

# AL NAACP NEWS

## Alabama State Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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### **ALABAMA NAACP MARKS 53<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 WITH A PANEL DISCUSSION ON MIDTERM ELECTION AND KAVANUAGH APPOINTMENT**

(Birmingham, AL) The **Alabama State Conference of the NAACP** (AL NAACP) will mark the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6 PM at the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Birmingham, 1500 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, AL.

"Even though the Voting Rights Act was signed in 1965, we are still fighting on all fronts today to ensure that there is equality and access to the ballot," said Benard Simelton, President of the Alabama NAACP. "We are taking this fight to the digital platforms. We would like to encourage all of our NAACP Units and members to join us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram this weekend and on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Engage with the hash tags #VRA53 and #VRAToday," added Simelton.

The panel will discuss what's at stake in the 2018 midterm elections and why it is important to turn out in large numbers on November 6, 2018. The panel will also engage in a discussion concerning SCOTUS nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh and what's at stake if he is confirmed.

Panel members will include; Judge Myron Thompson, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, Eva Kendrick, Sara Portillo, T. Marie King, and Damion White.

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