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**Detroit Branch NAACP to Host George W. Crockett, Jr. Community Law School
Community Law Series Will Provide Keys To Understanding the Legal System**

(DETROIT – September 28, 2022) The Detroit Branch NAACP, led by its Legal Redress Committee, will host its annual George W. Crockett, Jr. Community Law School. The community law school is free, open to the public and will be held the first four Saturdays in October. The purpose of the community law school is to provide a basic knowledge of the legal system so attendees will be empowered. The first session features U.S. District Attorney of Eastern Michigan Dawn Ison; Chief Justice of the 36th District Court William McConico; Attorneys Ayanna Alcendor and Jehan Crump-Gibson from the Great Lakes Legal Group.

The first three sessions (October 1, 8 & 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) will offer attendees an option of attending in-person – at Wayne County Community College, Curtis L. Ivery Downton Campus, located at 1001 W. Fort St.; or virtually via Zoom. The final session on October 22 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., will be in-person at the Detroit Branch NAACP office, located at 8220 2nd Avenue and virtual as well.

“Our hope is that the George W. Crockett, Jr. Community Law School will help demystify the legal system for all those in attendance,” said Chui Karega, General Counsel, Detroit Branch NAACP. “We are going to break down the legal system, its structures, and the problems facing the community. We hope at the conclusion that the attendees will come away with keys to understanding and a desire to help provide solutions that aid the community.”

Through the support of the Kresge Foundation’s Racial Equity Grant, the Crockett Community Law School is back for its second year. Additional sessions will focus on Reproductive Rights, Criminal, Employment, Gun, and Marijuana Laws, and Fair Housing. For those attending in-person free parking and refreshments will be provided. All attendees must register by visiting detroitnaacp.org. The sessions will also stream live on the Detroit Branch NAACP’s [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

“We are honored to see that our support of the Detroit Branch NAACP links us to this program undergirding the strength of our civil society and to the name of civil rights titan George Crockett,” said Wendy Lewis Jackson, managing director of Kresge’s Detroit Program.

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George W. Crockett, Jr. is a former U.S. House of Representative, Judge and Attorney from Michigan. Crockett was a leader in the community and a history maker. He is cited as having a “solid civil rights record,” and believing that “African-American judges should be *the conscience of the judiciary.*”

The Detroit Branch NAACP is the largest Branch in the Association. For more information, please visit detroitnaacp.org.

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