

# NLV COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROBINSON APPOINTED

North Las Vegas Councilman William E. Robinson will serve this year as a steering committee member of the Community and Economic Development Policy Committee of the National League of Cities.

Robinson's appointment was announced by NLC President Glenda E. Hood, city commissioner of Orlando, Florida. The committee, chaired this year by Council member Tom Godfrey of Salt Lake City, is one of NLC's five standing committees that develop policy positions on na-

tional issues involving municipal governments.

"We are very happy that William Robinson will be able to help lead the work of this important NLC committee in 1992," Commissioner Hood said. "This committee will have a lead role in representing municipal concerns as Congress works this year on re-authorizing the nation's housing and community development program, and the President's housing initiatives."

In addition, the committee will

be involved with developing policy recommendations on issues including small and minority business development, international free trade agreements, and reforms in the banking sector to help assure stability and responsiveness to community investment and credit needs.

The steering committees, made up of approximately 35 members from each policy committee, will hold several more meetings over the course of the year to review major issues and develop policy recommenda-

tions.

Their proposals will go to the full committees and then to the NLC membership at the annual Congress of Cities, held in November. Once approved by the League's membership, the NLC National Municipal Policy serves as the basis for the League's advocacy on behalf of all local governments.

The League, headquartered in Washington, is the nation's oldest and largest municipal organization, with a membership of more than 1,400 cities and



towns of all sizes. All of the nation's 49 state municipal associations also are members of NLC, making the League a na-

tional representative of more than 15,000 municipal governments throughout the United States.

## STATEMENT FROM DR. WILLIAM F. GIBSON, CHAIRMAN, NAACP, NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE DR. BENJAMIN LAWSON HOOKS' RETIREMENT



NAACP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. BENJAMIN HOOKS

Despite the many distortions by the recent article in the New York Times, and its dismal coverage, which was carried by other media of the 83rd NAACP Annual Meeting, recently held February 13-15 in New York City, the NAACP continues with a strong civil rights agenda. The following facts should clarify any

confusion over the allegedly turbulent meeting.

The National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has approved an extension of the contract for the Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks. Dr. Hooks will serve as the Executive Director of the nation's old-

est civil rights organization through April 1, 1993.

The contract also provides for a one year extension, if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

The contract was approved by the NAACP National Board of

Directors on Saturday, February 15, 1992.

This contract was adopted after several months of negotiations by a subcommittee of the Board and Dr. Hooks. The previous contract was approved in 1987 and expired at the end of

### BILBRAY PRAISES DR. CARTER WOODSON ON FLOOR OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman Jim Bilbray reminded members of the House of Representatives about the writings of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and how they led to the establishment of Black History Month.

The Congressional Record shows that Bilbray credited Woodson with the creation of Black History Month saying, "Dr. Woodson's contribution to American life and letter is enormous. The author of many scholarly books, his work has given us insights into how the African-American experience enriched American history. Dr. Woodson's work has service to shape our understanding of the American experience. The culture and experience of African Americans is intertwined with our culture and identity as Americans."

Bilbray pointed to the fact that "In order to comprehend the contributions and achievements of African Americans, informa-

tion on the black experience in the United States had to be published. Dr. Woodson's most popular work, 'The Negro in Our History,' was published in 1922. Hitherto, the true facts of the African American contributions to the discovery, pioneering, and development of the United States had not been adequately presented in the textbooks, media, and films.

"Born of ex-slaves in the year 1875, 10 year after the Civil War, Dr. Woodson embodies so much of the courage and dignity at the heart of the African American experience in the New World.

"Self taught until the age of 17, he earned his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1912. He was an educator. His mission was to study and disseminate knowledge on African American history. Understanding and appreciating the African American experience not only enriches our national life, but it reminds all Americans of their ethnic roots

1991. The subcommittee requested that Dr. Hooks give the Board a two year contract, with a one year optional extension; however, Dr. Hooks insisted on a one year term.

We are very proud of the work that Dr. Hooks has done

and the uniqueness of the great American experience: the nurturing of mutual respect for differing traditions and backgrounds."

Bilbray concluded saying, "By offering the world and understanding of the richness of the African Americans history and culture, Dr. Woodson paved the way for generations of African-Americans in the realms of government and community service, civil rights, arts, education, science, business, sports, and entertainment."

Earlier in Black History month Bilbray recognized the work of 3 Nevada African-Americans: District Judge Addeilar "Dell" Guy, Mrs. Daisy L. Miller, Assistant Principal at R.O. Gibson Junior High School and Deputy Director of the Minority Business Development Agency, Dr. Bob Bailey.

over the past 15 years, and we look forward to his continuing leadership during the next year. This current arrangement allows for an orderly transition and provides the association an opportunity to establish a search committee.

Despite the white newspaper's perpetration of turbulence at our National Board Meeting, we wish to place the election and several other items in perspective.

The Board certified the results of the Annual Election of Directors-at-Large, which was conducted nationally during the month of December.

Each year the association elects seven members at large for a term of three years. Each of the 1,800 or more units of the association determines the outcome of this election. Individual branch votes are weighted (electoral method) according to the total membership of the branch.

### IN GOD WE TRUST

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Satan as the origin of temptation, deception and sin as opposing forces to God's will for us. His forces are disguised in ways that appeal to self in order to entrap those who can be enticed. In a society of individualism, truths can easily be distorted with selfish motives as greed, illicitness and violence against the mind and body. For what does Satan care? As black people in America, we are so often the victims of black-on-black crime and other iniquities against ourselves, that it must grieve God when we choose to reject His offer of pardon and redemption.

For those of us who want salvation, we also need to share the gospel story with black brothers and sisters who may not realize God's love for them. It is not too late for them or us to experience the higher freedoms of Bible truths, for we are told in John 16:13 that when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. Our responsibility is first to receive the truth in our lives and then to pass it on, to others who can know its meaning for themselves. Someone gave His life for us to help each other.

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