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PRESS RELEASE

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NAACP MONTEREY COUNTY BRANCH #1049 UNDER ATTACK

NAACP Monterey County Branch #1049 has proudly served residents of the Monterey Peninsula since 1932. The Monterey County branch and the Salinas branch merged in 2006 and over the years, both branches have received numerous National NAACP awards for outstanding work in fighting for equality in all aspects of society for all people.

The challenges of 2020 have been somewhat unprecedented, and in addition to working with local, state, and national leaders to navigate through the Covid-19 global crisis, our branch has also been compelled to address and respond to an ongoing personal and professional attack against our President Josh Stewart and several of our Executive Committee members.

NAACP Monterey County Branch #1049 remains one of the most effective civil rights organizations in Monterey County and the State, and we will not allow our branch name to be continually disparaged by any person(s) seeking to destroy personal and professional reputations and credibility.

False information has been posted on an unauthorized Facebook page and has also been distributed by email to several people in our membership. The information is libelous, and we have taken legal steps that are currently in motion

to protect the NAACP Monterey County Branch, its members, and its President from any future harassment and/or threats being made before irreparable harm is done to the reputations of the branch and Mr. Stewart.

We stand together as one to protect our good name and not only weather this storm, but to stop it in its tracks, for it has become a serious distraction. We remain a strong organization who will diligently defend ourselves from these attacks and continue focusing and reinforcing our main goal and primary mission which is to fight for the civil rights for all.

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