational Black women's experiences in search of identity, protection, and love. Penn blends ruthless images of a grandmother asking for her matches, to an unjust history on repeat, to joy found in all spaces Black, to calm healing chants. Bonita Lee Penn's poems are prayers of protection for Black people in America.





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## **Enslaved, A Chronicle of Resistance** Brian Sankarsingh

Enslaved, A Chronicle of Resistance is the first modern book series of its kind. It is a chronicle of enslavement and resistance told in an exquisite blend of prose and poetic verse.

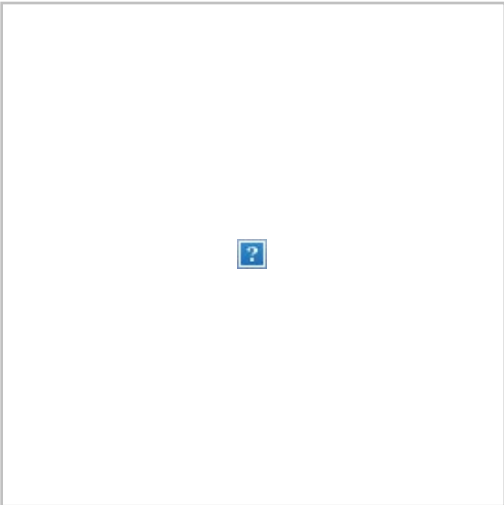
**Book 1** – The Lamentation of the Enslaved set between the 1700s to the mid-1800, examines the beginning of African enslavement and plunges into the pain and struggle of several enslaved Africans. This is the time of enslavement – the exercise of absolute power of one race of people over another. Where Blacks are bought, sold and owned as personal property and White people exert dominion over



them and the fruits of their free labour.

**Book 2** – Freedom Bells are Ringing set between the mid-1800s and 1900s is the book where, at first, hesitantly and cautiously the newly freed Enslaved, celebrate freedom only to realize that the ringing of the freedom bell was a hollow unfulfilled promise. In this book, we see the continuation of enslavement in other crueller ways. Slavery was perpetuated through the systems of segregation and Jim Crow. The book, celebrates the lives and struggles of stalwarts like Harriet Tubman, Robert Smalls, W.E.B Dubois, Frederick Douglass, Viola Desmond, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

**Book 3** – Hidden in Plain Sight explores systemic racism in the modern day. It describes yet another evolution of enslavement. All the old accoutrements, language, symbols and memories of the past have been challenged and some have been rooted out and destroyed.





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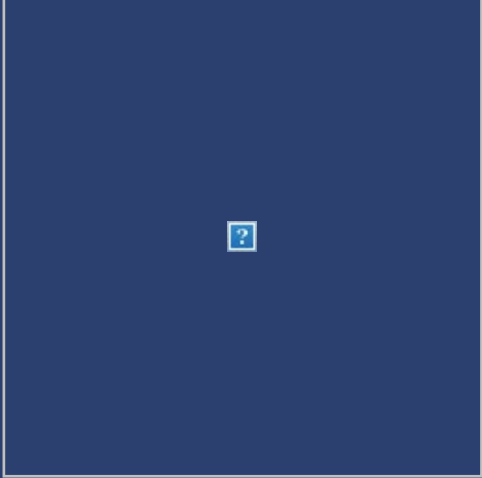
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Hi Raymond,

Thank you for your spot on analysis. You hit the ball out the park on this one. aram

On Sun, Aug 4, 2024 at 5:08 PM Raymond Goins <[goinsrayl@gmail.com](mailto:goinsrayl@gmail.com)> wrote:

California is the 5th largest economy in the world. Santa Clara County is the wealthiest county in the state. The Democratic political power runs the County of Santa Clara, and yet with all the power and money to bring change to our communities and show the country how to lead towards a better society. They choose some of the same age old ideas that fueled classism in this country in the first place. The only thing the county has done was reimagine what modern day redlining would look like. Santa Clara County residents are experiencing homelessness at an unprecedented rate, and yet the historically marginalized communities here in Santa Clara county are impacted the most. Affordable housing is a laughable concept in this county where a war has been declared on those who have been historically deemed in Santa Clara County bad for the Silicon Valley image. We are living through modern day gentrification where the top one percent is forgetting about the ones who help make this county what it is. And are actively attempting to eradicate a class of people that call Santa Clara County home.

Example of what the wealthiest county in the 5th largest economy thinks about a certain population can be seen by the condition that they put human beings in. These conditions are not new to anyone who has had the challenge of reentering an unforgivable society. We often leave a lifetime of torture, (which we are required to reinvent ourselves within) just to reenter into a society that has you still chained to your past like a slave. The party of Obama who chanted for hope until history was made had continued the same flawed policies and oversight that kept the belief that a slave should never be in the house that his and Michelle ancestors built.

These sort of housing options for the vulnerable population acts as an active recipe of a systemic problem that incentivizes incarceration. These sort of living conditions are only possible because there is no oversight. The county creates policies and procedures but does follow up on their promise once the signatures are given. The county doesn't care about their most vulnerable population, it's evident by their care of them.

Raymond Goins  
Silicon Valley De-Bug

Community Organizer

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For the shot, drowned, and burned  
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We Will Remember  
With Hope because Hopelessness is the enemy of justice  
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With persistence because Justice Is a constant struggle  
**With Faith** because **we shall overcome!!!**

On Sun, Aug 4, 2024 at 12:18 PM Raymond Goins <[goinsrayl@gmail.com](mailto:goinsrayl@gmail.com)> wrote:

These facilities do not encourage rehabilitation, especially when these housing options are usually in a high policed area, because of the vulnerable population that are housed within them.

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California is the 5th largest economy in the world. Santa Clara County is the wealthiest county in the state. The Democratic political power runs the County of Santa Clara, and yet with all the power and money to bring change to our communities and show the country how to lead towards a better society. They choose some of the same age old ideas that fueled classism in this country in the first place. The only thing the county has done was reimagine what modern day redlining would look like. Santa Clara County residents are experiencing homelessness at an unprecedented rate, and yet the historically marginalized communities here in Santa Clara county are impacted the most. Affordable housing is a laughable concept in this county where a war has been declared on those who have been historically deemed in Santa Clara County bad for the Silicon Valley image. We are living through modern day gentrification where the top one percent is forgetting about the ones who help make this county what it is. And are actively attempting to eradicate a class of people that call Santa Clara County home.

Example of what the wealthiest county in the 5th largest economy thinks about a certain population can be seen by the condition that they put human beings in. These conditions are not new to anyone who has had the challenge of reentering an unforgivable society. We often leave a lifetime of torture, (which we are required to reinvent ourselves within) just to reenter into a society that has you still chained to your past like a slave. The party of Obama who chanted for hope until history was made had continued the same flawed policies and oversight that kept the belief that a slave should never be in the house that his and Michelle ancestors built.

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Chuck

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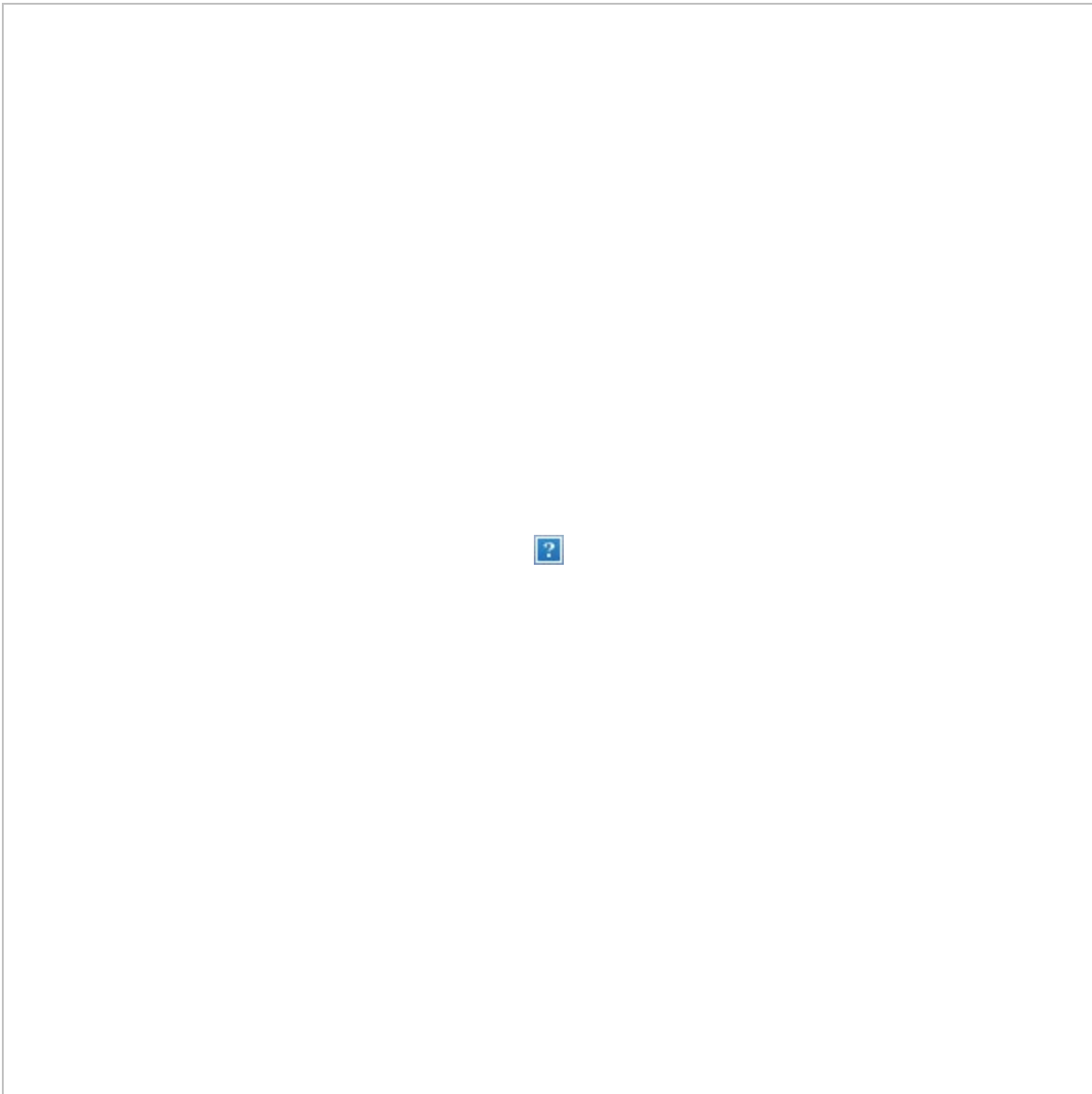
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AIPAC, the most influential pro-Israel lobbying group in Washington, D.C., spent a jaw-dropping \$14 million to defeat Rep. Jamaal Bowman in last month's New York Democratic primary.

**Now, they're dropping millions more to knock out another progressive Democrat: Rep. Cori Bush in St. Louis.**

Like Bowman, Bush is one of the only members of Congress to oppose U.S. funding of Israel's war in Gaza — and AIPAC's massive spending against them is sending a clear message to others on the Hill: If you dare criticize Israel, you'll pay for it.

**It is absolutely vital that the American people understand how pro-Israel lobbying shapes U.S. policy toward the Middle East — and there isn't a more wealthy or influential organization than AIPAC.**

[With less than a week until Bush's August 6 primary, can you donate \\$10 and help The Intercept expose the flood of AIPAC money attacking progressives who speak out against Israel's war on Gaza?](#)

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Bush's opponent Wesley Bell made a name for himself during the Ferguson, Missouri, Black Lives Matter protests following the police shooting of Michael Brown. Riding a wave of outrage after the police officer who shot Brown was not prosecuted, Bell was elected as St. Louis County's first Black prosecutor in 2018.

Then, after he was elected, he stunned supporters by declining to charge the cop responsible for the killing. Brown's father and sister just appeared in a campaign ad condemning Bell for lying to the family and using them to gain power.

Fast forward to 2023, and Bell was running against Josh Hawley for the U.S. Senate. But after October 7, AIPAC made it known that there would be significant funding for any Democrat willing to challenge Rep. Cori Bush.

Bell jumped at the chance, and AIPAC has poured millions directly into his campaign, helping him outpace Bush by nearly \$2 million.

The effect of this spending goes far beyond these districts, as every Democrat knows they will face similar attacks in the future if they dare challenge Benjamin Netanyahu's ongoing slaughter in Gaza or call for limits on U.S. military aid to Israel.

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