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Dear Evanston/North Shore NAACP Family and Friends,

I hope these words find you well as we all encounter this frigid, icy wintery blast of weather in the first days of February. As cold as it is outside, we should all feel some respite and comfort since our last website communication.

After the debacle of a treasonous insurrection took place January 6th, our nation has forged ahead with the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. We have also forged ahead with the second impeachment trial of Donald Trump. We are forging ahead regarding critical replacements of Trump appointed federal judges, with new judges appointed by the Biden-Harris team. Under this administration our nation is being led by brilliant, resilient leaders with proven track records;

General Lloyd Austin, Secretary of Defense
Adele Adeyemo, Deputy Treasury Secretary
Marcia Fudge, Department of Housing and Urban Development
Joelle Gamble, National Economic Council
Michael Regan, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency
Linda Thomas Greenfield, Ambassador to the United Nations
Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith, Co Chair of the White House Coronavirus Task Force
Jamie Harris, Chair of the Democratic National Convention
Keisha Lance Bottoms, Co-Chair of the Democratic National Convention
Susan Rice, White House Domestic Policy Council Advisor

There are many more Black men and women in other strategic roles and positions in the current administration. In addition, the first Native American, Puerto Rican and openly gay person have been named to cabinet positions. There is no question this signals a brand new day on the landscape of the United States of America. So much of what was repressed in four years prior, and even four hundred years prior, has now been unshackled. The genius, creativity, excellence and leadership of our rainbow nation, will now shine for the world to see.

In as much as there is cause for celebration, there is an equal amount of cause for careful concern. All of us are keenly aware that a large percent of people in our nation are unhappy with the powerful inclusivity that is now at the highest levels of our nation's government. There are people from January 6th's insurrection and an "invisible" number of supporters of that insurrection, who do not want to see President Biden and Vice President Harris succeed. They do not want to see black and brown appointees to cabinet level positions succeed. They do not want to see the walls of division the former administration constructed, come down. They do not want to see olive branches extended in favor of peace. These people thrive on chaos and confusion. They thrive on manipulating the sensitivities and emotions of people. Most of all, they almost live and breathe for a bygone era of white male domination, racism and a Neanderthal falsity of white supremacy.

Make no mistake about it, the brutal and manipulative brainwashing of masses of Americans by these power brokers of white supremacy, is as heinous as it is evil. People remain stunned by the loss of #45 to President Biden. It has crushed their understanding of the world. In fact, for many it has compelled them to rethink how God works in human history. The great bamboozling tyranny of wrong and injustice was handed a crushing blow. The sinister curtains obstructing a clear view of the carnage of hubris and avarice, have been drawn. Of course, there

are two responses to such a bruising reality. One is utter denial and a continued preference to forge ahead on the same path of destruction. The other, is for you to slowly become roused from an inertia that caused you to walk on terrain clouded with fog. As the fog begins to lift and the light of day creates a tangible and visible picture of clarity, one sees life anew. It is my hope of course, that people choose the latter and not the former. However, history has recorded that many people will prefer to forge straight ahead to an obvious destruction, rather than do the hard work of seeing the light. Well, as the later singer Johnny Nash once sang, "I can see clearly now, the rain is gone. I can see all obstacles in my way. It's gonna be a bright, bright, sun shiny day." Not without its own problems, but we will be able to see. Not without its own failures, but we will be able to see. Not without its own issues, but we will be able to see.

It's a new day. Let's take a moment and revel in that reality with delight.

Signed by,
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