

NAACP SEATTLE KING COUNTY CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1913 - 2013

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Benjamin Jealous Joins Seattle King County NAACP for Centennial Celebration on November 2

SEATTLE – In one of his last public appearances before stepping down as president of the national NAACP, Benjamin Todd Jealous will speak at the <u>Centennial Celebration</u> of the Seattle King County NAACP on Nov. 2.

Jealous announced on Monday that he is leaving his position at the end of the year. He has been president of the national NAACP since 2008.

"We are honored to have Benjamin Jealous, president and CEO, join us as we celebrate 100 years of vigilance in Seattle and King County, and as we honor the phenomenal work of our past presidents and longest-serving committee members," said Cynthia Hobbs, chairwoman of the Centennial Committee.

The honorees include Lacy Steele, who served as president of the NAACP branch for 26 years, and retired King County Superior Court Judges Charles V. Johnson and Donald Haley. All three have been Seattle King County NAACP leaders for more than 50 years.

Bishop John Hurst Adams former president of the Central Area Committee on Civil Rights will also be a speaker on the program.

Since 1913 the Seattle King County NAACP has worked for civil rights and equality, and to end racial profiling and discrimination in housing, education, and employment.

The Centennial will be celebrated with a ceremony, dinner and dancing on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Double Tree Hilton–Airport. Tickets are \$100 and available by calling the NAACP office at (206) 324-6600 or at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/397395

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