

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP

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The Associated Press (Exclusive): [The NAACP names ex-DOJ civil rights chief Kristen Clarke as its top lawyer](#)

“The NAACP has stood on the front lines of justice for over a century, and I’m deeply honored to join this historic organization at this critical moment in our democracy,” Clarke said in a statement. ... NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said Clarke is “the legal mind this moment demands.”

The Washington Post: [The NAACP names ex-DOJ civil rights chief Kristen Clarke as its top lawyer](#)

According to an announcement shared first with The Associated Press, Clarke will oversee

the NAACP's legal strategy and operations, and she will lead its litigation efforts on voter access, gerrymandering and the First Amendment, among other civil rights and social justice issues.

CNN: [Biden admin's top civil rights lawyer joins NAACP as Trump attacks on voting rights escalate](#)

Her move to the NAACP comes as the Justice Department under President Donald Trump has been redoubling its efforts around elections and voting rights.

Here's Why: [Former DOJ Civil Rights Chief, Kristen Clarke, Is Now The NAACP's Top Lawyer](#)

The NAACP has tapped former DOJ Civil Rights chief Kristen Clarke as its next general counsel, choosing her to lead the fight against the Trump administration to protect voting rights and civil liberties.

Reuters: [NAACP hires DOJ civil rights chief in Biden administration](#)

Kristen Clarke, who led the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division under Democratic President Joe Biden, will serve as the NAACP's general counsel as the largest U.S. civil rights group looks to counter what it describes as escalating attacks on voting rights.

The Grio: [NAACP hires ex-Biden DOJ civil rights chief as group takes on Trump: 'Legal mind this moment demands'](#)

"Kristen Clarke is exactly the legal mind this moment demands," said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP.

The Africa Report: [US clashes with Africa over slavery and reparations](#)

"We are currently in a very difficult point in our consideration of equity with this administration, but we see that replicated across many other countries," Patrice Willoughby, Chief of Policy and Legislative Affairs for the NAACP, tells The Africa Report. Mahama echoed those sentiments and the need to "safeguard against forgetting" as actions in the US are "normalising erasure".

The Guardian: [TSA lines stretch for hours as Trump deploys ICE agents to US airports](#)

"Trump's secret police are now stationed at airport checkpoints," said NAACP national president Derrick Johnson. "They are inadequately trained, armed, and instructed to profile people based on race and accent. What could possibly go wrong? We've seen this movie before. Don't forget that Trump's cronies in Congress tanked a proposal to pay TSA agents. This is a deliberate decision, it's not a bandaid for a lapse in funding."

BBC: [ICE agents deploy to major US airports as security queues stretch for hours](#)

But Derrick Johnson, the head of civil rights organisation NAACP, criticised the move. “They are inadequately trained, armed, and instructed to profile people based on race and accent,” he said in a statement to the BBC.

CNN: NAACP president condemns ICE’s presence at airports, calls agents “Trump’s secret police”

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Rolling Out: Derrick Johnson on why the NAACP is built for the people

The NAACP president and CEO breaks down three urgent priorities for Black America, the legacy of Jesse Jackson and what community-centric leadership actually means.

MSN/Baltimore Sun: Baltimore considers data center freeze as residents face surging BGE bills

Cohen said the broader pause is also intended to address environmental justice concerns, arguing that data centers and related infrastructure are often concentrated in majority-Black neighborhoods. He pointed to research cited by advocates and institutions, including the NAACP and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, which has found disproportionate environmental impacts in Black communities.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Partners with USSA to Host Rally and March for Equitable Education](#)
 - [Civil Rights Giant, Legal Expert Kristen Clarke Joins NAACP as General Counsel](#)
 - [NAACP Partners with L’Oréal USA to Launch Third Edition of its Inclusive Beauty Fund](#)
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WELCOME TO NAACP, KRISTEN CLARKE



This week, we announced [Kristen Clarke](#), one of the most respected civil rights attorneys and legal advocates in the country, as NAACP's new General Counsel.

As a historic civil rights leader and former DOJ official, she brings unmatched legal firepower to our team. With our voting rights and civil liberties facing fierce attacks, her fearless advocacy is exactly what our community needs to defend democracy.

Kristen will lead our legal strategy, drive our litigation, and help ensure that every attempt to silence Black America is met with the full force of the law.

Please join us in welcoming General Counsel Clarke to the Association.

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IMAGE UNSCRIPTED PODCAST



Don't miss the new Image Unscripted Podcast. Hosted by **Jemele Hill**, the podcast features candid conversations with stars who are shaping the culture.

Hear from the most dynamic voices in entertainment as they join us for real, unfiltered conversations that celebrate authenticity, artistry, and legacy.

Boss Talk with Bozoma Saint John, Tai Beauchamp and Shantel Jackson

In this episode, Bozoma Saint John, Tai Beauchamp, and Shantel Jackson have a candid conversation about early earned success and the realities of making decisions both for others and themselves. From filing patents and making boardroom decisions to acquiring valued assets — did someone say early Kehinde Wiley?? — the three reflect on their pivotal career milestones and the confidence-building moves that helped them achieve their goals regardless of the audience and outcome.

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117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



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We, The People have work to do: civil rights to demand, an election to prepare for, and culture to celebrate. Movement makers, culture creators, and business leaders will merge at the 117th NAACP National Convention to ensure a more perfect union for all of us.

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The [117th NAACP National Convention](#) is heading to Chicago! From July 18–22, 2026, join us and thousands of leaders in a city defined by resilience and creativity as we come together under this year’s theme, **We The People**, to help build pathways to justice. This is your opportunity to engage with top voices, influence crucial policy, and celebrate Black excellence. A [schedule-at-a-glance is now available on our website](#), offering an early look at general programming and key moments throughout Convention week.

Convention housing is now OPEN. We invite you to browse hotel options, and as always, encourage you to book early for the best selection and price.

Registration will open in April. Keep an eye out for important updates on speakers and more in the months ahead.

Stay Tuned

Cinematic Shorts Competition

The **2026 NAACP Cinematic Shorts Competition** in partnership with Adobe, will take place from July 16-22. This exciting competition will give **SIX** filmmakers the opportunity to produce a short film addressing issues of social justice. The winning filmmakers will each be awarded a \$10K budget to produce a short film in conjunction with the NAACP Hollywood Bureau and NAACP+ Studios.

Deadline: April 17, 8:45 p.m. PT/11:45 p.m. ET

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THRIVING THROUGH TRANSITION: HEALTH, POWER & PROTECTING OUR VOICE

Join Women in NAACP (WIN) as we close out Women's History Month with a powerful conversation on health, empowerment, and advocacy.

Hear from Dr. Sharon Malone in a candid talk about the menopause journey for Black women, and learn about the SAVE Act and how women can stay engaged and protect their voices.

FEATURING:

HOSTED BY

KAREN BOYKIN-TOWNS
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DR. SHARON MALONE
Menopause Expert & NY Times Bestselling Author of *Grown Woman Talk*

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Vice President, Unit Advocacy & Effectiveness, NAACP

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026 | 7 PM ET
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This Women's History Month, take your advocacy to the next level by joining [Women in NAACP \(WIN\)](#).

Since its founding in 1980 by Mrs. Frances Louise Dancy Hooks and Ms. Earlene Bollin, WIN has been a powerful force for change. WIN's mission is to amplify the leadership of women within the NAACP and beyond, while advocating for social, economic, political, educational, and health issues that impact women and children.

By [joining WIN](#), you'll be part of a dynamic community of advocates and leaders working to create meaningful change. Together, we can build a brighter future for women, children, and communities everywhere.

 **Special Event Alert** 

Join us on March 31 7-8 p.m. ET for [Thriving Through Transition: Health, Power & Protecting Our Voice](#) for a powerful conversation on health, empowerment, and advocacy.

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NAACP EVENTS



The NAACP stays active, creating spaces to organize, learn, celebrate, and take action. From national observances to community-driven programs, there are many ways to stay engaged and connected.

Explore our [Events](#) page for timely events and special observances, including:

- **March 31: Thriving Through Transition: Health, Power & Protecting Our Voice**
Hear from Dr. Sharon Malone in a candid talk about the menopause journey for Black women, and learn about the SAVE Act and how women can stay engaged and protect their voices.
- **March 1-31: State Legislative Advocacy Month**
Throughout March, the NAACP is organizing advocates across the country to engage with state legislators and push for policies that advance equity, protect voting rights, and strengthen our communities. Through trainings, advocacy days, and local organizing, participants will mobilize their voices and take action to drive meaningful change at the state level.
- **April 1-30: Financial Empowerment Month**
NAACP is hosting a series of virtual and in-person events throughout April to help individuals build financial knowledge, strengthen credit, explore homeownership, and access career opportunities, offering practical tools to support long-term financial stability and generational wealth.
- **April 29: Virtual Career Fair**
The [NAACP Virtual Career Fair](#) connects candidates with employers committed to building more inclusive workplaces. Participants can explore opportunities across fields such as sales, marketing, business, government, and healthcare while engaging in one-on-one conversations with recruiters and learning about open roles.
- And more.

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STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY MONTH



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State Legislative Advocacy Month (SLAM) is a coordinated, nationwide effort in which NAACP State Conferences organize advocacy actions to influence state-level policy that directly impacts Black communities and communities of color.

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State governments hold the power to shape the future of Black communities. From education and healthcare to voting rights and economic opportunity, the policies they enact impact our lives every day.

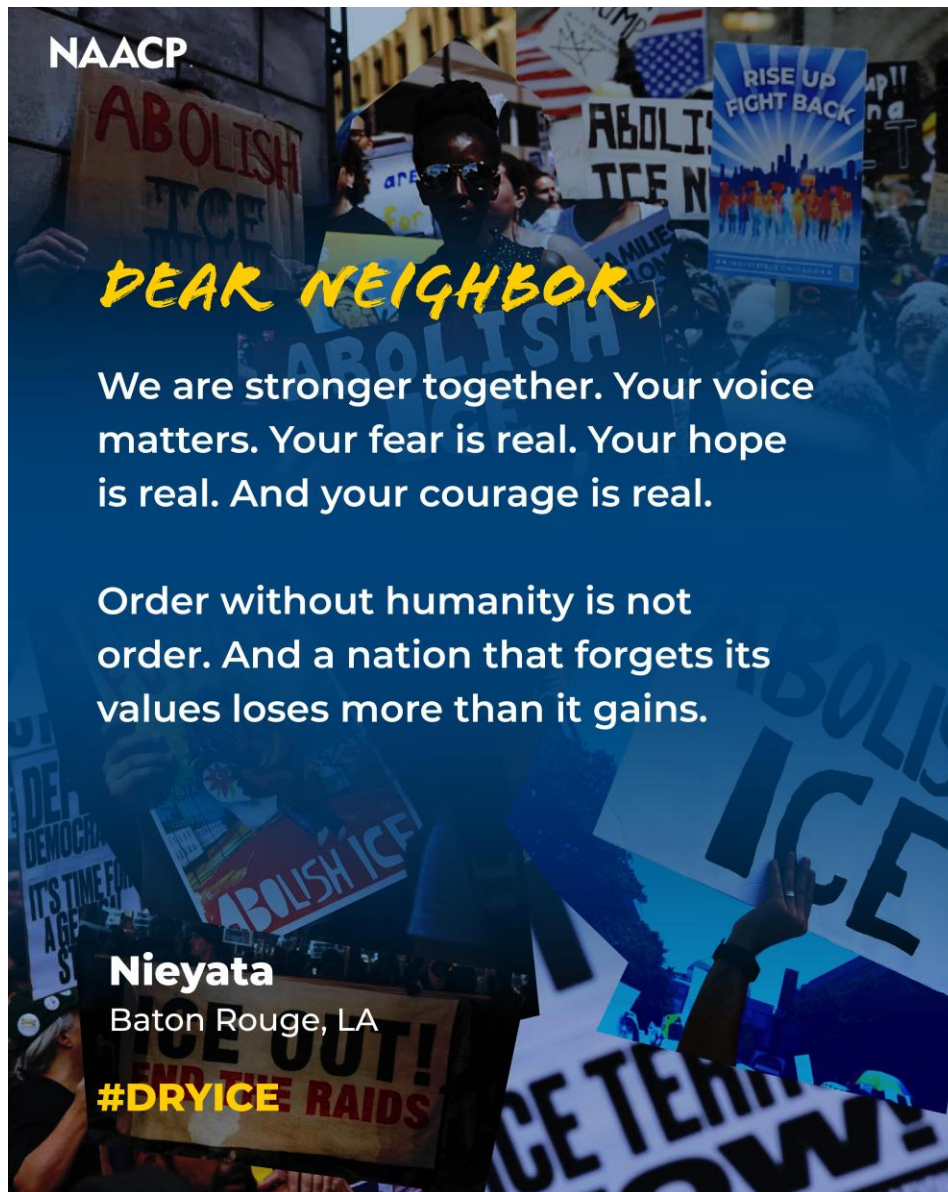
In a nationwide effort to organize, mobilize, and advocate for equitable public policy, NAACP is hosting State Legislative Advocacy Month.

Whether you're attending an Advocacy Day at your state capital or taking action with your local unit, your voice matters.

To help you get started, explore the [NAACP Legislative Advocacy Toolkit](#), a resource designed to help advocates understand the legislative process and engage effectively with policymakers. [Click here to access the toolkit.](#)

[Advocate](#)

DRY ICE



The actions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have created fear and confusion in communities across the country. We have seen this harm play out in cities like Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. Real people are being hurt, families are torn apart, and communities are living in fear.

Across the country, people are speaking out and organizing for accountability.

Now, we want to hear from you. What has ICE's presence meant for you or your community? Your story matters, and sharing it helps build the movement to end this

abuse of power.

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