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## **MEDIA STATEMENT ON ELECTION COMMISSION LAWSUIT**

**Deidre Malone, President,  
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**The NAACP Memphis Branch Executive Committee and General Membership are taking a position against the current inequitable practices of the Election Commission governing Shelby County.**

Attorney Alexander Wharton filed a complaint with Chancery Court today (July 6, 2018) on behalf of the NAACP Memphis Branch, Angela Barksdale, Tamara Hendrix, Dr. Noel Hutchinson, and Janice Frazier Scott asking for ***Injunctive Relief and Declaratory Judgement against the Shelby County Election Commission.***

- We are concerned about the limited number of early voting sites being opened in inner-city Memphis and the potential disenfranchisement of voters, specifically those who are already socioeconomically challenged.
- We have every intent to plead our case in court and ask that all early voting locations open on July 13, 2018 to give every voter interested in exercising their constitutional right to vote an opportunity to do so early at locations closer to homes or places of employment.

**“As the oldest civil rights organization in the United States, our focus has always been to protect the sanctity of the voters’ rights,” said Deidre Malone, President of the NAACP Memphis Branch. “In review of the current policies enacted by the Shelby County Election Commission, it is clear that there is a potential for disenfranchisement by not opening all voting sites early. Our lawsuit will hopefully remedy that concern and balance the opportunity for all Shelby Countians, regardless of race, socioeconomic status or political party, to make it to the polls without unnecessary barriers.”**

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