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CCNAACP Charter Statement of Political Neutrality

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The Charles County NAACP (CCNAACP) presents its position concerning the upcoming vote on transitioning the Charles County, MD, government from its current form of code home rule to a charter government. It is crucial to emphasize that the CCNAACP maintains a neutral stance on this matter, neither endorsing nor opposing the change. Our mission focuses on fostering relationships, coalitions, and partnerships with both elected and non-elected officials to ensure that all laws, policies, and procedures equally protect every citizen, without favoring any political candidates, parties, or platforms.

As an organization committed to civil rights and social justice, the CCNAACP encourages all Charles County residents to become well-informed about the distinct characteristics of both the code home rule under the Commissioners' leadership and a charter government system, which would be led to a County Executive and a separate Council. Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of each form of government is essential for making an educated decision in the upcoming vote.

For additional information regarding the benefits of the current code home rule structure, citizens are encouraged to reach out to their local Charles County Commissioners. For additional information regarding the proposed charter government, citizens are encouraged to engage the members of the Charter Board at CharterBoard@CharlesCountyMD.gov.

While the CCNAACP's advocacy efforts do not extend to endorsing a particular form of government for Charles County, we are firmly rooted in ensuring that the voices of Charles County's citizens are adequately represented and heard throughout the voting process.

CCNAACP President Dyotha Sweat states, "The CCNAACP strongly encourages voters to thoroughly educate themselves on the upcoming governmental structure vote and to vote in the November election. As the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent on things that matter."

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. You can read more about the NAACP's work and our six "Game Changer" issue areas by visiting NAACP.org.