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September 11, 2014

President Manual Sykes
1501 16th Street South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705

Re: Reorganization of St. Petersburg Branch

President Sykes,

The St. Petersburg Branch is to immediately cease and desist all activities in the name of the NAACP due to it being not in "good-standing" with the FL State Conference pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 Bylaws for Units.

Article II, Section 1(b) of the Bylaws for Units, the Florida State Conference is charged to revive dormant units as well as to assist the Association in the conduct of its work. In that the St. Petersburg Branch has been non-compliant for several years (Article III, Section 3(b)(2), Bylaws for Units) and because the St. Petersburg Branch has failed to meet the prerequisites set forth in NAACP policy to operate as a Branch, which would also preclude it from conducting branch elections, the Florida State Conference will now begin the process of reorganization.

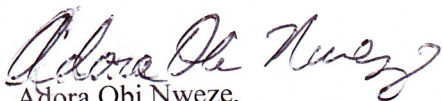
Additionally, per the recent audit of the St. Petersburg Branch, several serious violations of NAACP policies, both, fiscal and programmatic were identified. Those findings by the State Conference Audit Review Committee included:

- Branch Checks with one signature; and
- Expenditures not approved by the Branch's executive committee; and
- Three separate bank accounts in three separate banks with unauthorized debit cards signed and used by the President with no documentation authorization/approval by the Executive Committee or Branch; and
- Entering into contractual agreements without Executive Committee or Branch approval; and
- Memberships not going to the Secretary; and
- Failure to process Membership and forward to National Office within 15 days; and
- Failure to adhere to NAACP policy, specifically: Public support of the State Tax Voucher System (several newspaper articles dated 8-28-2014); and
- Failure to secure National Office approval for Direct Action against Duke Energy Company; and
- Joining a coalition without approval of the State Conference and the National Office; and
- Incorporation of the St. Petersburg Branch NAACP with the State of Florida.

Also, pursuant to Article 10, Section 1 the St. Petersburg Branch has not submitted written reports to the Florida State Conference the last several years

Therefore, based on the aforementioned items, the Branch must immediately cease and desist from representing itself as an agent/representative of the NAACP and engaging in any activities of the NAACP. All NAACP property of the St. Petersburg Branch is to be returned to the Florida State Conference within the next 5 business days; to include all branch records, office keys, PO box keys , keys to office mailboxes and all financial records to include but not limited to bank statements, cancelled checks , debit cards , Pay Pal access information, online passwords and access codes ,deposit tickets, unused checks, copies of branch contracts, branch assets list, branch bookkeeping programs, branch payment request forms and receipts, copies of branch outstanding debts to include property taxes. The Area Director, Pat Spencer and Don Brown, Vice President of the FL State Conference will contact you to make arrangements to secure these items.

Failure to return any and all NAACP property within 5 days may result in additional action being taken, including a recommendation for the suspension of your membership in the NAACP. Once a complete inventory of all NAACP property has been conducted notice will be sent to members outlining the reorganization process.



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