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PRESS RELEASE

“Pursuing Diversity, Reaching the Next Generation of Civil Rights Leaders”

We are pleased to announce the San Francisco Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will celebrate its 94th Annual Freedom Fund Gala on Saturday, November 19, 2016. This event will take place at the **Hilton San Francisco Union Square** ~ 333 O’Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102; Reception 6:00 PM, Program and Dinner 7:00-10:00 PM.

Our dynamic keynote speaker for the evening will be the world renowned, **Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II**, who delivered a powerful speech at the Democratic National Convention in July. He also, serves as **President of North Carolina State NAACP Conference, National NAACP Director** and recipient of the **2016 SF NAACP Presidential Medal of Honor Award**. The San Francisco NAACP Branch is extremely proud to honor noted local giants; **Mr. Kofi Bonner**, Regional President, FivePoint (**SF NAACP Legacy Award**), **Mr. Colin Kaepernick**, SF 49ers (**SF NAACP Civil Rights Advocacy Award**), **Ms. Brenda Wright**, Senior Vice President, Manager of Community Relations West, Wells Fargo Bank (**SF NAACP Corporate Award**), **Ms. Kimberly J. Brandon**, Senior Vice President, Wealth Management, Morgan Stanley (**SF NAACP Business and Professional Award**), **Ms. Emily Wade-Thompson**, Supervisor, Family and Community Engagement, San Francisco Unified School District and President of San Francisco Alliance of Black School Educators (**SF NAACP Education Award**). **Shawn M. Richard**, *Brothers Against Guns* (**SF NAACP Community Activist Award**) and **Tsia Nicole Blacksher**, *Black Student Union, Co-President – Lowell High School* (**SF NAACP Youth Award**).

The San Francisco NAACP Branch continues to fight to protect our communities involving issues of injustice, equality, and safe communities while promoting respect of others, and embracing our diversity within each community. The Branch’s highlights include:

- The retention of the Affordable Housing in San Francisco
- Having law enforcement agencies provide diversity training for their officers
- Advocating for body cameras on all of our law enforcement officers
- Reduction in the rate of incarceration of minorities
- Advocating for closing the achievement gap in the San Francisco Unified School District
- Having broader opportunities for youth training and employment
- Continued dialogue with Health Agencies to engage the community in addressing health disparities in the minority population

Dr. Amos C. Brown, President, San Francisco NAACP Branch

Tickets may be reserved for this celebratory event by contacting Ruth Mays at 415-922-0650 or Cassie Cook at 415-749-2207. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1500 a table of ten (10).

With a new year and new beginnings, we welcome you to become a member of the San Francisco NAACP Branch, visit us at www.sfnaacp.org. or email the Branch at: naacpsfbr@att.net.

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