

## President's Letter

I am honored to serve a second term as president of the Middlesex County NAACP. My first term was filled with “learning the ropes” and at the same time, blazing my own path based on my vision of the branch. We have accomplished a great deal together.

From establishing a young men's mentoring program to expanding our reach with our reading program. We've addressed healthcare issues within our community and supported women and children with basic needs.

Yet, some things have changed.

There is an assault on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) but if we are honest with ourselves DEIB goes further than words on a page. I've said this more than a few times, DEIB should be part of our DNA. It should be as natural as how we breathe and move in the world.

Complacency is as destructive as giving your support to someone whose values don't rise to the standards of a thriving community like ours. We deserve better. Change starts with us.

We can only do what we can do. But do something.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita", written in a cursive style.

*Anita Ford Saunders (she/her) | APR, President  
Middlesex County NAACP Branch, Unit 2018-B*