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Dayton Branch NAACP Town Hall “Meet the Candidates Forum!”

DAYTON, OHIO – MARCH 23, 2025 - The Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a town hall titled, ***“Meet the Candidates Forum.”*** The event will take place on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church located at 1001 Harvard Blvd. The distinguished guests will be candidates for the office of Dayton City Commissioner to include, Darius Beckham; Jacob Davis; Valerie Duncan; Darryl Fairchild; and Karen Wick. The moderator will be **Tom Roberts**, 2nd Vice President and Chair of the Dayton Unit NAACP Political Action Committee.

The Dayton Branch NAACP is a nonpartisan organization and does not make decisions based upon political preference. “We ***“Do Not Endorse”*** candidates however, we are an issue driven organization and reserve the right to publicize if a candidate does not support our issues,” said Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Branch NAACP. “We look forward to hearing about how the candidates plan to address the needs of the people and deliver upon the promises they make to the Citizens for the office they are seeking. When African Americans ***“VOTE,”*** we make a powerful difference in the outcome of elections. The candidates we support collectively as a people, ***“WIN”*** elections. Candidates know this to be true, that’s why they court our ***“VOTE,”*** at the church house, at liquid beverage establishments and in private meetings,” said Foward. “Everyday Citizens have heard the terminology, ***“Swing States,”*** however candidates know and also understand the power of ***“Swing Votes,”*** said Foward. “Let’s make every election a difference maker by the sovereignty of our ***“VOTE.”*** When Middle-Class Caucasians and College Students as well as Hispanics and Latinos join the African American community in the ***“VOTING PROCESS,”*** it creates an environment of change. We will continue to work with our brothers and sisters to ensure that all voices are heard,” said Foward.

Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the city’s oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the Dayton Region and Montgomery County are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. Their core goals are to ***Inform, Educate and Empower*** the Citizenry as they pursue justice and equality for all Americans.

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