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## **OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT**

### **THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE DETROIT CITY CHARTER**

**DETROIT** – The NAACP has long since its inception believed in the fundamental right to vote. It is one of the pillars on which the organization stands. In that spirit, the Detroit Branch NAACP must oppose any attempt which may directly or indirectly impede, negate, or eliminate the right of the people to cast their vote and exercise their constitutional rights.

After nearly three years and hundreds of proposed revisions from the community, the Charter Commission has completed its work. The Wayne County Circuit Court has recently ruled that the question of the revision of the Detroit City Charter cannot be properly placed on the August 3, 2021 ballot due to the Governor's non-approval of the ballot measure. The matter is now before the Michigan Court of Appeals, pending a possible final decision of the Michigan Supreme Court.

We are aware that there are certain provisions included in the charter which raise questions of legality. Our support of the right to vote is to be distinguished from any support for or lack thereof of the merits of the proposed charter revisions. We believe that the people of Detroit should have the opportunity to vote on the proposed revisions or maintain the current status of the Detroit City Charter.

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