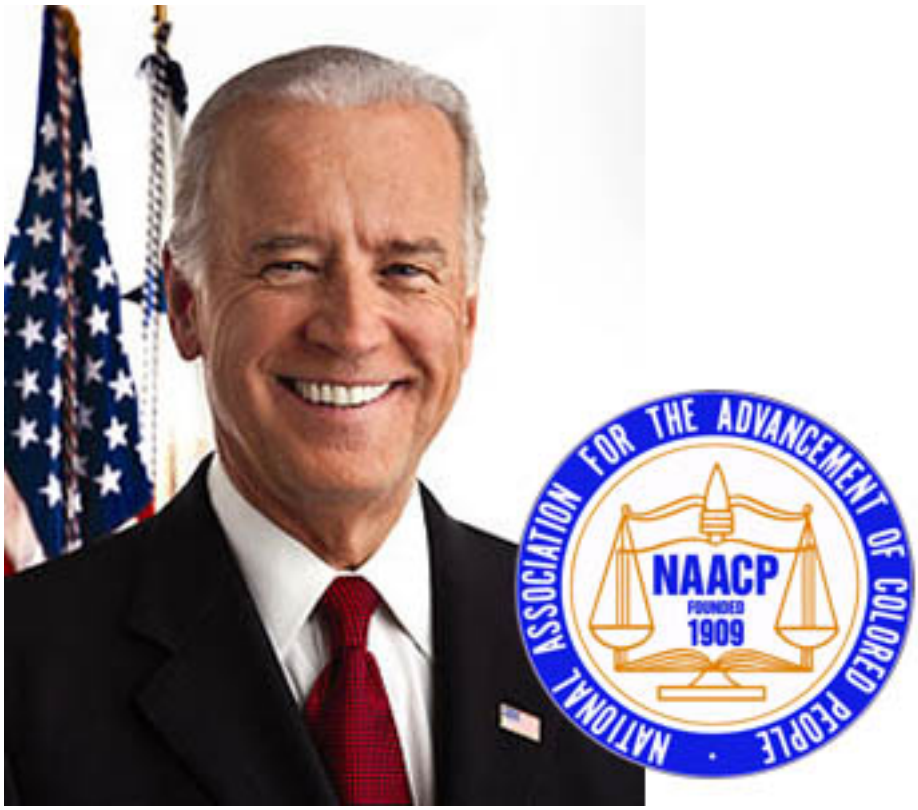

Scheduled to deliver keynote address morning of Thursday, July 12 (Washington, DC) - Vice President Joe Biden will address the 103rd NAACP Annual Convention in Houston, Texas on Thursday, July 12th. The Vice President will keynote the convention's final plenary session, scheduled for 9:30 am to 12:00 pm CDT at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

"We welcome Vice President Biden to address our membership in Houston next week," stated NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. "The Vice President is a longtime friend to the NAACP. He has been a strong advocate for justice and equality over his decades of service in the Senate and the White House."

This is the first time Mr. Biden will address the NAACP's Convention as Vice President. The NAACP values the opportunity to hear from elected officials and candidates for public office.

"We are honored to welcome Vice President Joe Biden to our convention," stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "This is an important election year and communities of color will play a huge role in deciding the outcome in any number of races across the country. As such, we are pleased that both major political parties will be represented at this year's convention."

This year's convention will run from July 7 - July 12 under the theme "Your Power, Your Decision - VOTE". This year's convention will build on the Association's voter engagement and empowerment initiatives, with advocacy workshops on a myriad of vital issues, including civic

engagement, health care, criminal justice, and climate justice. More information about the 103rd NAACP Annual Convention is available here:
http://www.naacp.org/pages/convention.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

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