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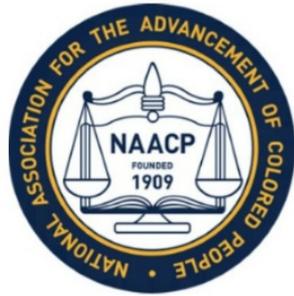
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## **ABOUT**

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. From the ballot box to the classroom, the thousands of dedicated workers, organizers, leaders and members who make up the NAACP continue to fight for social justice for all Americans.

The Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP was chartered in 1934. The Annual Dr. George D. Flemmings Freedom Fund Celebration is named after Dr. Flemmings who served as the branch's President from 1938 – 1975.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

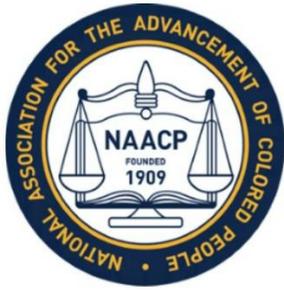
## **VISION STATEMENT**

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

## **COMMITTEES**

The Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP is actively working for our community through our committees: Housing, Health, Criminal Justice, ACT-SO, Membership, Community Coordination, Communications, Labor and Industry, Education, Religious Affairs, Legal Redress, Environmental Climate Justice, Freedom Fund, Press and Publicity, Armed Services and Veterans Affairs, and Political Action.

For more information visit [NAACPFWTC.org](http://NAACPFWTC.org).



FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY  
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**Estella Williams**  
President

October 22, 2021

It is with great pleasure and honor that we present to you the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. George D. Flemmings Freedom Fund Celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors and our dedicated Freedom Fund Committee who made it all possible.

The Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP has been the premier civil rights advocate to end systemic racism for over 87 years in our community. The theme this year is "The Pursuit of Freedom and Equality." The organization has made great progress through the years; however, our mission today is as relevant as it was in 1909 when the NAACP national office was first founded.

This year's Freedom Fund Celebration features special guests, David and Tamela Mann, who are interviewed by NBC 5's Vince Sims. Mr. and Mrs. Mann are very successful movie and television actors/writers/producers/directors. They are outstanding gospel recording artists/producers/directors. They are also Fort Worth natives, who still live in the North Texas area, and who personally donate their time and talents to support positive change for efforts like our Freedom Fund Celebration.

The celebration will also feature accomplishments the organization has made to promote equality and the steps needed to eliminate racial and social injustice. The prolonged COVID-19 health crisis caused great stress to all; however, the Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP continues to make an impact with our important work by:

- Leading efforts for real change by recruiting twenty local organizations to join us in addressing inadequacies in the Fort Worth Police Department.
- Continuing to work with the Director of the Office of the Police Oversight Monitor to develop an effective monitoring system as well as accountability and transparency.
- Presenting educational and interactive webinars.
- Effectively working to address environmental injustices that affect depressed communities disproportionately.
- Consistently helping the underserved find housing solutions.
- Recording historical, educational interviews with local heroes whose untiring efforts have prompted change that will not be forgotten.
- Investing in the next generation by providing personal development through college scholarships and mentoring opportunities for youth and the nationally award-winning NAACP ACT-SO Program.

Our work is on-going, and we need your help to continue this mission. We ask that you consider becoming a member of the Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP and join us in this critical work.

Sincerely,

*Estella Williams*



# NAACP

**Derrick Johnson**  
*President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

October 22, 2021

## **FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH NAACP:**

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and gratitude to you as you hold your 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. George D. Flemmings Freedom Fund virtual celebration. It is my sincerest hope that this message finds you in good health and well-being.

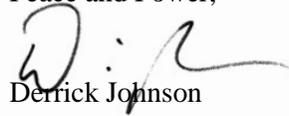


For more than 3 years now, I have had the highest honor of serving as president and CEO of this extraordinary organization. I have never been more proud of the work this Association and members like you have done to push this country forward. The past year was a year of reckoning for our nation, and the Black community showed undeniable power and resilience in the face of glaring adversity. In the midst of battling twin pandemics – the worldwide outbreak of the deadly coronavirus and the resurgence of Jim Crow era persecution of innocent Black people – our community withstood attack after attack on the dignity of the Black life.

The NAACP has the power to shake the world, and the world got a glimpse of that power before and during the 2020 Presidential Election, with a record-breaking number of ballots cast even before Election Day and the highest overall turnout of our time. This election was never about any political party or candidate, but about the conscience of our nation. It was about sound governance from state to state; prioritizing affordable health care, economic stability, quality education for our children, and wholesale relief from the pandemic and structural inequality after a year that nearly broke us. It was about people like you and me, and the power of our vote.

We have again witnessed what can happen when we come together as a community to demand the democracy we rightfully deserve – the first woman and the first Black Vice President of the United States, the first African American to represent Georgia in the Senate, and the most diverse Congress in our nation's history. This is our time. The outcome of the elections has proved that there is unity in the Black community, and now more than ever we must demand and establish policies that promote equity, advancement, and justice; policies that will continue to influence history-making change for the betterment of our lives and livelihoods. Physical distancing has not and will not silence our movement or stop our progress. No matter the battle, *We Fight Forward!*

Peace and Power,



Derrick Johnson



# NAACP

**Leon W. Russell**

*Chairman  
National Board of Directors*

October 22, 2021

## **FORT WORTH TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH NAACP**

Greetings:

Congratulations to the Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on your 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. George D. Flemmings Freedom Fund virtual celebration. Thank you for your continued commitment and ongoing efforts toward our 112-year mission to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination across our nation.

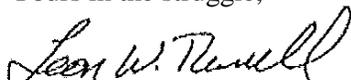


For more than a year now, our nation and entire world have endured hardship and heartache unlike anything most of us have known. Whether from the COVID pandemic or the nationally viewed senseless murder of yet another black man, many have awakened to the numerous and disproportionate ways racism still negatively impacts our black and brown communities and threatens our democracy. Yet, the NAACP **FIGHTS FORWARD**.

Together, we – every branch, every state conference, every leader and member – are fighting forward for justice, for an environment that nurtures all life, for an economy that provides equal opportunity and access, for an educational system that values and provides all children with a foundation to build a productive future. We are fighting forward to ensure that government of the people, by the people and for the people does not perish.

Seeing clearly what our nation should be but is not yet, we will continue to come against the forces that would deny our civil rights and our social justice. Fighting forward, we will eliminate the vestiges of racism from every facet of life; we will exercise our vote, no matter the barriers, remembering that public policy in the wrong hands is deadly. Fighting forward, we will honor the legacy of all those who have gone before us – freedom fighters, matriarch and patriarchs of the struggle – that their work will not have been in vain.

Yours in the struggle,



Leon W. Russell



October 4, 2021

Freedom Fund Banquet Committee  
Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP  
1063 Evans Ave  
Fort Worth, TX 76104

RE: Freedom Fund Virtual Celebration: The Pursuit of Freedom and Equality

Dear Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP,

Please accept this letter expressing my support for the Freedom Fund Virtual Celebration and its mission to highlight the pursuit of freedom and equality in the community. Congratulations on the 44<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of this event and your significant accomplishments in Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

The Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP has championed for civil rights the last eight decades in our community. Your organization's work to eliminate systemic racism, promote equality, and eliminate racial and social injustice has been and continues to be imperative to African Americans and other communities of color. It is critical that we continue fighting to assure equal political, social, economic, and educational rights for all persons, and I know that the theme of this year's Freedom Fund Virtual Celebration will be vital to this mission.

Thank you for your important work to be an advocate for civil rights, unity, and equity in Fort Worth and Tarrant County. I am grateful for your work to protect our residents from racial discrimination and hatred, and I look forward to supporting your continued milestones to promote, protect, and maintain equal opportunity for all.

Sincerely,

Mattie Parker, Mayor  
City of Fort Worth

**MATTIE PARKER, MAYOR**

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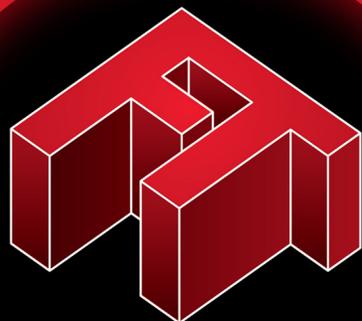
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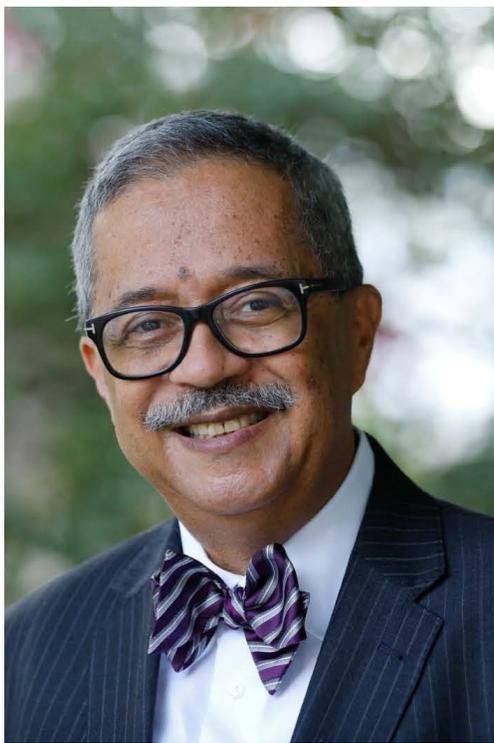


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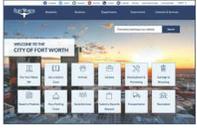
## CONGRATULATIONS

Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP  
upon celebrating the organization's  
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and the Chapter's  
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## Let's Work Together and MOVE FORWARD!

I encourage everyone to join the Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP and help us with our mission:

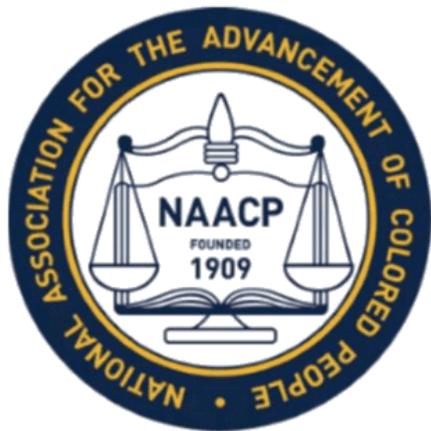
- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens.
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among our citizens.

I know it takes hard work, dedication, and sometimes long hours, but it is very rewarding to witness the strength and success of our branch.

**Estella D. Williams**

President

Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP

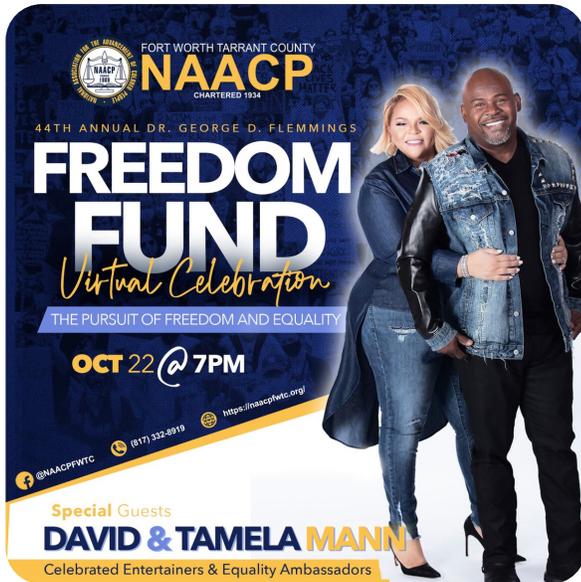


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# NAACP

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# Thank You



With gratitude, we confess that the success of the 44th George W. Flemmings Freedom Fund Virtual

Celebration couldn't have happened without your support! Thank you for your contribution and shared commitment to the vision of this endeavor. The Fort Worth/Tarrant County George W. Flemming Freedom Fund Committee thanks you and looks forward to your continued support in the future.

