

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



Deon Cole at the 57th NAACP Image Awards held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on February 28, 2026 in Los Angeles, California.

Billboard: [NAACP Image Awards Adds 10 New African Categories for 2027](#)

Here's how the NAACP framed these new categories in a statement: "With ten new African categories, the [NAACP Image Awards](#) expands its historic mission of recognizing Black excellence, building a cultural bridge between [Africa](#) and the global Black diaspora while celebrating the continent's growing influence across film, television and music—and establishing the Image Awards as a global standard-bearer for Black creative achievement."

Revolt: [NAACP Image Awards make historic expansion with 10 African categories, creating a "cultural bridge" across the global Black diaspora](#)

The new additions bring the NAACP Image Awards' total category count to a whopping 108, which is encouraging to see considering other award shows are scaling theirs back — including fields created specifically to recognize African artists.

PR News Wire: [American Red Cross and NAACP announce new documentary honoring the father of blood banking, Dr. Charles R. Drew](#)

“Dr. Drew is an unsung hero of World War II,” said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. “His innovation made it possible for many American soldiers to come home to their families.”

Also featured in: [Morningstar](#)

CBS News: [Thousands march in Washington for Defend the Vote rally](#)

Tylik McMillan, national director of youth and college for the NAACP and one of the speakers at Friday’s march, joins CBS News to talk about the day.

TheGrio: [Black civil rights leaders vow to fight Trump’s mail-in voting restrictions](#)

“No federal entity should be allowed to implement last-minute rules that disenfranchise voters and override state election laws. This new USPS rule is a direct assault on the fundamental freedoms of millions of Americans—particularly Black voters,” says NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. “We will not stand idly by while the voices of the people are silenced. We must protect every eligible citizen’s right to cast their ballot.”

Precinct Reporter Group: [Civil Rights Leaders Mobilize to Defend Voting Rights](#)

Rick Callender, president of the California-Hawaii State Conference of the NAACP, said the dispute is part of a broader challenge to mail-in voting and warned against allowing the Postal Service to interfere with states’ administration of elections. “The bottom line here is that the postal office should deliver ballots, not decide who receives one or which votes do not count,” Callender said. “We’re going to fight this attack at every point; at the mailbox, on the voter rolls and in the protection of personal data.”

Amplified Voices TV: [NAACP’s Derrick Johnson on Global African Unity & Defending the Vote](#)

AURN White House Correspondent Ebony McMorris speaks with Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP, at the Africa Business Investment Summit. Johnson discusses building cultural consciousness across the African diaspora, connecting economic power with political voting rights, and urging civic action ahead of crucial upcoming elections.

Straight Arrow News: [The AI boom has an unlikely gatekeeper: local zoning boards](#)

“We are opposed to development that comes at the expense of our health,” said Abre’ Conner, director of the NAACP’s Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, noting data centers are planned in regions that rely on planet-warming fossil fuels for electricity. She also decried “the lack of transparency for decisions that impact our lives,” referring to

non-disclosure agreements that some developers rely on to keep plans under wraps.

WOWO: [NAACP Leads Relief Effort in Gary After Prolonged Power Outages](#)

The NAACP is helping provide relief to Gary residents who went about two weeks without electricity following severe storms. NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson visited Gary over the weekend, joining local and state NAACP leaders to deliver essential supplies, meals and other resources to families affected by the outages. The NAACP also announced a partnership with the Red Cross for continued disaster response and support in the region.

Amplified Voices TV: [NAACP's Aba G. Blankson on Global Investment & Economic Empowerment](#)

AURN White House Correspondent Ebony McMorris speaks with Aba G. Blankson, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer for the NAACP, at the Africa Business Investment Summit. Blankson discusses building sustainable investment partnerships between Black Americans and the African continent, leveraging global purchasing power, and creating new economic structures to advance equality and empowerment across the diaspora.

Cincinnati Enquirer: [Jasmine Crockett headlines Cincinnati NAACP fundraiser](#)

The [Cincinnati NAACP](#) will host its Annual Freedom Fund Dinner at 6 p.m. Oct. 3 featuring U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett of Texas as keynote speaker. The event will be held at the Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, according to a community announcement. This year's theme is "Unapologetic."

St. Louis American: [NAACP report warns St. Louis jail problems run decades deep](#)

The NAACP calls for more corrections officers, stronger medical oversight, monthly public reporting of deaths and overdoses and a long-term plan for the 24-year-old jail. The organization says the city must decide whether to expand or replace the facility or invest substantially more in maintaining it. "If all we do is point fingers at each other, nothing will get done," NAACP President Adolphus M. Pruitt II told The St. Louis American.

Also featured in: [First Alert 4](#)

PEOPLE: [Why the NAACP Joined Nolan Wells' Parents in Seeking Answers About His Death](#)

Kristen Clarke, general counsel of the NAACP, says the civil rights organization wants to help shine a light on the case and bring pressure in the quest to understand what happened to Wells. "The NAACP has a long history of supporting families of the missing and the murdered, and those who lost their lives under questionable circumstances," she told PEOPLE in an interview.

The Root: [Is NIL Money Undermining the Fight for Black Political Power?](#)

Back in May, the NAACP [launched](#) the “[Out of Bounds](#)” campaign, urging Black athletes, fans, and alumni to boycott public universities in eight Southern states (Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and Georgia) that are attacking DEI policies and voting rights.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Opens Investigation Into Department of Justice Election Monitoring Plan](#)
 - [NAACP Defends Democracy and Mobilizes Members at March on Washington](#)
 - [NAACP Launches Groundbreaking Initiative To Close The Racial Wealth Gap And Build Generational Wealth For Black Families](#)
 - [American Red Cross and NAACP announce new documentary honoring the father of blood banking, Dr. Charles R. Drew](#)
 - [Submissions for the 58th NAACP Image Awards are Now Open](#)
 - [NAACP, ACLU, ACLU-MS, and LDF Successfully Defend Fair Representation in DeSoto County](#)
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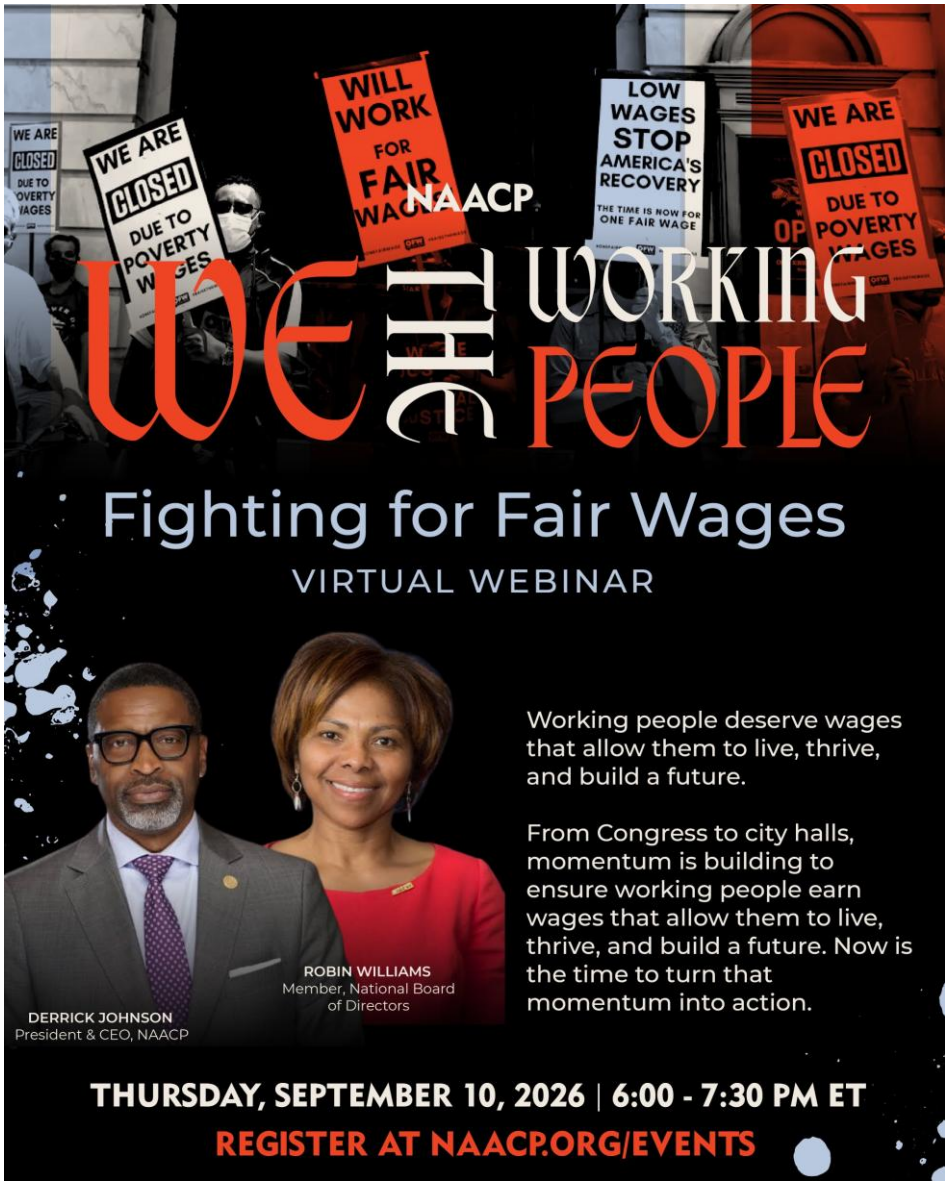
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The poster features a collage of protest signs in the background, including "WE ARE CLOSED DUE TO POVERTY WAGES", "WILL WORK FOR FAIR WAGES", "LOW WAGES STOP AMERICA'S RECOVERY", and "WE ARE CLOSED DUE TO POVERTY WAGES". The NAACP logo is prominently displayed in the center. The title "WE THE WORKING PEOPLE" is written in large, stylized letters, with "WE" in orange, "THE" in white, and "WORKING PEOPLE" in orange. Below the title, the text "Fighting for Fair Wages" and "VIRTUAL WEBINAR" are displayed. Two speakers are shown: Derrick Johnson, President & CEO of NAACP, and Robin Williams, Member of the National Board of Directors. To the right of the speakers, there is a quote: "Working people deserve wages that allow them to live, thrive, and build a future. From Congress to city halls, momentum is building to ensure working people earn wages that allow them to live, thrive, and build a future. Now is the time to turn that momentum into action." At the bottom, the date and time "THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM ET" are listed, followed by the registration link "REGISTER AT NAACP.ORG/EVENTS".

WE THE WORKING PEOPLE

Fighting for Fair Wages
VIRTUAL WEBINAR

DERRICK JOHNSON
President & CEO, NAACP

ROBIN WILLIAMS
Member, National Board of Directors

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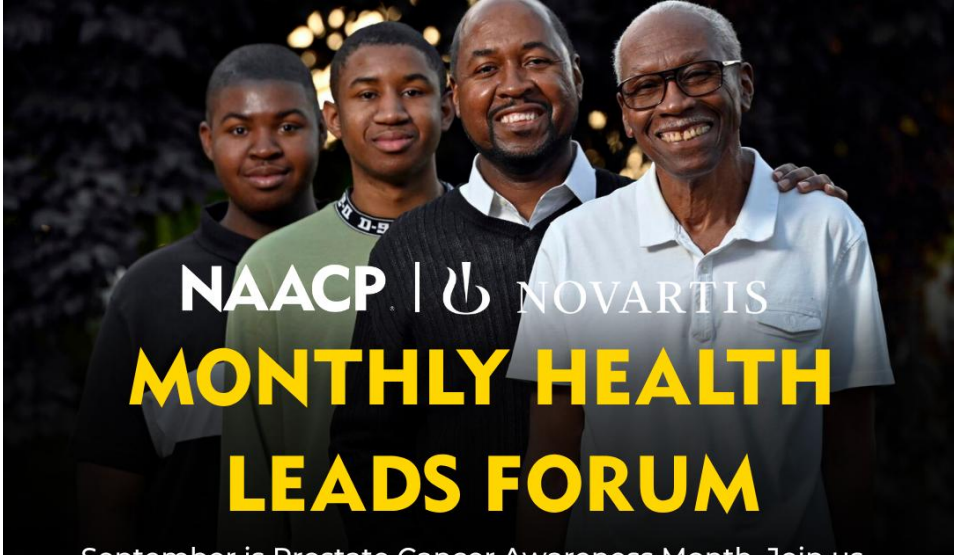
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Next week, during Labor Action Week, join the NAACP, One Fair Wage, and a powerful coalition of advocates, policymakers, and movement leaders for [We the Working People: Fighting for Fair Wages](#) on Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 6-7:30 p.m. ET. During this virtual forum, we're bringing the fight for living wages to the forefront. Hear directly from national and local leaders advancing fair wage policies and building power for working people.

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NAACP MONTHLY HEALTH LEADS FORUM



**MONTHLY HEALTH
LEADS FORUM**

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Join us to learn about prostate health and other important topics.



Mark Fallick, MD
Senior Medical Director,
Radioligand Therapy, Novartis

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 10TH | 7PM ET |
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[REGISTER HERE](#)

Health is power, and the fight for health equity demands every one of us at the table. Join NAACP for our next [Monthly Health Leads Forum](#), sponsored by Novartis, on September 10, 2026, at 7 p.m. ET. Hear from leading clinical expert Dr. Mark Fallick, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.S., Senior Medical Director of Radioligand Therapy at Novartis, on prostate health, and from representatives of the American Red Cross in recognition of Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

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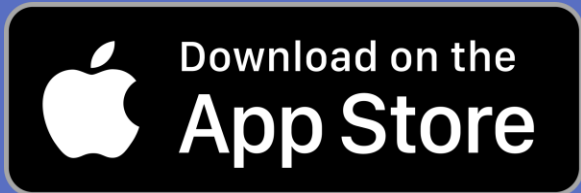
ONGOING ACTIONS

- **Out of Bounds:** NAACP is calling on Black athletes, families, alumni, and fans to withhold athletic and financial support from public universities in these states until they [protect Black voting power](#).
- **Redistricting:** Explore our "[Redistricting, Power & Our Vote](#)" collection, learn more about the fight for fair maps, and stay informed ahead of the 2026 midterms. Plus, visit the NAACP Store to grab our "[A Black Vote Was Suppressed Today](#)" merch and support the fight for voting rights.
- **One Nation, Overcharged:** This summer, NAACP is proud to join [One Nation, Overcharged](#). Together, we're demanding a healthcare system that puts our health over corporate profits – and works for everyone.
- **25th Amendment:** The stability of our nation hangs in the balance under President Trump. [Tell the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment](#).
- **Fund the Future Now:** Learn more about this [youth-led campaign](#) by the NAACP Youth & College Division fighting to make college affordable, accessible, and free from lifelong debt.

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