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Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest Civil and Human Rights organization in the Dayton Region. Our members, volunteers, office staff, organizers, committee chairs, X and Facebook friends continue to fight for social justice for **ALL** Americans. We hope you will be enlightened as you view our latest edition of The Dayton Branch Chronicle.

The Dayton Branch NAACP **vision** is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the **2nd "A"** of the NAACP, which stands for **ADVANCEMENT**. We encourage you to join us and participate fully in this work for a better, stronger, engaged community.

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Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

In celebration of Women's History Month, we took the opportunity to spotlight the incredible achievements of women in our community each day. By doing so, we honor their legacies, ensuring they are remembered for generations to come, and celebrate the diverse talents they contribute across various industries, including the NAACP.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lady Tiwona L. Foward on receiving the Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Heart of Gold Award. A distinguished second-generation educator, dedicated community advocate, and servant leader, Lady Tiwona's life is a testament to the values of faith, family, and service. Her journey has been deeply influenced by her late mother, Lorraine Parker Branham, a beloved educator in Dayton Public Schools. Her mother's unwavering passion for teaching inspired Tiwona to view education not just as a profession, but as a ministry that brings hope and opportunity to all. With over twenty-five years of experience in education, Lady Tiwona continues to make a profound impact in her field.

Additionally, I had the privilege of meeting with law student Michaele Townsend to discuss an externship program opportunity. Our conversation focused on creating more pathways for students, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds, to gain valuable experience and mentorship in their careers. Investing in young talent is vital for ensuring the future of our community is bright. Michaele will gain hands-on experience working alongside Dayton Branch NAACP investigators.

I had the honor of serving as a judge for the Dayton Public Schools Round 2 and Round 3 Debates, featuring Charity Adams vs. E.J. Bown and Thurgood vs. Meadowdale. It was inspiring to witness young people engage in critical discussions on issues like whether free speech should be limited when it incites hate or violence, and whether raising the minimum wage can help reduce unemployment and poverty. These students showed not just intelligence and critical thinking, but also a strong commitment to shaping the future.

I also had the privilege of speaking at the Jefferson Township Board Meeting, thanking outgoing Superintendent Dr. Rusty Clifford for his service and welcoming incoming Superintendent Ronda Welch. Education is vital to community empowerment, and I look forward to further collaboration.

Additionally, I was deeply honored to speak at the No Kings Rally. I stood before the crowd and shared the powerful truth that we built this nation, we bled for this nation, and we are this nation. This moment was a call to action, one that resonates deeply within me. I emphasized the importance of our collective power: today, we march. Tomorrow, we organize. And in November, we vote. Dayton, I told them, this is our moment. This is our time to rise and protect the democracy we've fought for, built, and bled for. We are the ones who can shape the future, and it starts now. This is our season to ensure that our voices, our rights, and our freedom are defended. Let's not allow this moment slip by. Let's show up, stand up, and make sure our democracy remains strong for generations to come.

Looking ahead, the work we do today lays the foundation for a more inclusive, equitable society. Whether through strengthening educational partnerships, investing in future leaders, or preserving our history, every action contributes to the larger vision of social justice. I am proud to have contributed to these efforts in March and remain committed to this work in the months ahead. Together, we will continue building toward a just and equitable future for all.

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward



Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
 "Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"
 "Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!"

"Move Forward With Foward"

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership is down 3.35% MTD vs previous year.



Judge Gerald Parker, Jr.
Silver Life Member

Subscribing Silver Life Members

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Dinah M. Williams
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee

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FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
Join the oldest and boldest and baddest civil rights organization in the nation.
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Civil Rights Complaints



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Investigator



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Advisor



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Investigator



David K. Greer, Sr.
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 12 complaints of discrimination, down 64.71% vs previous year MTD.

The top 4 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 50.00%
- Housing - 33.33%
- Healthcare - 15.38%
- Over Prosecution - 8.33%

Housing Discrimination

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission investigates charges of discrimination in housing within the state of Ohio. The investigations cover all aspects of housing, including but not limited to:

- renting, leasing or subleasing,
- negotiating for sale or rental,
- terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental
- printing and publishing of advertisements,
- reasonable accommodations in housing,
- reasonable modifications in housing,
- mortgage lending,
- homeowner's insurance

Can I File a Charge of Discrimination?

To determine if your complaint can be investigated by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, please answer the following questions:

- Is the act of discrimination related to a housing transaction or property within the state of Ohio?
- Did the act of discrimination happen within one (1) year from the date you are filing the charge?
- Do you think the action taken is related to your race, color, sex, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, familial status (presence of minor(s) under the age of 18 or due to somebody in the family being pregnant), military status or in retaliation for engaging in a protected activity (protesting discrimination or participating in an investigation into discrimination)?

If you answered yes to all three questions above, you can file a charge of discrimination with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. Even if you did not answer yes to all three, you can still file a charge and the OCRC will determine if the matter is jurisdictional and will proceed accordingly. [Click here to file a Charge of Housing Discrimination online](#). Please note: An email address is required to file a charge online. Email will be used during the investigation process for communication with OCRC staff and sharing of documentation. If you do not have an email address, you can file a charge [by mail](#) or [in-person](#).

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

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Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
Chair, Legal Redress Committee

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Prison Branch

NAACP Dayton - PRISON BRANCH
Presents a Panel Discussion

FROM PRISON TO PROSPERITY

SCOTT E. BARWICK
Dayton NAACP – Prison Branch Chair
Monday, March 23, 2026 | 6:45PM – 7:45PM

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1001 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45406

PANELISTS:

 QUINNAN HOWARD MBA, MEd Re-entry Program Manager Montgomery County Office of Re-entry	 SHAREKA GIBSON M.Ed. Science Teacher Founder & CEO HYMS & HYLS Mentoring and Tutoring	 ANTHONY E. BARWICK II CEO Privileged Paws Pet Services	 GREGORY WEST CEO Felons With a Future	 JUDGE GERALD PARKER Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas
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UPCOMING MEETING & EVENTS:

April 6, 2026 – Voter Registration for May 5 Primary Election
 April 10 – 11, 2026 – Region III Civil Rights Advocacy Training
 April 11, 2026 – ACT-50 Day of the Stars
 April 20, 2026 – Executive Committee Meeting
 April 27, 2026 – General Meeting & Committee Presentation

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Scott E. Barwick, Chair, Prison Branch, moderated a panel discussion titled, **“From Prison to Prosperity!”** This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on March 23, 2026.

The distinguished guest panelists were **Quinnan Howard, Re-entry Program Manager, Montgomery County Office of Re-entry; Shareka Gibson, Founder & CEO, HYMS & HYLS Mentoring & Tutoring; Anthony E. Barwick, II, CEO, Privileged Paws Pet Services; Gregory West, CEO, Felons With a Future; and the Honorable Gerald Parker, Judge, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas.**

Educated over 1,827 citizens during this town hall via online.



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*President Foward & Chairman Barwick
Speaks to Graduates of Judge Gerald Parker Kushinda Court*



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General Membership Meeting

President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer
Providing Updates to the General Membership



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Education

***President Foward Reads African American History Book & Presents to
Tipp City Elementary School Students***



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Education

President Foward Provided Remarks During Jefferson Township Local Schools District Board Meeting and Thanked Outgoing Superintendent Dr. Rusty Clifford for his Partnership and Congratulated Incoming Superintendent Ronda Welch



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Education

*Laretta Williams Former Education Chair and President Foward
Attend Dayton Public Schools Ford Next Generation Learning Official Designation Ceremony*



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Political Action

VP Tom Roberts, along with Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Award-winning Courageous Activist Amaha Sellassie Held a Community Conversation on the "Beloved Community" at the International Peace Museum



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President Foward Delivered a Powerful Speech During the Rally, Urging Attendees to use Our Collective Voting Power on
November 3, 2026!*



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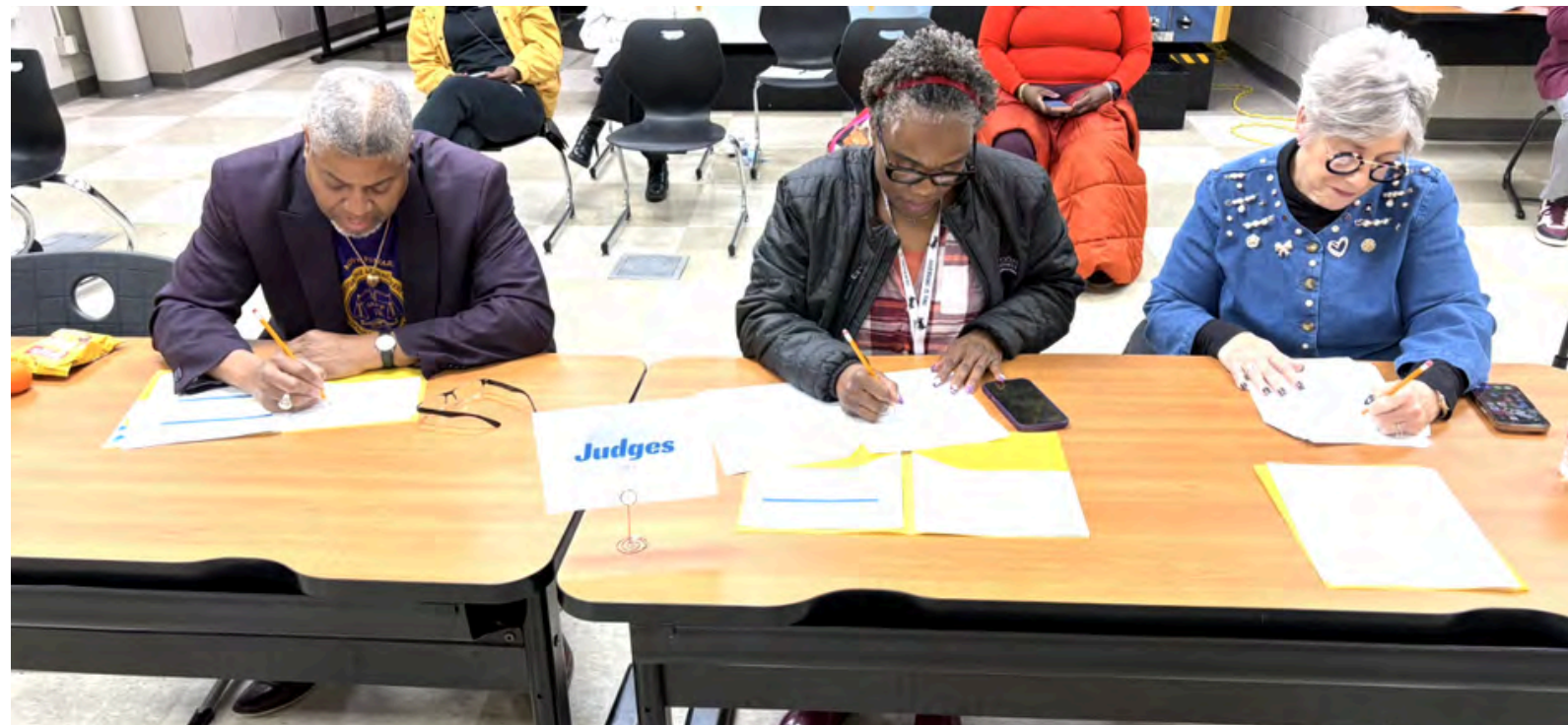
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Charity Adams vs. E.J. Brown



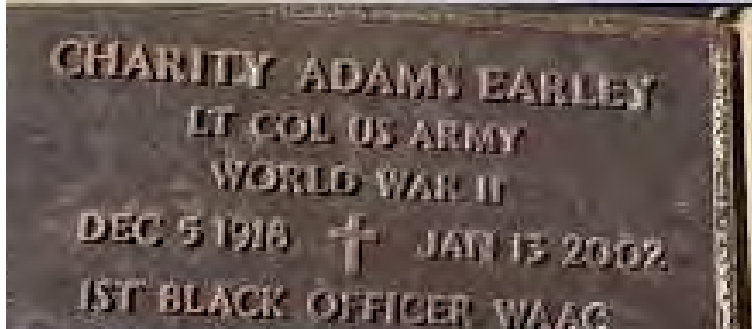
Supporting Partner Organizations

Served as Judge During Dayton Public Schools Round 3 Debate Competition Thurgood vs. Meadowdale



Supporting Partner Organizations

VP White and National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) Dayton Section Leadership Team Participated in the 6888 Central Postal Battalion Observation Day at Wilberforce University



Supporting Partner Organizations

President Foward & Assistant Treasurer Bolden Invited by Dayton Destination & President Roberts Invited by Miami Valley Urban League to Participate in the NCAA Hoopla and First Four at UD Arena



Supporting Partner Organizations

President Foward Speaks With Dr. James Zogby, Founder and President of the Arab American Institute, along with Ohio State Rep. Munira Yasin Abdullahi, During the Arab Social Association Community Iftar



Awards & Honors

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President Foward Presents Citation of Honor and Welcomes Businesses into the Century (100) Club



Evans Dealer Group



Esther Price Candies

In the Spotlight



Labertha Williams is a retired Air Force veteran with over 20 years of service and an active community member. She is deeply involved in various initiatives, including feeding the homeless, organizing food and clothing drives, and hosting fundraising events. These efforts support causes such as cancer research, minority issues, and women’s empowerment, with a special focus on supporting female veterans in the local community.

NAACP Dayton Headquarters

**Dr. Gloria J. Foward, Former Chair of the Religious Affairs Committee,
Makes Surprise Visit to the Dayton NAACP Headquarters While in Dayton**



Chairman Scott E. Barwick Moderates Panel Discussion “From Prison to Prosperity”

Howard University freshman guard Jeremiah Johnson hands an autograph back to Bren Knopp, of Miamisburg, during a practice on Monday at University of Dayton Arena. Howard was one of eight teams participating in the NCAA First Four last week. Knopp's youth league team won its division in Dayton Metro. BRYANT BILLING / STAFF

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under the project will involve widening roadway approaches, including reconstruction of a portion of Cleveger Road, and drainage improvements. The project is expected to begin early 2028.

■ ODOT proposes to undertake necessary maintenance activities on the Ohio 571 bridge over the Great Miami River in Bethel and Monroe Townships, Miami County. The project is expected to begin in Spring 2028.

■ The City of Centerville proposes to undertake upgrades at the intersection of Clio Road and Bigger Road. Improvements will include changes to the lane configurations. The project is intended to improve operational performance and reduce crash frequency and severity. The project is expected to begin in Fall 2028.

■ The City of Dayton proposes to reconstruct Gettysburg Avenue, from West Second Street to Hoover Avenue. As project development has progressed, it has been determined that Gettysburg Avenue's intersections with Oakridge Avenue and West Second Street do not meet signal warrants. Federal guidance calls for unwarranted signals to be removed, as they unnecessarily impede traffic flow and may negatively affect safety. After consideration of public input, the city of Dayton will request ODOT authorization to retain the signal at Oakridge Avenue, with all signal upgrade costs to be covered fully by the city. The traffic signal at West Second Street will be removed and West Second Street will be placed under two-way stop control.

■ The City of Dayton proposes to undertake sidewalk and streetscape improvements along Main Street, from First Street to Second Street and from Fourth Street to Sixth Street. The project will replace existing, uneven brick pavers with a smooth, concrete sidewalk. The project is necessary to address the deteriorated and uneven pavers, which pres-

ent a trip hazard for pedestrians. Other improvements will include new curb/curb ramp, tree plantings, and new planter boxes. Existing benches and resting posts will be removed. The project is expected to begin Spring 2029.

Additional information regarding ODOT projects is available at transportation.ohio.gov.

Issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the effect of the project on local residents, air quality, the local economy, and historic or cultural resources.

Comments should be submitted by April 30.

Those interested in giving feedback on the above projects can submit their comments to 937-497-6721 or via email at Tricia.Bishop@dot.ohio.gov.

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NAACP branch town hall Monday

The Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a town hall titled, "From Prison to Prosperity," at 6:45 p.m. Monday at Grace United Methodist Church, 1001 Harvard Blvd. The distinguished panelists will be Quinna Howard, Re-entry Program Manager, Montgomery County Office of Re-entry; Shareka Gibson, Founder & CEO, HYMS & HYLS Mentoring & Tutoring; Anthony E. Barwick, II, CEO, Privileged Paws Pet Services; Gregory West, CEO, Felons With a Future; and the Honorable Gerald Parker, Judge, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. The moderator will be Scott E. Barwick, Chair of the Dayton Branch NAACP Prison Branch Committee.

Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the NAACP is the city's oldest and largest non-partisan civil rights organiza-

tion. Serving the Dayton region and Montgomery County, its members are leading advocates for civil rights within their communities. The branch is committed to informing, educating, and empowering the citizenry in the ongoing pursuit of justice and equality for all Americans.

For more information, call 937-222-2172 or visit naacp-dayton.org.

Library to host spring egg hunts

Dayton Metro Library will celebrate spring with a variety of egg hunts for kids of all ages.

■ Westside Egg-cellent Adventure will be 6-7 p.m. Thursday at West Branch. Enjoy a storytime with fun spring activities hosted by local vendors. Registration required.

■ Eggs of Eastern Europe will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Trotwood Branch. Receive a brief overview of egg biology followed by a look at various egg decorating traditions, with an emphasis on Slavic practices. A collection of intricate egg art will be on display.

■ Sensory-Friendly Egg Hunt will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at West Carrollton Branch. Kids search for eggs in a calmer library environment featuring quiet rooms with low-light settings, sensory toy prizes, a written schedule, time to practice egg-hunting skills, and a color-coded hunt. Noise-cancelling headphones and weighted blankets will be available. Registration required.

■ Expression Sesh: Egg Hunt will be 2:30 p.m. April 2 at West Carrollton Branch. Teens can express themselves through art, music, and movement by solving riddles and competing in challenges.

For more information and to register if required, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call 937-463-2665.

Dragons to host 'Meet the Team' event June 13

The Dayton Dragons will host their 2026 "Meet the Team" event June 13 at Day Air Ballpark. The event will begin with the opening of gates

at 10 a.m. and run until noon. The "Meet the Team" event will be the first of two fan events hosted by the Dragons in 2026 at Day Air Ballpark.

Fans will be able to meet the 2026 Dayton Dragons roster for autographs and photos. There will be player and coach-led activities on the field and kids can also run the bases. Heater, Gem, Blaze and the Green Team will be on hand with more Dragons fun. Concessions will be open for food, and the Dragons Den will be open for purchase of Dragons gear.

Season ticket members will receive their tickets digitally on their accounts or printed with their season tickets. Their entrance will be free of charge.

For more information, go to daytondragons.com.

WASHINGTON TWP.

Library and township to host movie showing

The Washington-Centerville Public Library and Washington Township's Town Hall Theatre are partnering for a special showing of "The Peanuts Movie" and a question-and-answer session with the film's director Steve Martino. The program takes place at 6 p.m. April 11 at Town Hall Theatre, 27 N. Main St., as part of America 250-Ohio's "Ohio Goes to the Movies" initiative, a statewide celebration of movies showcasing Ohio's contributions to America's film industry and moviemaking.

Admission is free, but guests are encouraged to register in advance at brushfire.com/washingtontwp/2025-2026-season/ or by calling 937-433-0130. Guests who reserve their free tickets in advance will receive a goodie bag.

Martino, who was born in Dayton, also directed "Horton Hears a Who," "Scrat's Continental Crack-up" and "Ice Age: Continental Drift." "The Peanuts Movie" (rated G, 2015) is about Charlie Brown's quest to win the heart of the new Little Red-Haired Girl in his class, while his beagle pal Snoopy leads his own epic adventure in the skies, battling his nemesis, the Red Baron, all while exploring themes of self-confidence, friendship, and overcoming underdog struggles.

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City of Dayton No Kings Rally & March

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Thousands join nationwide 'No Kings' protests

Jessica Orozco
Staff Writer

Thousands crowded Courthouse Square in downtown Dayton Saturday for a "No Kings" protest, in what organizers claim to be the largest day of protests across the country in U.S. history.

The more than a dozen speakers agreed on one theme – the importance of voting in the upcoming May primary and November general election to institute change in the country's direction.

"Today we march, tomorrow we organize and in November we ... vote," Dayton NAACP President Derrick L. Foward said. "Verify your registration, volunteer with your local NAACP, help your neighbor register, and show up (as) if your freedom depends on it, because, quite frankly, it does."

Organizers shared a list of grievances against the Trump administration, from aggressive and violent Immigration and Customs Enforcement actions, to the war in Iran, to more families struggling to afford basic needs.

"Masked secret police terrorizing our communities. An illegal, catastrophic war putting us in danger and driving up our costs. Attacks on our freedom of speech, our civil rights, our freedom to vote. Costs pushing families to the brink. Trump wants to rule over us as a tyrant," organizers said on the No Kings website. "But this is America, and power belongs to the people – not to wannabe kings or their billionaire cronies."

The White House issued a statement Friday deriding the planned nationwide No Kings protests as a non-news event.

"The only people who care about these Trump Derangement Therapy Sessions are



Thousands attended a No Kings protest at Courthouse Square in Dayton on Saturday. JESSICA OROZCO PHOTOS / STAFF

the reporters who are paid to cover them," said White House spokeswoman Abigail Jackson.

Dayton rally

Speakers, like Ohio Sen. Willis Blackshear Jr., D-Dayton, emphasized the importance of unity over division.

"We should not and will not let anything or anybody divide us, you see 'cause that's what they want to do," Blackshear said. "They want to divide us. They want us fighting amongst ourselves, but we're better than that; we're bigger than that."

Former Dayton Mayor and current Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio President Nan Whaley encouraged people to protest and said the November election will be "the first great step in taking this country back."

Andrés López, a representative of the Miami Valley Immigration Coalition, said growing up in El Paso on the border and working with migrants and refugees, he has heard stories of the sacrifices people make and the dangers they leave behind when entering the U.S.

"I heard stories of the con-



Ohio Sen. Willis Blackshear Jr. (D-Dayton) speaks at a No Kings protest at Courthouse Square in Dayton on Saturday.

ditions in which the migrants were held inside Las Hieleras, the coolers, in other words, the detention centers," López said. "The holding cells were extremely cold, the lights were always on, and their meals were just a frozen burrito or something similar. There was no privacy to go to the bathroom, and their only sense of protection was a thin plastic emergency blanket. Our border has become extremely militarized in efforts to stop the so-called invasion of our country."

But López rejected the idea that immigration policies protect the country from terrorism, criminals or illegal drugs, and said the growth in funding for ICE is "immoral" and a "violation of human rights."

Perhaps the oldest protester there was Frieda Patrick, 90, a Lithuanian refugee who came to the U.S. after World War II after her father was executed by the Nazis and her mother died.

"I survived Stalin and Hitler; we have to survive this ... usurping of power in our

country," Patrick said.

Following speakers, songs and chants, attendees took to the streets, marching around city blocks.

Attendees, like Springboro neighbors Veronica Lasky, Gloria Hamilton and Carole Neubauer, said they wanted to "send a message" and use their voice for change.

"What we're seeing in government in the past year is not government; it's not America, not the America we know. And we're going to let them know it and we're going to take it back," Lasky said.

Hamilton said she worries what the country will look like for her granddaughters, who are four- and six-years old.

Jennifer Wadsworth, who lives in Arizona but is staying in Dayton with family, said she grew up watching the news with her parents and learned that "you have to work for your rights," which she said "are slowly being taken away."

"I'm worried specifically right now about ballots being seized in the upcoming elections; I think that's what they're preparing for," Wadsworth said.

Area, nationwide protests

There were area protests held in Springfield, Troy, Beavercreek, Xenia, Middletown, Lebanon, Hamilton, West Chester Twp. and Wilmington.

This is the fourth mass mobilization and the largest since Trump's return to the White House, which organizers said signals increasing dissatisfaction with the president's economic priorities, war in Iran and "authoritarian overreach."

Protests were planned in red states and rural areas that had not historically hosted No Kings rallies, reflecting a growing anti-authoritarian sentiment in communities that have often been overlooked in national mobilizations, organizers said.

There were more than five million participants in protests across the country on June 14, 2025 and more than 7 million people joining 2,700-plus events across all 50 states Oct. 18, according to organizers.

Several million were expected Saturday, too, at thousands of protests across the nation.

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Thousands in Dayton join massive nationwide 'No Kings' protests

Organizers claim largest day of protests in U.S. history



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Thousands crowded Courthouse Square in downtown Dayton Saturday for a "No Kings" protest, in what organizers claim to be the largest day of protests across the country in U.S. history.

The more than a dozen speakers agreed on one theme — the importance of voting in the upcoming May primary and November general election to institute change in the country's direction.

"Today we march, tomorrow we organize and in November we ... vote," Dayton NAACP President Derrick L. Foward said. "Verify your registration, volunteer with your local NAACP, help your neighbor register, and show up (as) if your freedom depends on it, because, quite frankly, it does."

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Upcoming Events

April 3, 2026

Good Friday Easter Ham Distribution

April 6, 2026

Voter Registration Deadline for May 5 Primary / Special Election

April 10-11, 2026

Region III Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI)

April 11, 2026

ACT-SO Day of the Stars

April 20, 2026

Executive Committee Meeting

April 27, 2026

General Membership Meeting
& Criminal Justice Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

As we celebrate the hope and renewal that Easter brings, we are reminded that Jesus is the reason for the season. His sacrifice and resurrection give us the ultimate promise of faith, family, and community. May this season fill your hearts with peace, joy, and the blessing of new beginnings. In the spirit of giving, the Dayton Branch NAACP will be distributing hams on Good Friday to support those in need. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter!

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