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**Resolution of Support**

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution ---- the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens.

This is the first of 6 objectives. The Lee County Branch of the NAACP, Unit 5110 does not believe this basic tenet is being met by the current structure of electing county commissioners in Lee County.

The current system of at-large commissioners assures that all commissioners are elected by voters outside "their" district. Only 20% of voters reside in each district, 80% of voters are outside the district. Political equality requires representatives to be elected by citizens they are designated to represent.

Equality of representation is not possible with at-large commissioners. At-large commissioners guarantee no one has the responsibility to represent any of the many diverse parts of Lee County.

The Jim Crow Laws, that spawned the change for Lee County from single member districts to at-large commissioners, should be overturned in this age of racial equality. All Florida counties in excess of 500,000 population, and many smaller counties, have abandoned the strictly at-large commissioner form of government, except Lee County. In part, this helped lead to the statement a few years ago, as reported in the News-Press, that Lee County remained the most segregated county.

The objectives and mission of the NAACP are best accomplished by single member commission districts.

The executive committee and membership of the Lee County Branch, Unit 5110 of the NAACP support an amendment to the Lee County Charter to return Lee County to single member districts as the best form of county government to provide political equality for the citizens of Lee County.

Signed,

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