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Dear Members of the Martha's Vineyard Branch of the NAACP:

RE: 2026 MV NAACP BRANCH ELECTIONS — CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, CANDIDATES, AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The strength of the NAACP depends on an informed and engaged membership that is willing not only to vote, but also to nominate leaders, serve in the election process, and step forward for leadership. As the Martha's Vineyard Branch begins its 2026 election cycle, I strongly encourage every member to take an active role in shaping the future of our Branch.

ALL ELECTED BRANCH OFFICES ARE UP FOR ELECTION.

Ways You Can Participate

- Join the Nominating Committee and help identify qualified, committed candidates for Branch leadership.
- Nominate a fellow member whom you believe has the character, judgment, commitment, and leadership ability to serve the Branch effectively.
- Consider running for office yourself and bringing your experience, energy, ideas, and commitment to the work of the NAACP.
- Participate fully in the election process and vote when the election is conducted.

Offices Up for Election

The standard elected Branch offices under the NAACP Bylaws for Units are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Any additional locally authorized elected offices and applicable elected Executive Committee positions are also subject to the Branch election process.

Candidate Eligibility

Under the current NAACP Bylaws for Units, the same basic eligibility standards apply to candidates for elected Branch office. A candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Martha's Vineyard Branch.
- Have been a bona fide member of the Branch by April 1, 2026.
- Maintain continuous Branch membership throughout the election process.
- Live and/or work within the jurisdiction of the Martha's Vineyard Branch.

In addition, the individuals serving as President, Secretary, and Treasurer may not be related to one another by blood, marriage, common-law marriage, or adoption. Members are encouraged to review the current NAACP Constitution and Bylaws for Units available at NAACP.org for the full duties, responsibilities, and election requirements associated with each office.



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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is elected by the membership at the September membership meeting and plays a central role in identifying, interviewing, and recommending qualified candidates. Under the national bylaws, the committee must consist of no fewer than five and no more than fifteen members in good standing, and no more than two members may be current Branch officers or members of the Executive Committee.

Members who are interested in helping to shape the next generation of MV NAACP leadership are strongly encouraged to place their names forward for service on the Nominating Committee.

Letter of Intent

Any member interested in running for elected Branch office, seeking an elected Executive Committee position, or serving on the Nominating Committee should submit a Letter of Intent to:

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Please include your name, contact information, the office or committee on which you are interested in serving, and a brief statement describing your interest in serving the Branch. Candidates for office should also clearly state their written consent to be considered for nomination. A Letter of Intent helps document interest and consent but does not replace any formal nomination petition, certification, or other election requirement established by the NAACP Bylaws for Units, the Branch Election Manual, or the National Office.

Your Participation Matters

This Branch belongs to its membership. Our continued strength depends on members who are willing to become involved, accept responsibility, bring forward new ideas, and step into positions of leadership. Whether you have served for many years or recently joined the Branch, I encourage you to consider how your talents, experience, perspective, and commitment can contribute to our next chapter.

NOMINATE. PARTICIPATE. RUN. VOTE. LEAD.

I look forward to strong participation from our membership and to a fair, transparent, and engaging election process that strengthens the Martha's Vineyard Branch and advances the NAACP's mission in our community.

In Service,

Shawn Ramoutar

President

Martha's Vineyard Branch NAACP