

## **Inauguration Speech of Brenda Penn-Williams**

### **President of the Norwalk Branch NAACP**

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I would like to thank you for choosing me to represent you in the Norwalk Chapter of the NAACP. It is such an honor to be elected as your next president. I am humbled that you would place your faith and trust in me. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I will endeavor to represent you with the utmost transparency and boldness.

I would also like to thank all who worked to help me achieve this accomplishment. But most of all, thank you to the people for using your voice and your vote, to express your confidence in me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

As your president, I will work tirelessly to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority groups and to eliminate race prejudice. I will continue the fight to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through the democratic processes.

I will strive to have our diverseness celebrated as a people; working in collaboration, as opposed to separation, with public service agencies to ensure understanding, compassion and most of all justice. Lastly, it is my goal to educate and empower minority groups to promote self-sufficiency.

There is a need for a call to action regarding gentrification of our neighborhoods and I intend to answer that call. We, as minorities have been removed and displaced from our neighborhoods and from our homes and WE, the people must put an end to this cycle.

Education, unification, and amalgamation are key ingredients in empowering us as a people to no longer be pushed around, bullied, and tossed out like yesterday's trash! We have rights and we have a voice; it is my objective to be the voice of the people to put an end to this vicious cycle.

We have some monumental tasks ahead of us, however, with your continued support, I believe these tasks to be surmountable.

Again, thank you for the outpouring of love and more importantly entrusting me with the office of president of the Norwalk Chapter of the NAACP!