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NAACP Calls for Reform, Accountability in Indianapolis Organizations

INDIANAPOLIS — February 16, 2021 — Chrystal Ratcliffe, President of the Greater Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP, issued the following statement today in response to recent events involving Newfields museum's job posting:

“As one of the nation's oldest civil rights organizations, we continuously advocate for diversity of thought and expression in all artistic mediums to showcase the uniqueness of a multicultural world. However, these instances illustrate systemic issues are still prevalent at many organizations in our city. The time is overdue for organizations to have uncomfortable but necessary conversations while reviewing their practices and policies, and then create a plan with accountable remedies to eliminate systemic racism through not only their words, but their actions.”

“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr., from his March 22, 1964, speech in St. Louis

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About NAACP: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.