

From the Desk of Lufkin NAACP President

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The question has been asked of me, Pastor McClain what can, or should we do in such chaotic times that we live in today? A time when hatred, violence and unpatriotic actions by white supremacy traitors and others who are opposed to American democracy and freedom for all, especially for Afro-Americans (Black), Latin (Hispanic), Asian, and Korean Americans, and other people of color. Let me be clear, there is no freedom of speech, assembly, right to vote, to protest peacefully, constitution, bill of rights, nor government of, for and by the citizens in nations such as Russia, China, Syria, North Korea, and others whose leaders are dictators that are our sworn enemies, who want to divide and destroy us.

First, hear, believe, and obey the word of God and pray for the Lord to help us to overcome and to deliver us from these satanic and wicked leaders in high positions of government, just as the Lord delivered the children of Israel from 400 years of suffering bondage under King Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. We can overcome any attempt to suppress or prevent us from voting or counting our votes by voting in person. More than ever before, rather than voting by mail vote in person and check to make sure your vote was counted accurately.

Second, every Christian church and members should send signed petitions to our elected members of Congress telling them we will examine their voting records on issues such as human rights, voting rights, criminal justice reform, education reform, and income and investment equality reform, and that will determine who we will vote for in the 2022 and 2024 elections. We should make it abundantly clear to all candidates seeking election that we will not accept, nor will we tolerate any corruption of lies or misinformation of deception such as those that are broadcast hourly every day by Fox News, Tucker Carson, and others. Anyone, individual or group, who threatens you verbally or otherwise, you should immediately file Battery or Assault charges to law enforcement so that they can be charged, jailed, and fined because these are crimes that these people commit across this nation every day and they must be held accountable.

The Lufkin NAACP Branch, U.S. Department of Education-Civil Rights division and Texas Education Agency are currently investigating the Lufkin Independent School District for employment discrimination and discrimination against Black students for misuse of State and Federal funds. These funds that should have been spent for tutoring and other programs designed to help Black students and other minorities, but due to lack of appropriate use has caused Afro-American students to score last in Math, English, Science, Reading, Writing and History according to the TEA score card for all races of students enrolled at LISD.

Your help and support for democracy, freedom, justice, and equality for all must begin at the school, city and county elections which form the basis for state and federal election issues that we faced today. Remember those who have paved the road for us with arduous work and the thousands who risk or gave their lives. Do not let rules and regulations stop you from casting your vote!