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## **Position Letter/Press Release**

May 8, 2013

Re: Monmouth County Prosecutor Investigation  
Voter Fraud, Intimidation

In light of the recent court ordered search warrant executed by the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office; upon candidates for Asbury Park City council election, and their collateral continuing investigation, The Asbury Park/Neptune (NAACP) has received complaints from citizens of voter intimidation, voter suppression, and perceptually being discouraged from exercising their voting rights.

The Asbury Park/Neptune (NAACP) does not condone, or support, “voter fraud” by any candidates seeking government seating through the political process. We furthermore, cannot espouse implicit, nor explicit “voter intimidation”, “voter suppression”, neither any hindrance, or discouragement of qualified voters exercising their right to vote.

We advocate for the safeguards and protections against such actions as discussed by The United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, in: **Democratic Nat’l Comm. v. Republican Nat’l Comm.**, 673 F.3d 192, 81 Fed.R.Serv.3d 1125 (3rd Cir., 2012).

One allegation from the citizenry is that, community members have been questioned by law enforcement officers as to which candidates they have, or intend to vote for. And more specifically, why they voted for the inquired to candidates. Appreciating the efforts of the prosecutor’s investigation, the questioning of citizens as to their ballot selection appears contravening of at least one New Jersey State statute regulating this process.

N.J.S.A. 19:15-26 Ballots marked secretly in booth; violation disorderly persons offense (New Jersey Statutes (2013 Edition)), reads in part:

*“The voter shall prepare his ballot in the booth secretly and screened from the observation of others.”*

As this concern in complaint has been brought to The Asbury Park/Neptune (NAACP) attention, we bear a fiduciary obligation as a civil rights organization to apprise the public, media and the Monmouth County Prosecutor of this allegation of impropriety; innocuous or intended.

This treatment may be perceived as disparate, in that, every other citizen who cast a ballot has their right to privacy; though various citizens targeted in this investigation are having their right to privacy violated. Cognizant that part of the prosecutor’s probe is into the absentee ballot protocol, third parties and the voter should share, and enjoy, as prescribed in the law, a perceived theoretical privacy privilege.

With kind regards,

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