



Greater Indianapolis NAACP 2020 Accomplishments

We Worked to Improve Voter Turnout, Voter Education and Voter Protection

- Phone bank volunteers made more than 4,250 phone calls in Marion County, encouraging infrequent African American voters to exercise their right to vote. We also partnered with the Divine 9 organizations and the Freemasons' Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana to call voters and provide rides to the polls.
- We responded to media inquiries about election day issues and co-hosted a forum with gubernatorial candidates with Delta Sigma Theta and the African American Coalition. Our website at indynaacp.org/vote provided a one-stop shop for information on voter registration, early voting and Election Day voting locations.
- Volunteers monitored 45 high-priority vote centers on Election Day for voting problems, including long lines, voter suppression, voter intimidation and irregularities. We notified officials when problems arose, making sure they were fixed. Our legal team helped advise voters and vote center officials throughout the day, ensuring everyone could exercise their right to vote.

We Fought to Reform the Criminal Justice System

We worked with many community partners to address systemic racism in the state and local criminal justice systems. In October, the Indianapolis City-County Council voted to create a first-ever civilian majority on the IMPD's policy oversight panel.

We Investigated Discrimination Complaints and Police Shootings

We responded to media inquiries about police shootings of black men and implicit bias in the criminal justice system. We investigated complaints of discrimination in Carmel policing, Westfield public schools and other institutions.

We Worked for Equity in Education

We hosted virtual forums on lead poisoning and racism, implicit bias and cultural competency in our schools. We launched pilot programs on testing children for lead exposure and supporting parents whose children suffer from lead poisoning. We advocated for the appropriate distribution of CARES Act Funds to address achievement gaps due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We Educated the African-American Community About Their Health

We created a special webpage to provide COVID-19 information to the community, including information on city and state stay-at-home orders, how to reduce the spread of the disease and other COVID-related matters. We also publicized reports that the African-American community was at greater risk of contracting and dying of the disease. Branch President Chrystal Ratcliffe spoke at the Bridge Forum-Mental Health, a statewide forum held in November to reduce the stigma of mental illness in the criminal justice system.

We Shined a Light on Sexual Violence

We collected pink post cards detailing women's personal experiences with sexual violence or sexual abuse for El Tendedero/The Clothesline Project, in partnership with Women4Change.

We Improved Branch Administration

We established a Zoom account that enabled us to conduct branch meetings, elections and public forums during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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