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Press Release

9 Minutes of Breathe & 9 Counts of Change

“I CAN’T BREATHE” – GEORGE FLOYD MURDERED BY MINNEAPOLIS COPS Sacramento NAACP Calls for Accountability and Justice “Lock Them Up”

Sacramento, CA May 28, 2020: The Sacramento Branch of the NAACP, Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) and Be.Woke Vote joins together with community partners to voice their support of George Floyd and his family. "Witnessing the killing of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020 was like watching a public lynching and we want the City of Minnesota to know we stand in solidarity with them for justice. Which is why we're demanding that ALL of the officers involved are charged with first degree Murder" stated Betty Williams, Sacramento NAACP Branch President. The Sacramento community is frustrated by the senseless killings of unarmed Black men by local police officers across the nation. These officers, and any officer who unjustly murders any American citizen, whom they have vowed to "Protect and Serve" must be held accountable for their murderous actions.

When: Saturday, June 6, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Where: Golden One Center (7th & L Street)

The peaceful march will begin at Golden One (7th & L Street) and marching to the West side of the Capitol on 9th and Capitol Mall. Bring the family and enjoy great food and entertainment as we march to affect change across this nation by starting right here at home.

WHO: Derrick Johnson, President, National NAACP (invited), Assembly member Shirley Weber, Chair, CA Legislative Black Caucus, CA State Assembly (District 79) (invited), Darrell Steinberg, Mayor, City of Sacramento, Allen Warren, Councilmember, City of Sacramento, Tecoy Porter, National Action Network, Deon Taylor, Be.Woke Vote, Betty Williams, President, Sacramento NAACP and Rory Kaufman, President, BAPAC

WHEN: THE MARCH BEGINS AT 10:00 AM
WHERE: GOLDEN ONE CENTER TO CA STATE CAPITOL (WEST STEPS)

For Release 7:00 PM, May 28, 2020

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ABOUT US

Founded in 1909, the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights. The Greater Sacramento Branch, established in 1916, is one of the oldest, continuously operating branches in the country.

The **Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC)** mission is to educate, engage and empower California communities of color in an effort to restore and promote social and economic equity. Started in 1978 by Dr. Percy Pinkney and 20 key leaders, BAPAC has since grown.

Be.Woke Vote is a nationally recognized, global movement geared towards the Gen X, Y and millennial generation. Created by Robert F. Smith, and Deon and Roxanne Taylor Be.Woke Vote produces The Messy Truth hosted with Van Jones, Roland Jones Unfiltered and 2020 Webby Award winner, Black History in Two Minutes, narrated by Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr.