

# AL NAACP NEWS

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### ALABAMA NAACP STATEMENT ON U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL PICK

Alabama NAACP State Conference issued the following statement regarding President-Elect Trump's pick for Attorney General.

"The selection of Senator Jeff Sessions, R- Ala., for the position of U.S. Attorney General can be seen an attempt to normalize racism, and hate in America. It is by all accounts a strategic move. As with the selection of Steve Bannon, as the Chief Strategist to the White House, to not only make 'America Great Again', but it is a deliberate attempt to make America White Again, by choosing all white males to his cabinet, who consistently speak with a resounding tongue of divisive rhetoric and displays a lack of diversity to President Elect Trump Cabinet. The selection of Jeff Sessions is a deliberate attempt to undo all of President Obama's policies of inclusiveness and diversity. Loretta Lynch, the current U. S. Attorney General, is the first African American woman to hold this position. She is the 2<sup>nd</sup> African American, the 2<sup>nd</sup> woman, but the 1<sup>st</sup> African American woman.

Since Senator Jeff Sessions as a U.S Attorney in Alabama, he has been defined by his racially insensitive remarks against African Americans. President Ronald Reagan nominated Sessions in 1986 for a federal judge appointment, but that appointment later crumbled. Sessions was questioned and denied confirmation by a Judiciary Committee hearing after those racists reports surfaced. Although his appointment was denied, he was later elected in 1996 to the US Senate succeeding retiring Democrat Howell Heflin.

Jeff Sessions has praised and held the KKK in high regard, until he learned they smoked marijuana. Sessions also commented on groups like the NAACP and ACLU as being "unamerican and communist inspired. That the NAACP and other groups do more harm than good and force civil rights down the throats of people who are trying to put problems behind them."

"This is deeply troubling to empower a person who believes in White Supremacy. Sessions has blatantly and largely ignored decades of complaints and fears of people who live in his

district of Dothan Alabama. We've heard people say 'they want their country back.' This is not white people's country or black people's country; this is our country. We all live here and the highest degree of respect and representation should originate from the White House.

President Elect Donald Trump selections are a constant reminder that his Administration will be Anti-Obama, Anti-Semitic, Anti-African American, Anti-Muslin, Anti-woman, Anti-Civil Rights, and Anti-Human Rights. It will no doubt take this country back to a Jim Crowe era where whites ruled, where people of color were never seen as equals and lived in fear. It is no wonder that President Elect Trump's appointments are drawing praise from the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and other white nationalists' groups."

Many Historical Black Colleges (HBCU's) have made complaints to the U.S. Attorney's Office regarding Sessions' disparaging racial remarks towards them. Gerald Hebert, a former Justice Department Lawyer, found it alarming that president-elect Trump would offer such a high-powered Cabinet position to someone like Senator Jeff Sessions, who has never even apologized for his loose tongue.