



# NAACP

## WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



### The Hill: [Congress must step up to protect our democracy](#)

After a long summer recess, Congress has returned to vital issues about the strength and safety of our democracy. Our nation faces multiple challenges to maintaining and defending a democracy representative of everyone. For communities of color, fulfilling the promise of full participation and inclusion in our political process is paramount.

### Louisiana Weekly: [US House hears testimony on voter discrimination](#)

Since the Democrats took control of the U.S. House last November, their efforts to restore the Voting Rights Act (VRA) — gutted by the U.S. Supreme Court in

its 2013 *Shelby County v. Holder* decision — have continued despite entrenched Republican opposition.

**AFRO: [CBC Hosts Sojourner Truth Town Hall](#)**

The panel featured leaders such as Tamika D. Mallory, who is known for leading the Women's March in 2017, as well as her advocacy against gun violence; NAACP Youth and College division chair, Tiffany D. Loftin, who is helping to raise the next generation of NAACP leaders; Dr. E. Faye Williams, president of the National Congress of Black Women; and equity strategist at Think Rubix Ifeoma Ike.

**Crisis Magazine: [Torch Bearer](#)**

It's a Tuesday evening and NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson is rushing. He's trying to grab a bite to eat before the next meeting and before he has to get on the road again. Over the past two years, Johnson has been moving nonstop as head of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization.

**The Dallas Morning News: [Why pollution is an issue of racial equity](#)**

The concern of environmental justice has been rising in prominence for years, and it's little wonder why. Across the United States, people of color are exposed to more air pollution than whites, according to Environmental Protection Agency scientists.

**WGBH: [Lewandowski Testifies As Democrats Divide Over Impeachment Stances](#)**

Former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski testified before the House Judiciary Committee yesterday as part of Congress' investigation into Russian election interference.

**C-SPAN: [Derrick Johnson on Black Voters and Campaign 2020](#)**

Derrick Johnson, NAACP president, talked about some of the issues most important to the NAACP in the 2020 election, including voting discrimination.

**ABC: [NAACP President on Combating Voter Suppression](#)**

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson says that he is concerned with the presidential candidates' messages to the AA community. He will be tuning in to the debate to see if they are going to address issues such as equality in education for all children and aggressive policing.

**Fox 2 Now: [NAACP calls for investigation into exclusion of women, minorities from county contracts under Stenger administration](#)**

St. Louis City NAACP President Adolphus Pruitt sent a letter Tuesday to the US Attorney's office, the FBI, and to multiple individuals within the St. Louis County Executive's office, calling for a thorough investigation into African-American businesses being excluded from county contracts under Steve Stenger's administration.

**ABC: [Sen. Harris speaks at NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet in Charleston](#)**

Presidential candidate Senator Kamala Harris was in the Lowcountry on Saturday night. She spoke at the Gaillard Center in Charleston for the 102nd NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.

**Potomac Local: [Stafford Branch of the NAACP will hold 3 campaign forums](#)**

All three candidate forums will start at 6:30 p.m. and be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg (UUFF), at 25 Chalice Circle in South Stafford County.

**STATEMENTS:**

- [NAACP Supports Making Washington, D.C. the 51st State](#)
- [NAACP continues to diversify staff with addition of Tori O'Neal-McElrath, Chief of External Affairs](#)
- [NAACP Responds to National Strike of UAW Members at General Motors](#)
- [WATCH NOW: President Johnson on Hardball with Chris Matthews on Democratic Debate night](#)

- **[WATCH NOW: President Johnson speaks on Joe Biden's Race Relations on MSNBC](#)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Voting Rights Hearing & Reception | Thursday, October 3, 2019 | [Register Here](#)



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