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Press Release

Re: Texas NAACP voter cards

Austin, Texas- The Texas State Conference of NAACP Units was made aware that numerous registered voters in several cities throughout Texas have received postcards from someone identifying themselves as 'a volunteer with the Texas NAACP'. These postcards are not from the Texas State Conference NAACP nor any of our local Branches or volunteers. These postcards are unauthorized by any NAACP organization.

The Texas NAACP President, Gary Bledsoe responded, "The State Conference was contacted by Branches in Killeen, Collin County, Travis County (regarding cards received in Williamson County), Waco and San Antonio. These postcards are NOT being sent on behalf of the Texas State Conference NAACP nor any of our Branches/Units, nor any of our volunteers. Voting and voter education is a very serious topic for our organization, community, and state. We have been concerned with not only the origin of these postcards being someone other than our organization, but also the information contained on the postcards are not completely accurate, could cause confusion, and the postcards show to be coming from out of state (including: Hartford, Connecticut; New York, New York; Denver, Colorado; and Oakland, California)."

We would like the public to know that the deadline to request a ballot by mail is Thursday, July 2, 2020. We also encourage persons voting by mail to have their ballots postmarked by July 7, 2020 to help ensure that their votes will be counted. Contact your local elections officials in your respective counties to request a ballot by mail if you are over 65 or have a health condition that may put you at risk of serious illness.

If anyone has received one of the postcards, you are asked to contact the State NAACP Office at (512)985-9151.

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