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PRESS RELEASE

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The youth in our community represent the future, and unfortunately the actions of a few often define all.

The Monterey County NAACP is saddened and outraged by the racist actions of several Salinas High school students at last weekend's jamboree. We realize that the situation is still fluid, and as we watch the investigation unfold, we urge the Salinas Unified School district administration to send a strong message and make it crystal clear that there will be consequences to their very serious actions.

Those involved in this incident have been identified as student leaders at the school, and it is imperative that school administrators remove them immediately from these roles.

These students should **NOT** be holding leadership positions at **ANY** school.

The seriousness of their hurtful, and racist words and actions will require the school to conduct a thorough investigation. The Monterey County NAACP will be partnering with LULAC and other local organizations to not only make sure that justice is served in this matter, but we will also work with the Salinas Unified School District to provide support to the many innocent students who have been hurt by the actions of a few.

This is not the first time that allegations of racism have reared its ugly head at SUHSD. The spotlight is shining brightly on the district right now, but for all the wrong reasons. It is our sincere hope that the administration sends a strong message that racism will **NEVER** be tolerated. **Not by students. Not by faculty. Not by anyone.**

The Monterey County NAACP wants to see the narrative change on this story. We are offering our assistance, and our services. We are here to help. And because the youth in our community are our future, we will be watching closely to make sure that they are protected, and that our schools remain a safe haven for students of every race, creed, and color.

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