

## Weekly News Recap



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**The Washington Post:** [NAACP asks court to block new Texas congressional map](#)

The nation's largest civil rights organization argues the newly redrawn boundary lines, which the Texas state legislature voted to adopt last week, are "racially motivated." ... "It's quite obvious that Texas's effort to redistrict mid-decade, before next year's midterm elections, is racially motivated. The state's intent here is to reduce the members of Congress who represent Black communities, and that, in and of itself, is unconstitutional," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement to The Washington Post.

**ABC News:** [NAACP files lawsuit against Texas for new congressional map, saying it discriminates against voters of color](#)

A lawsuit was filed against Texas by the NAACP over [the new congressional map](#) that recently passed through the state legislature, arguing that it discriminates against voters of color and violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**CBS News:** [Texas redistricting maps are racially biased, civil rights advocates claim in lawsuit](#)

"The state of Texas is only 40% white, but white voters control over 73% of the state's congressional seats," Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP, said in a statement. "It's quite obvious that Texas's effort to redistrict mid-decade, before next year's midterm elections, is racially motivated. The state's intent here is to reduce the members of Congress who represent Black communities, and that, in and of itself, is unconstitutional."

**The Contrarian:** [Leon W. Russell on the intersection of civil rights and workers' rights](#)

Chairman of the NAACP Board Leon W. Russell joins April Ryan to discuss Black leaders in the labor movement, why the Trump administration's attack against "DEI" initiatives are only about racism, and how young people in the movement have more power than they think.

**COURIER:** [NAACP sues Texas for violating the Voting Rights Act with racist gerrymandering](#)

The NAACP is suing Texas.

**Associated Press:** [Texas election map for 2026 is racially biased, voting-rights advocates say in lawsuit](#)

The NAACP and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed the lawsuit in Texas.

**The Guardian:** [NAACP sues Texas over congressional redistricting, saying it strips Black voters of political power](#)

Texas's redrawn congressional maps have drawn a lawsuit from the NAACP, accusing the state of committing a racial gerrymander with its maps that strip Black voters of their political power.

**The Hill:** [Civil rights groups file lawsuit to halt new Texas map](#)

The lawsuit alleges that Texas racially gerrymandered their map in such a way that it blocks Black voters from being able to elect their picks for office.

**Reuters:** [NAACP sues Texas over redrawn congressional map, calling it discriminatory](#)

The NAACP and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law on Tuesday sued Texas over its congressional map that was redrawn at the behest of President Donald Trump, arguing it dilutes the power of Black voters and other minorities.

**CBS News:** [NAACP sues over Texas congressional maps](#)

VIDEO: The NAACP is suing to block Texas' new congressional maps. The organization argues the maps, passed by Republicans in an effort to gain as many as five more House seats in 2026, discriminate on racial grounds.

**UPI:** [NAACP sues Texas over new maps, calling them racially gerrymandered](#)

The nation's largest civil rights organization filed [the motion](#) Tuesday seeking a preliminary injunction against the new maps in ongoing litigation in a 2021 case it filed against Texas over its previously drawn maps, which it said "intentionally diluted the votes of Black Texans and other Texans of color."

**The Independent:** [Civil rights group sues to block new Texas congressional map: 'intentionally harmful and discriminatory'](#)

The NAACP filed a lawsuit in Texas on Tuesday, accusing the state of engaging in racial gerrymandering. The civil rights group claims the new map violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by disenfranchising Black voters.

**NBC News:** [NAACP sues over Republican-drawn electoral maps in Texas](#)

The NAACP has also urged blue states like California and New York to begin redistricting to counter the new maps in Texas.

**Washington Examiner:** [Civil rights groups including NAACP sue Texas to halt new congressional map](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson believes it is "quite obvious" that the mid-decade redistricting effort is "racially motivated."

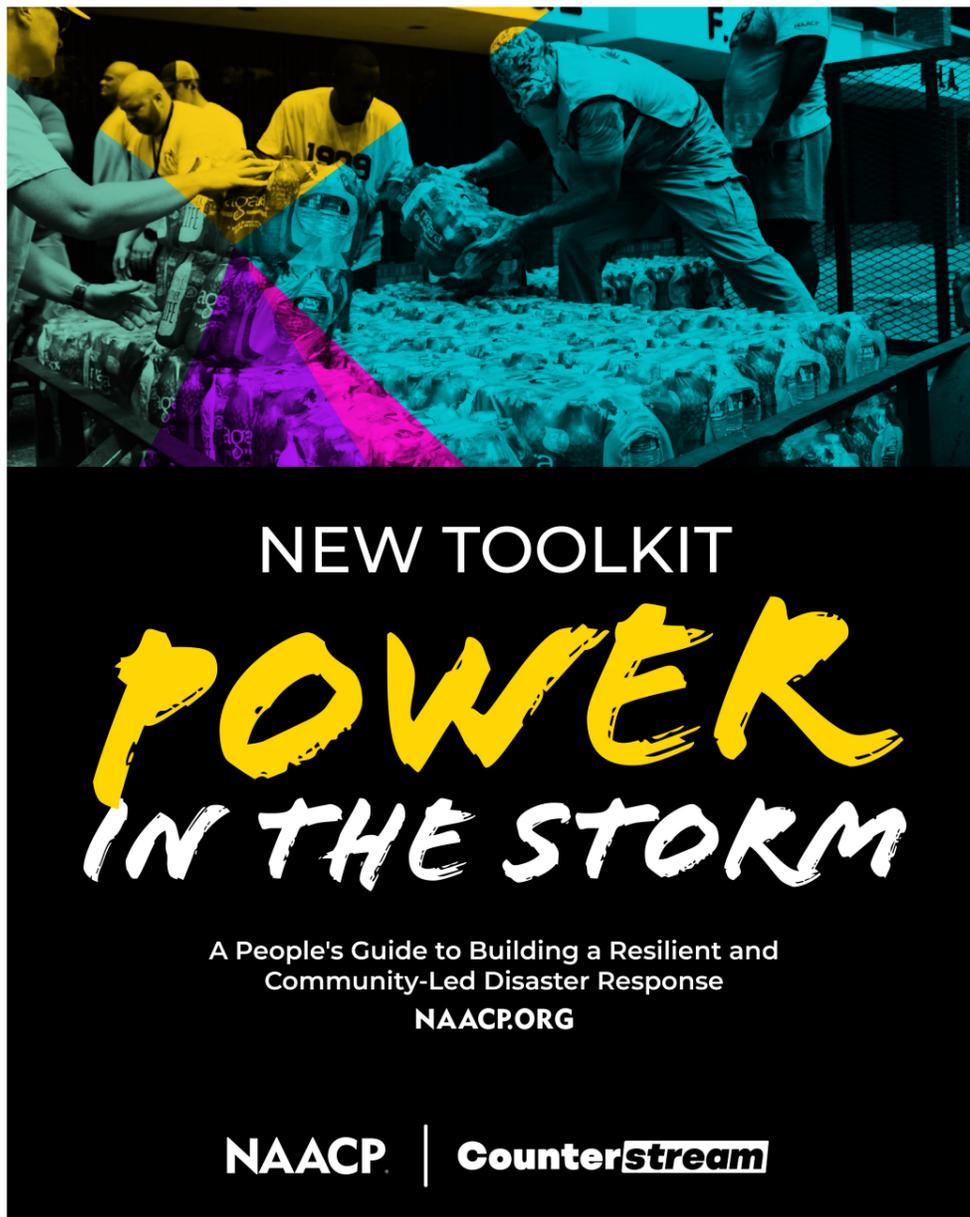
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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Coalition of Civic & Policy Orgs Condemn Trump's Attempt to Dismiss Federal Reserve Governor Dr. Lisa D. Cook](#)
- [Breaking: NAACP, Lawyers Committee Sue Texas Over Racially Discriminatory Electoral Map, Violation of Voting Rights Act](#)
- [NAACP to Honor 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Plans to Release New Disaster Resilience Toolkit](#)
- [NAACP, ECJ Advocates Host Press Conference to Call on Big Tech to Clean up Dirty Data Centers](#)
- [NAACP Applauds Texas Lawmakers for Protecting Voters and Defending Democracy. Calls on Lawmakers Across the Country to Follow Suit](#)
- [The Culture Shelf: Be a Revolution](#)
- [Hurricane Katrina: My Story, My Shift](#)

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## POWER IN THE STORM



As frontline communities continue to face stronger and more frequent climate-related disasters, the urgency for action and locally led actions is now. Federal resources, including those from FEMA, are shrinking just as the scale of disasters grows, leaving many Black, Latine, Indigenous, and other frontline communities at disproportionate risk of catastrophic harm.

"[Power in the Storm](#)" is designed to meet this moment. This toolkit equips NAACP members and partners with the knowledge, strategies, and organizing tools needed to build resilience, demand equity in disaster response, and hold all levels of government accountable. The future of disaster resilience depends on communities leading the way, and this toolkit ensures that our members are not only ready to respond, but also have the resiliency training to lead next steps.

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**LABOR ACTION WEEK**

# THE FIERCE URGENCY OF LABOR

Join the NAACP and national labor leaders to discuss the urgent issues impacting the workforce. We'll unpack Black women and unemployment, federal workers, immigration, and more.

Thursday, September 4 | 7 p.m. ET



Derrick Johnson  
President and CEO  
NAACP



Robin Williams  
Labor Committee Chair  
NAACP National Board of Directors



Claude Cummings  
President  
CWA



Julie Collier  
Chief of Staff  
AFL-CIO



Donna Mitchell  
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Moderator:  
Jamal Watkins  
SVP, Strategy and Advancement  
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This Labor Day weekend, we honor the contributions of workers while recognizing the ongoing fight for economic justice. For over a century, the NAACP has led efforts to secure fair wages, challenge discriminatory practices, and close the racial wealth gap.

Next week, don't miss "The Fierce Urgency of Labor" during NAACP's [Labor Action Week](#) (September 1-5) as we highlight and address critical issues impacting working people.

**When:** September 4 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** [Zoom](#)

**Who:**

- Derrick Johnson, President and CEO, NAACP
- Jamal Watkins, SVP of Strategy and Advancement, NAACP
- Robin Williams, National Labor Committee Chair, NAACP
- Claude Cummings, President, CWA
- Julie Collier, Chief of Staff, AFL-CIO
- Donna Mitchell, Director of Community & Partner Engagement, LiUNA

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**FIERCE ADVOCACY IN ACTION TOWN HALLS**



Join the NAACP for the [Fierce Advocacy in Action Town Halls](#), a series rooted in Black resistance and grounded in the NAACP's vision for political accountability and justice today.

In cities across the country, we'll tackle urgent issues like healthcare, education, food access, and environmental justice.

Together, we'll amplify local voices, demand accountability from leaders, and build momentum for the 2026 midterm elections.

[Register now for an event coming to a city near you and stay tuned as more dates will be announced soon.](#)

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**PROTECT OUR VOTING RIGHTS**

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Every voice matters. Every vote counts. But without strong protections in place, access to fair voting is at risk for millions across our nation.

We need lawmakers to advance the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) (JLVRAA), recently reintroduced by Senators Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and Dick Durbin (D-IL). Named after civil rights icon John Lewis, this critical piece of legislation was designed to restore and strengthen protections against voter discrimination that were eroded by the Supreme Court in 2013.

[Read more and join us in urging Congress to pass this critical piece of legislation.](#)

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