



GREATER SACRAMENTO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE (NAACP)

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“No Violence Just Justice” – “Hands Up Don’t Shoot” slogans and plea’s shouted out by citizens, activist, and community leaders to stop the violence against unarmed Black and Brown citizens

“SHOW ME YOUR HANDS” “SHOW ME YOUR HANDS”

The Greater Sacramento National Associations for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) mourns yet again with the family and love ones over the terrible tragedy surrounding the officer involved shooting of Stephan Clark another unarmed Black man.

The NAACP as a civil rights organization champions the civil and human rights of all individuals. And has fought for the rights of persons of color for over one hundred years. The NAACP is concerned with the tragic loss of life which continues to plague our nation. Communities across the nation have demonstrated and rioted against the senseless death of African Americans by law enforcement. Unfortunately, the recent incident in Sacramento that took the life of Stephan Clark and similar ones throughout the nation occurs all too frequently. And as an organization which monitors the equality and welfare of **all** persons, our question that is still unanswered is why does this happen so frequently in African American Communities?

While we respect the role of SCPD in our community. These shooting have angered, frustrated and frighten people in our community. We are also frustrated with the justice system which fails to indict such killings. We are a community experiencing post traumatic stress and as such the community and police relations remains one of mistrust.

As community servants, the NAACP is obligated to demand transparency, service and respect from law enforcement for all its citizens. The NAACP will stand guard to insure there is a just outcome for all parties involved. We will work with other concerned citizens and organizations on issues of training, transparency, engagement and accountability. We want an independent investigation and have asked the FBI to get involved as well. President Williams will meet with Police Chief Daniel Hahn today and will demand that SCPD and the Sacramento District Attorney Office provide regular updates. The NAACP intends to continue to monitor the investigation process.

“The unanswered questions remain does the justice system have the capability of dispensing justice for all its citizens” states President Betty Williams.

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