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**SAN JOSE/SILICON VALLEY NAACP
SETS NATIONAL POLICY ON RACE ISSUES**

Houston - Today during the National Convention of the NAACP, in Houston Texas, the convention delegates unanimously approved two policy resolutions authored by the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP.

The first resolution was a resolution which ensured that the NAACP would have a strong policy position to always oppose initiatives which would restrict public agencies and other government bodies from collecting racial demographic data. This comes on the heels of Ward Connerly's failed attempt to place his initiative on the November 2002 ballot to ban the collection of racial data. Mr. Connerly is expected to try to place another initiative on the ballot in March of 2004.

San Jose/Silicon Valley Branch President Rick Callender, who is a member of the National NAACP's powerful policy setting Resolutions Committee, said "As long as race counts in society we will have to continue to count race. Not being able to collect racial demographic data would blind all of our communities from knowing, being able to solve, or understanding disparities in education, contracting and racial profiling."

The second resolution supported by the convention delegates was a resolution supporting HR 2833: The Vietnam Human Rights Act.

Callender said, "If we were to ignore civil rights violations in Vietnam, is just as bad as us ignoring them in our own back yard. The NAACP recognizes that our Vietnamese brothers and sisters need our support."

In other actions the convention approved a emergency resolution calling for the suspension of the police officers and a FBI investigation into the recent beating of the 16 year old child by the Inglewood, CA police officers.

The NAACP convention ends on July 11, 2001.

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