



## **Bob Wallace Releases Statement on NAACP moving to DC from Baltimore**

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Baltimore, Maryland - Robert L. Wallace, Independent candidate for Baltimore mayor, released a statement on the NAACP's recent decision to move its headquarters from Baltimore to Washington, D.C.

*"I am disheartened by the announcement that the NAACP, the nation's largest and oldest civil rights group, is moving its headquarters from Baltimore to Washington, D.C.*

*Baltimore has long been a driving force in leading civil rights movements, which is evident today more than ever as our youth lead protests against police brutality and racial injustices.*

*I believe that the organization's mission and objectives would be best served by maintaining its headquarters in Baltimore. The organization's efforts to address the challenges confronting people of color could be done by tackling the educational, economic and social injustices in Baltimore and using it as a model for cities nationwide.*

*The NAACP's decision is preceded by several other major organizations and companies recently announcing plans to relocate their national headquarters from Baltimore to other cities. At a time when cities like Baltimore could benefit from investment and support from prolific organizations like the NAACP, it is disappointing to see them go.*

*As the next mayor of Baltimore, I would fight to save these institutions as part of the fabric of our city and would work to attract additional organizations and businesses to Baltimore."*

- Bob Wallace

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