Drive eyes renewal of 1965 voting law

Special to Sentinel-Voice BALTIMORE (NNPA) -Representatives from several national organizations announced the goal of collecting one million signatures in a petition drive to encourage Congressional reauthorization of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

At a press conference convened in the nation's capital, Reverend Jesse Jackson, president of the Rainbow Push Coalition, discussed the petition as one of several strategies to ensure the reauthorization of the Act. "There will be three critical parts of the Voting Rights Act to expire in 2007 unless reauthorized by Congress," said Jackson. "We must be ever vigilant to protect our right to vote and not be swayed by media campaigns highlighting events that divert our attention from our mission."

Jackson was joined by, among others: Major L. Jemison, president, Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.; Barbara R. Arnwine, executive director, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Laura W. Murphy, legislative director, American Civil Liberties Union; Stephanie Jones of the National Urban League; Richard Womack, AFL-CIO; T.J. Michaels, Service Employees International Union; Brenda Girton-Mitchell, National Council of Churches; Julie Fernandes, senior policy analyst, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Olga Vivies, vice president, National Organization for Women; Merwyn Scott, government relations, National Education Association; and Tanya M. Clay, deputy director, People For the American Way.

"The coming together of these major civil and justice organizations shows we are not being passive on this issue. This is a great moment. The result will be preservation of the Voting Rights Act," said Jemison.

Jemison is leader of one of the four major Baptist denominations that came to-

gether in a joint meeting in January to signal to the nation their common cause and launch a call for action. Commitment to ensuring the 1965 Voting Rights Act was overwhelmingly accepted by the meeting's 14,000 partici-

Under the current Voting Rights Act provisions, Section 2 prohibits practices that deny or abridge the right to vote. It allows the attorney general or private plaintiffs to challenge discriminatory practices in areas of the country not covered by Section 5 of the act.

Additionally, it is the only statutory recourse to challenge discriminatory voting practices that were enacted in "covered" (Section 5) jurisdictions prior to 1965.

Section 5 is an administrative or court procedure barring practices that have the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right to votě. Section 5 has limited geographical coverage and does not cover practices in these "covered" areas that were enacted prior to November 1, 1964.

Under Section 203 of the act, a community comprised of one of the four covered language minority groups will qualify for bilingual voting assistance if more than five percent of the votingage citizen population in a jurisdiction belongs to a single-language minority community and has limited English proficiency. A community also qualifies where more than 10,000 voting-age citizens in a jurisdiction belong to a single-language minority community and are limited English proficient, and the illiteracy rate of the citizens in the language minority group is higher than the national illiteracy rate.

Attendees at the conference made a call to defenders of civil rights. "Unless we want to go back to the old days when we were not allowed to vote because of our gender, race, culture and spoken language, this law must stay intact," said Murphy.

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natural relationship that God structured for men and women," he preached. "Women today don't really need men." The wife, in effect, has become the man of the house, he lamented. "They have to work to maintain their children and also the men that are in their lives. That's really a change - a man at home watching (soap operas) 'As The World Turns,' changing diapers waiting for his working wife to come home. What we have to do is turn this around, so that as men, we can find our place in life, and women, their place (so that) we complement each other rather than become antagonists."

Maynard Eaton writes for the Atlanta Voice

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FY 2005 **EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL** JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) APPLICATION PACKET AVAILABILITY

It is expected that Clark County will be receiving from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance \$1,156,066 in Fiscal Year 2005 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds to provide agencies with flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed. These monies may be used by units of local government and nonprofit agencies served by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on the needs and conditions according to the six purpose areas. Application packets will be available Friday, April 1, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the Clark County Community Resources Management Division, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 5th floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. If you need further information, please contact Mr. Maurice L. Reid at (702) 455-5025. The deadline for submitting applications is Noon, Friday, April 22, 2005. Published Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice - March 31, 2005

NOTICE

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR RESIDENT APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

0A vacancy exists on the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas HACLV Board of Commissioners that will be filled by a resident of HACLV Conventional Public Housing Developments including Scattered Sites Houses or a participant of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program residing within the City limits of Las Vegas. A list of at least five (5) eligible Conventional Public Housing Program residents and/or Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program participants as nominated by the Resident Commissioner Interview Panel will be presented to the appointing authority, the Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, for selection and appointment to the vacant position to fill an unexpired term. Subsequent Resident Commissioner appointments will be for four (4) year terms.

Interested residents of HACLV Conventional Public Housing Program, including Scattered Sites Houses and/or Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Participants, seeking nomination of this appointment must appear before a Resident Commissioner Interview Panel comprised of Certified Resident Council Officers and/or Resident Advisory Board (RAB) members. Residents seeking nomination will be asked to state the reasons why he/she wishes to become a member of the HACLV Board of Commissioners, and to respond to questions regarding his/her interest and ability to serve in this capacity.

person will be considered eligible for nomination to the HACLV Board of Commissioners if he/she is: (a) 18 years of age or older; and (b) is a resident of HACLV Conventional Public Housing Program, including Scattered Sites Houses or a participant of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program residing within the City limits of Las Vegas; and (c) whose name is on the Lease Agreement; and (d) has not received formal notice (i.e. fourteen day notice of eviction from HACLV or a fiveday notice of eviction from his/her Section 8 Landlord) that eviction proceedings have been commenced against him/her and are presently pending at the time of nomination.

If you are interested in this appointment and you meet all eligibility requirements applications are available at the Howard Cannon Center, 340 N. 11th Street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Application form must be received and postmarked no later than April 15, 2005.

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