

NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch Position on 2020 California Propositions October 2nd Branch meeting

Challenge: Transparency

Alice Huffman is a NAACP National Board Member/ California State President of the NAACP. She has described herself as “*a community bridge between government policymakers and the community*”. AC Public Affairs, which is her personal political consulting group as a right and interest as a business to be profitable especially as a black woman, has been reportedly paid *1.2 million dollars* in order for her business to support certain propositions favorably aligned with corporate, law enforcement, and big real estate interests. These optics look terrible; given the NAACP State Conference support, given her role as **NAACP National Board Member/State President**. Furthermore, the NAACP is said to be giving its support without the Branch’s’ input or agreement. The (term) Big Goose may be coming back to haunt her as that is the culture of executive committee officers following her. If you are going to be the Goose, you should lead in the interest of the underserved community.

The genesis of Ms. Huffman’s NAACP State representation tells a similar story. In 1999, Ms. Huffman aligned herself, used her new position and was paid to support the *Tobacco industry*, long a money-mongering scourge on the Black community’s health. Her positions continued to conflict with our community. Again, in 2018 when I, Darrell Goode, turned down payment from her company. She received \$800,000 and offered \$8,000 apiece, to several branch officers to work as associates. Feeling that this created an ethical conflict, I refused the payment, however, other branch leaders did accept. At that time, I went to National and voiced our concerns, with which my branch agreed, to Brad, then - National’s legal counsel.

We must make a *Public Statement* so as not to impugn our standing in our community! Already comments are being made on social media about how confusing and disappointing it is that NAACP is supporting interests that are against the People.

Proposition 15

Yes- Santa Monica Venice Branch, Our Branch votes in favor of the People/Education

California Community Colleges, ACLU, Fire Fighter Association, Santa Monica Community College, Los Angeles Community College District, Unified School. We need tax dollars to address the Black Achievement Gap in the underserved Public Unified School Districts and Community Colleges), American Federation of Teachers, **NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch Stands with these supporters**

No- Alice Huffman and Associates, and National Executive Board Member/ State conference President/Vote Cooperate Interest (ie giving corporations proposition 13 tax breaks)

Associated Builders Insurance Company, California Republican Party (, **California State Conference NAACP**, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers association, California Mortgage Bankers Association, California of Winegrape and Growers, California Cattlemen Association, , Cemetery and Mortuary Association of

Proposition 21

Yes- Santa Monica Venice Branch, Our Branch vote in favor of the People/ We will always support quality housing for low-income residents with protection and fairness. We had this same position in 2018 on Proposition 10.

ACLU of California, ACLU of Southern California, Dolores Huerta Foundation, Los Angeles tenant Union, California Federation of Teachers, Aids Health Foundation, California Nurses Association, California Democratic Party, Inner City Law Center, Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action, L A Urban League, , **NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch Stands with these supporters**

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California Republican Party, **California State Conference of the NAACP**, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California Mortgage Bankers, California State

Association of Electrical Workers, California Building Industry, California Builders Alliance, California Conference of Carpenters,

Proposition 22

No- Santa Monica Venice Branch, Our Branch vote in favor of the People

Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Democratic party, California Federation of Labor, **NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch Stands with these supporters.** We need Lyft, Uber, DoorDash, and other transportation companies **to be held responsible for the criminal background checks they seek to avoid and to guarantee driver's employee rights under state law.**

Yes- Alice Huffman and Associates, and National NAACP Board Member/State conference President/Vote Cooperate Interest with Law Enforcement (This is the group shooting and choking our people), this is a corporate escape to increase their profits.

Republican Party of San Diego, **California-Hawaii State Conference NAACP**, California Peace Officers Association, California Police Chief, California Republican Party, Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association, California State sheriff's Association, The Republican Party of San Diego, Valley Industry & Commerce Association

Proposition 23

Yes- Santa Monica Venice Branch, Our Branch vote in favor of the People

SEIU Health workers, California Democratic Party, California Professional Firefighters, California Labor Association, **NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch Stands with these supporters.** This measure ensures that historically low income, disadvantage and minorities will have an option of three level of medical monitorship would help in early warning of infections, required these providers to take all insurances that poor people have to rely on, and required to report all infections to the state quarterly. **This protects patients that are not in a place for their own advocacy.**

No- Alice Huffman and Associates (\$90,00,005), NAACP National Board Member/ State conference President/Vote Cooperate Interest

California Hospital Association, California Republican Party (Supports destroying Obama Care), **California State Conference NAACP**, California Hospital Association, California Dialysis Council, National Renal Association, California Medical Transportation Associations, maintains their profit. How else could they afford to pay \$93,065,083 to try to defeat for the interest of their profits.

Devita, Fresenius Medical Care, US Renal Care, Dialysis Inc, (All corporate California Republican Party, Park AME Church, **California State Conference NAACP**

Proposition 25

Yes, Santa Monica Venice Branch, Our Branch vote in favor of the People Who can't afford Bail and Public Defenders office defending our community members.

Western Center of Poverty Law, Project Rebound, California Public Defender Association, Barbra Lee, US Representative, Ben Allen, California State Senator, Governor Newsom California, Holly Mitchell California State Senator, Karen Bass, U. S. Representative, **NAACP Santa Monica Venice Branch Stands with these supporters**

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Association of Los Angeles Sheriff Department, California Republican Party, **California State Conference NAACP**, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Georgia Association of Professional Bail Agents, Golden State Bail Agent

Association, 0 elected Officials showed support of No vote. **We are also dismayed by the State's No vote position of not supporting our Public Defenders in our community fighting hard to support Black people with their rights in a hostile criminal justice system and towards other people of color to get no bail no jail. Or just simply let our people go.**

In summary, AC Public Affairs has been reportedly paid *1.2 million dollars* for her business, which is good business for any individual. However, for Alice Huffman to support propositions that are in direct contradiction of our Branch position; without any input from our Branch or the other branches, (i.e. voted on at State Convention that Starts October 23rd); without concern for how these Propositions affect our community and our community partners. The optics are terrible. The public is questioning our integrity. Her support for pay creates an assumption that works against us all: Given the **State Conference** support, given her role as **NAACP National board Member/ NAACP state Conference President**, aligning herself with the **Republican Party**. **Currently, the Senate is confirming someone to the Supreme Court** who will vote against The Affordable Care Act which we support. She has aligned herself with Law Enforcement organizations as we struggle with harassment, brutal beatings, and the murder of Black people (once again) in the national consciousness. Our communities have marched all summer and yet, Ms. Huffman supports cash bail. In the midst of a burgeoning homeless epidemic, we see this support of Corporate Tax breaks with a NO Vote to keep their profits rising at the expense of disseminating to public education needed dollars, which would come from the tax. Unacceptable. We need tax dollars to address the Black Achievement Gap. **We cannot remain silent. In this time of chaos, we cannot hold others accountable for not speaking up if we do not.**