

Mitt Romney to Address 103rd NAACP Annual Convention in Houston this July

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(Washington, DC) – Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney will address the upcoming 103rd NAACP Annual Convention in Houston, TX. The convention will run from July 7 – July 12 at the George R. Brown Convention Center under the theme “Your Power, Your Decision – VOTE”.

“Every four years we invite the presidential candidates to address our convention, and we are delighted that Governor Romney has decided to join us,” stated NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. “Governor Romney will have the opportunity to speak to NAACP leaders from every state in the nation. We are proud to offer a forum to discuss the important issues of the day.”

“We are pleased that Governor Romney has decided to join us in Houston this summer,” stated NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous. “This election will be about how to provide the best future for all Americans, of every color and background. As America grows more diverse, we can choose to embrace that diversity or let it divide us. We look forward to an engaging conversation with Governor Romney about his vision for a more just society.”

Every presidential election cycle, the NAACP invites both the Republican and Democratic

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nominee for president to address the NAACP membership. In 2008, both Senator John McCain and then Senator Barack Obama spoke at the NAACP Annual Convention in Ohio.

During the convention, the NAACP will adopt a policy agenda that addresses the economic and social problems faced by communities of color. This year's convention will build on the Association's voter engagement and empowerment initiatives, with advocacy workshops on a myriad of vital issues, including civic engagement, health care, criminal justice, and climate justice. More information about the 103rd NAACP Annual Convention is available here: <http://www.naacp.org/pages/convention>.