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Statement of the NAACP San Diego Branch Regarding the Nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court

On July 9, 2018, President Trump announced that he would nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court to fill the vacancy of retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. After thorough research and evaluation the NAACP opposed Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2005, and we oppose his nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court now.

As a judge on the US Court of Appeals, Mr. Kavanaugh has consistently demonstrated right wing extremist views, including his intense dislike for the Affordable Care Act (ACA, or "Obamacare"). In a case challenging the ACA, Kavanaugh wrote a dissenting opinion that would have kept alive a frivolous attack on the health care of millions of Americans. Furthermore, over and over again, Judge Kavanaugh has ruled against civil rights protections, workers' rights protections, consumer rights protections, and women's rights protections.

If Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court, we could see reversals of hard-won gains securing equal opportunity in areas including education, employment and housing, among others. We could see further exclusion of communities of color from full participation in our democracy. We could see racism continue to flourish within the criminal justice system. We could see the elimination of effective tools for proving discrimination and addressing it. We could see the overturning of guaranteed access to quality health care for millions of Americans. The rights of African Americans and all communities of color to fully participate in our democracy and in every facet of political, educational, social, and conomic life, on an equal basis, are on the line.

This nomination is too important to rush. This nomination should only be considered by the Senate elected by the American people in November, 2018, when they are fully aware of the stakes and after the 116th Congress is sworn in. The Court is meant to be an unbiased guardian of rights and liberties of all Americans. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist on the Supreme Court, not a divisive and biased ideologue who will further shake the public's faith in our nation's justice system. The constitutional process for appointing and confirming the next justice must be thoughtful, careful, deliberative, and conducted with well-informed bipartisan support. The Senate should not consider a nominee until a new Senate is seated next year, after the results of the midterm election are in place. This will fully allow the American people, those who will be most affected by the confirmation, to truly have a voice in the selection of the nominee.