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1. NAN 2022 Convention: A Tremendous Success

Civil Rights leader **Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network (NAN)** concluded its Annual National Convention in New York City last Saturday, with three priorities in advancing Dr. Martin Luther King's mission of a just, equitable United States. These represent the overall themes of the four-day convention, which ran from April 6th through April 9th and brought together more than a dozen members of the **Biden administration**, U.S. Congressional leadership, and key figures in business, labor, religion, criminal justice, and the Black church.

“After four inspiring days of discussions, meetings, and reflection, it’s again time for the National Action Network to live up to its name,” said Reverend Sharpton, who outlined an ambitious agenda for the remainder of 2022. “We must now protect the right to vote, reform our criminal justice system so people don’t live in fear of both crime and the police, and make sure companies actually live up to their commitments to social justice. I thank the dozens of speakers, panelists, and honorees for moving this conversation forward. It’s now time to act.”

Following the Annual National Convention, NAN will continue to prioritize the following areas:

Voting Rights Protection:

Several panels and plenary addresses focused on the growing threat to voting rights across the United States. Nineteen states have enacted legislation that scales back the ability to vote, with the goal of further marginalizing Black and Browns at the ballot box. NAN will have boots on the ground to ensure that no person loses this hard-fought right or the voice that it gives them. NAN will simultaneously push Congress to finally pass the **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**. The bill would restore and

embolden the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, which has been repeatedly gutted by the U.S. Supreme Court. At the same time, Rev. Sharpton and NAN will continue urging President Biden to issue a new executive order that further protects the right to vote.

Criminal Justice Reform:

The NAN Annual Convention hosted discussions that featured the Mothers of the Movement; **Benjamin Crump**, America's Trial Attorney for Justice; **Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner**; and **all five District Attorneys in New York City**. Each spoke for the need to balance public safety with serious police accountability.

Moving forward, NAN will build upon these discussions to ensure that public safety is improved by building up Black and Brown communities — not simply deploying more law enforcement officers to over police these neighborhoods. NAN will advocate to end no-knock warrants, which have resulted in the unjust police killings of **Breonna Taylor and Amir Locke**. This bears special significance as Minnesota prosecutors announced, just moments before a NAN panel featuring Locke's mother, that they would not criminally charge the police officer who killed the 22-year-old during a February no-knock raid, of which he was not the target.

NAN will advocate for Congress to finally pass the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act** first introduced last year. This legislation would become the litmus test for future policing with greater accountability in instances of misconduct, racial bias, and excessive force.

Economic Equity:

NAN will further Dr. King's vision for the next phase of the Civil Rights movement: economic justice. That means holding the private sector to become more inclusive and meet internal benchmarks for equity companies set for themselves. Companies can no longer talk the talk on social justice — they must walk the walk and empower Black and Brown leaders. This is especially important amid allegations in a class action lawsuit led by NFL coach **Brian Flores, Sr.**, one of this year's **Keepers of the Dream** honorees, that teams conducted sham interviews with Black and Brown candidates for top positions. Rev. Sharpton has also pressed the NBA to honor its commitments to equity and social justice following reports that Phoenix Suns majority owner Robert Sarver has exhibited a pattern of racist, misogynist, and abusive behavior during his 18-year tenure. Nearly six months into the league's investigation, prompted by ESPN's extensive reporting on these disturbing incidents, the NBA has failed to meet its pledge of a swift, transparent investigation into Sarver's racist and misogynistic conduct, including his alleged use of the N-word on multiple occasions. The league must finally answer calls from Rev. Sharpton and his fellow civil rights leaders to hold Sarver accountable for creating a toxic, abusive work environment.

For a recap of the NAN Convention, [click here](#).

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Derek Perkinson-Crisis Director, NYC, NAN

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Pastor Alex Williams-Senior Pastor, Institutional International Ministries, Brooklyn NY

Keynote- Rev. Al Sharpton

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Rev. Sharpton included the following points in his weekly message:

1. **Reverend Sharpton Eulogizes Grand Rapids Man, Shot and Killed by Police**

At the request of the family of **Patrick Lyoya (Lo-yo-ya)**—a Black man who was fatally shot by a Michigan police officer during a traffic stop earlier this month—National Action Network Founder/President Reverend Al Sharpton delivered the eulogy in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Friday morning.

Reverend Sharpton said that it's an insult to Lyoya's family that the Grand Rapids Police Department in Michigan has refused to release the name of the officer who shot the 26-year-old to death on April 4.

"Every time a Black young man or woman is arrested in this town, you put their name on the news," said Reverend Sharpton, speaking through an interpreter. Lyoya was from the Congo.

"Every time we're suspected, you put our name on the news. We want his name."

Reverend Sharpton, who was joined by Civil Rights Attorney **Benjamin Crump**, said that the refusal by law enforcement to release the officer's name sets a new and unusual legal precedent.

"I come from New York to tell you that we are not going to let that precedent stand," he said, praising the interracial young people who have staged around-the-clock demonstrations to protest Lyoya's death.

“They’re not trouble-makers, they’re the trouble-breakers,” Reverend Sharpton said. “Don’t ask them if they’re going to be violent. Give us the name of the one who was violent.”

As the midterm elections approach, Sharpton said that candidates who refuse to support the **George Floyd Justice and Police Act** and police reform should be defeated at the ballot box. “We are going to have a litmus test in this election,” said Reverend Sharpton, adding that the death of Lyoya has rightfully captured international headlines.

“We stand with President Biden for those victims in Ukraine, but they’re saying, ‘they shot a young boy in the United States, we have to fight for him,’” said Reverend Sharpton, who added that not all police officers are bad.

“We will stand with good cops, those police officers who uphold the law,” he said. “But when you kill, and your life is not under threat, we’re going to call it wrong and we’re going to call your name.”

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Leonard Bentley- Member of the Men’s Auxiliary, NYC, NAN

Dominique Sharpton- NAN Youth co-chair

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1. **Amid Pressure, Police Department Releases Name of Officer Who Shot and Killed Patrick Lyoya**

In response to Rev. Al Sharpton's demand for transparency and justice, the Grand Rapids Police Department has released the name of the officer who fatally shot **Patrick Lyoya** during an April 4th traffic stop. Video from the stop showed the officer, **Christopher Schurr**, putting his gun to the back of the 26-year-old's head as he faced the ground before firing.

During an impassioned eulogy for Lyoya in Grand Rapids Friday, delivered at the request of his family, Rev. Sharpton called on the police department to finally release his name. Today, he reiterated that call for justice.

"Every time a Black man or woman is arrested in America, their name is immediately put out the news. But when this officer put the gun to the back of Patrick Lyoya's head and decided to pull the trigger, his family had to wait three weeks to find out the name of the man who killed him. Transparency is the first step toward justice in Patrick Lyoya's name, but it certainly isn't the last," said Reverend Sharpton.

The findings of an independent autopsy released last week confirmed Lyoya died from a gunshot wound to the back of the head, something police had not yet confirmed. Renowned forensic expert Werner Spitz found no other wounds on the Congolese immigrant's body, indicating there was not a struggle before Schurr's gun was fired. Schurr remains on administrative leave without any policing powers while the Michigan State Police conduct an investigation.

1. **NAN Sacramento Conference**

Join National Action Network Sacramento for their Moving Forward Conference on **May 6-7th**. Please join **Reverend Al Sharpton, California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Webster, and Reverend K. W. Tullous**, the keynote speaker. In response to the tragic Stephon Clark shooting occurring in March 2018, **Dr. Tecoy Porter**, Senior Pastor of the Genesis Church, was requested to form and lead the Sacramento Chapter of the National Action Network, one of the leading civil rights organizations in the nation founded by the Rev. Al Sharpton. In this role, Dr. Porter, along with Rev. Darryl Scarbrough, Dr. Margaret Fortune, and Mrs. Karlette Porter has worked diligently in advancing legislation supporting criminal justice reform, amending police use of force practices, ensuring equal voting rights, and school choice for all throughout California. You can register for the conference at www.nansacramento.org.

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Derek Perkinson-NY Field Director/ Crisis Director, NAN

Arnold Pinnix- Chairperson, Arts & Culture committee, NAN

Jazelle Barnett- NAN Youth Huddle Rep

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Guests

Pastor Archie L. McGinnis III-Pastor, Full Effect, Allentown, PA

Mrs. Alexis McGill Johnson- President & CEO of Planned Parenthood

Representative Antonio Delgado- Newly appointed NYS Lieutenant Governor

Keynote- Rev. Al Sharpton

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Rev. Sharpton included the following points in his weekly message:

1. NAN Protects A Woman's Right to Choose

Reverend Al Sharpton and the Black women leadership of the National Action Network (NAN) expressed outrage over the leaked draft Supreme Court opinion that would overturn the abortion protections under *Roe v. Wade*.

The history of reproductive politics in the U.S. is rooted in structural forms of gendered, sexualized, and racialized acts of discrimination violating a women's right to privacy. The leaked draft opinion might not be the final order of the Court, but it is yet another reminder that abortion restrictions and bans disproportionately burden Black women, low-income people, and others marginalized members of our community. They already face intersecting discriminatory barriers to accessing health care existing in law and fact and will now confront yet another challenge. Safe abortion access is as much a racial and an economic justice issue as the right to vote is the root of all civil rights issues.

If this draft is indeed passed as the majority opinion, the federally protected constitutional right to an abortion, the rule of law for almost 50 years, would be overturned. The Supreme Court would have neglected its responsibility to respect the precedent in *Roe v. Wade*. The authority to implement abortion laws would be turned over to individual states. Courts are supposed to follow earlier precedents to resolve current disputes providing uniformity, consistency, and judicial efficiency in the law. In the past, a precedent was overturned when it was unworkable or no longer viable, eroded by its opinions, or changing social conditions.

There is no political condition and legal justification to overturn Roe, and it will only end access to safe and legal abortions. Women will lose control over their bodies. Without ensuring that voters have the freedom to participate in safe and accessible elections, a minority who threatens reproductive freedom will continue to block the will of the majority of Americans. National Action Network urges the Senate to pass the Women's Health Protection Act to protect abortion access from medically unnecessary restrictions and prevent the onslaught of state-level bans and restrictions and federal legislation to restore and revitalize the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA).

Earlier this week, NAN held a virtual townhall meeting to discuss the issue and to mobilize around future action.

1. **Civil Rights Leaders Call for Update on Sarver Investigation**

“The American Sports Accountability Project (ASAP) announced today that Rev. Al Sharpton, President of the National Action Network, Mayor Marc Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League, Maya Wiley, President and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Melanie Campbell, President and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, have joined together to request a meeting with **NBA Commissioner Adam Silver** regarding the ongoing investigation into Phoenix Suns majority-owner, **Robert Sarver**,” reported [ASAP](#)

Reverend Sharpton has called on the league to act with greater urgency with respect to the ongoing investigation.

“During my initial discussion with NBA leadership last March, I was given reason to believe that this investigation was nearing its end. However, in more than six weeks since that conversation, there is no end in sight,” said Reverend Sharpton. “We all respect that the investigation should be thorough, and that investigators should be given time to do their jobs. However, we have seen the NBA swiftly conduct investigations like this before, and six months is more than sufficient time. Together with my colleagues, I would like to sit down with Commissioner Silver and league leadership and have an honest conversation about what is going on and when we, the public, should expect to see these findings.”

Sarver has been accused of a pattern of racist, misogynistic and hostile incidents as owner of the basketball team.

1. **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Karine Jean Pierre** on being appointed White House Press Secretary on yesterday.

“She is more than able and capable,” said Reverend Sharpton, who noted that in 2020, National Action Network honored her at its annual King Day DC Breakfast.

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Rev. James Duckett, Senior Pastor Fort Mott Baptist Church, Bronx NY

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1. The Fight to Protect a Woman's Right to Choose Continues

Last Saturday, **Alexis McGill Johnson**, president of Planned Parenthood appeared at **National Action Network's Saturday morning Action Rally** to discuss the U.S. Supreme Court's frontal attack on *Roe v. Wade*, which protects a woman's right to an abortion. If overturned, millions of women—particularly in Black and Brown communities—will be impacted by the ruling. NAN—led by its women leaders—remain opposed to an effort to eliminate *Roe v. Wade* and we will work around-the-clock to protect women's reproductive rights.

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2) NAN Recognizes Mental Health Awareness Month

Did you know that **16 percent (4.8 million)** of Black and African American people reported having a mental illness and **22.4 percent** of those (**1.1 million people**) reported a serious mental illness over the past year?

COVID-19 has exacerbated mental health challenges, particularly in minoritized communities. To be connected to resources in your area, please contact National Action Network at [877-626-4651](tel:877-626-4651).

3) GOTV in Irving, New Jersey

Reverend Al Sharpton joined **Reverend Steffie Bartley** earlier this week to encourage voters in Irvington and Newark, New Jersey to get out and vote in the Municipal election. While NAN doesn't endorse candidates, we encourage full voter participation. If you are not registered to vote, [do so today](#).

4) Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Rep. Antonio Delgado**, who was selected by New York Governor Kathy Hochul to serve as her new lieutenant governor. Rep. Delgado appeared last Saturday at NAN's Saturday morning Action Rally to address the community.

5) Don't Forget to Tune in!

Don't forget to tune in to **MSNBC** every **Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m. EST.** to watch National Action Network's Founder/President, Reverend Al Sharpton on **PoliticsNation**.

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1. This Must Stop!" Reverend Sharpton Demands

Just days after 10 people were brutally gunned down at a TOPS supermarket in Buffalo, New York, **Reverend Al Sharpton** journeyed to the city to comfort the families and to declare that racist attacks against minoritized communities has to come to an end.

"This must stop," Reverend Sharpton said. "And we're the ones to stop it."

In the wake of the shooting, Reverend Sharpton and other civil rights leaders called on the Biden administration to convene a Summit to address the growing wave of assaults on Black bodies.

"This is an assault on all of us," Reverend Sharpton said at a vigil that took place on Thursday at **Antioch Baptist Church**. "They did not shoot these victims because of who they were. They shot them because of what they were. They were guilty of being Black, which means that that gun was shot at all of us."

National Action Network has agreed to help cover the funeral costs for the 10 victims.

The families of Andre Mackneil, Geraldine Talley, and Ruth Whitfield were at the event, sharing stories of their loved ones who died on Saturday and expressing gratitude to NAN for supporting them during these challenging times.

Earlier this week, Reverend Sharpton [told MSNBC's "Morning Joe"](#) that leaders need to address the root causes of the mass shooting in Buffalo, including the proliferation of hate and violent messages on social media.

"We need a White House summit. We need to set a national strategy on how we deal with hate and how we hold those accountable [who] in any way advance what happened in Buffalo," Reverend Sharpton said. "It didn't just drop out the sky. It happened because it was methodically organized."

2) New Documentary on Reverend Sharpton to Premier at Tribeca Film Festival Next Month

Loudmouth, the documentary chronicling Rev. Al Sharpton's rise from pastoral prodigy to a national civil rights figure, has been announced as the closing piece at the Tribeca Film Festival. Reverend Sharpton will take part in a conversation after the world premiere.

Since bursting into the headlines in New York City in the late 1980s, preacher and activist Rev. Sharpton has been at the center of the national conversation around race. In the aftermath of George Floyd's horrific murder in 2020, the veteran civil rights leader has further expanded the reach of his powerful bullhorn against America's deafening complacency in the fight against racial injustice — amplifying the ugly truths about the ongoing impact of structural racism on this nation many would prefer to ignore.

The film features never-before-seen footage and unprecedented access. Written, directed, and produced by Josh Alexander. Produced by Daniel J. Chalfen, Mike Jackson, and Kedar Massenburg.

Loudmouth will screen at the Tribeca Film Festival on June 18.

3) *Quote of the Week*

'Buffalo rose to the occasion. There's been no violence, there's been no riots. Buffalo stood up with love to answer hate,' **The Rev. Al Sharpton**

May 28th

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Keynote- Rev. Dr. W Franklyn Richardson-Chairman of the Board, NAN, Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, NY

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1) **Biden's Executive Order: "An Important Step."**

Reverend Al Sharpton appeared at The White House this week and praised **President Biden's** decision to issue an executive order on police reform. The announcement came on the two two-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder and demands greater accountability for police reform.

The executive order, said Sharpton, "is an important step toward dealing with the issues of accountability and public safety," he said. "We are glad President Biden took the initiative as we

waited two years to see a national response to an egregious act. George Floyd woke us up, and we should not go back to sleep.”

The failure of the Senate to pass the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act**, said Reverend Sharpton, “is still something that we will never give up on. But an executive order will give us a step toward federal legislation and will set a tone in this nation that no one is above the law – and that no one in our society or those charged to protect society to have the knees on our necks.”

Two years ago, Reverend Sharpton delivered the eulogy at George Floyd’s funeral and National Action Network organized around-the-clock protests, including a massive demonstration in the nation’s capital that drew more than 100,000 people to the city.

The sustained activism ultimately led to the criminal convictions of the police officers who took Mr. Floyd’s life. Reverend Sharpton said that now is not the time for the nation to become complacent on the serious need for police reform.

“George Floyd woke us up and we should not go back to sleep,” he said.

2) NAN Partners with World Central Kitchen for Food Distribution in Buffalo

In the wake of the horrific deadly shooting at a supermarket by a white supremacist in Buffalo, National Action Network in partnership with the **World Central Kitchen**, Baptist Minister’s Conference of Buffalo, and community partners, have come together to mobilize community assistance efforts to assist those impacted by the Buffalo hate massacre. One priority has been food access as the Tops superstore was one of the few grocery stores in the largely Black neighborhood. NAN will begin weekly food distribution for those in need at the area at Greater Works Christian Fellowship church.

To volunteer or donate, visit nationalactionnetwork.net or call [1-877-626-4651](tel:1-877-626-4651).

3) Another Horrific Shooting? The time is NOW for Gun Control Legislation

National Action Network sends our condolences to the family of the 19 children and two teachers at the **Robb Elementary School** in Uvalde, Texas.

The time is now, said Reverend Sharpton, for a serious national conversation and action when it comes to the need for gun control.

“I think the president is legitimately angry on guns,” said Reverend Sharpton who appeared on [Morning Joe earlier this week](#). Reverend Sharpton will preach two more funerals in Buffalo today to honor the fallen victims in the TOPS supermarket shooting.

“This is not academic,” he said of the need for serious gun control legislation. “We are talking about real lives.”

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Dawn Jones- Chairperson, The Political Action committee, NYC Chapter, NAN

Arnold Pinnix- chairperson, arts & culture committee (Juneteenth event announcement)

Katrina Jefferson-Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator, NAN

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Bishop Herbert Daughtry- Senior Pastor, House of the Lord Church, Brooklyn, NY

Rev. Steffie Bartley, Senior Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church (The Hope Church) and NE Regional Director, NAN

Keynote-Rev. Eddie Spencer IV, Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Baptist Church of Englewood, NJ

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1) Loudmouth' to Debut at Tribeca Film Festival Next Saturday and Sunday!

“**Josh Alexander's 'Loudmouth'** documents the winding road that is **Al Sharpton's** life story as an iconic activist and spiritual leader,” writes Shakira Refos. “Viewers peek under the fold and witness the unrestricted details of Sharpton's development from an 8-year-old preacher to a (sometimes painted as controversial) civil rights figure. Along with his history in the public eye, the good and the bad, the film offers behind the scenes insight into Sharpton's experience as a presidential candidate advisor and racial justice advocate during the volatile climate of 2020.”

The film will debut next week at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City and he's a sneak preview of what's in store:

“Audiences will be drawn in by Sharpton's depth of knowledge and unpublicized details about police brutality in the United States, in particular, New York. Scenes with Andrew Cuomo and other influential figures highlight what makes Sharpton so special as a storyteller and agitator. Viewers are introduced to a new side of the activist and politician, who many have mixed feelings about. Loudmouth makes one thing clear – there's no one like him.”

After the Premiere Screening on next Saturday, June 18, 2022, there will be a conversation with **Rev. Al Sharpton, Spike Lee, & John Legend moderated by Cori Murray. We applaud Rev. Sharpton and the entire team of this film for already having two fully sold out showings of this premiering at the festival next week.**

2) As Gun Violence Explodes Across the Nation, New York's New Gun Czar Visits NAN

As violence continues to sweep across the nation, National Action Network welcomed New York City's new gun violence czar to the House of Justice last Saturday.

A.T. Mitchell, a veteran community organizer, received a warm welcome from NAN members as he outlined his agenda for curtailing violence in New York City. Mitchell was appointed by New York City's **Mayor Eric Adams**.

"I've been given the charge by this man, this day and this day and time, to really continue to do the work I've been doing for close to 30 years," said Mitchell, who is the founder Brooklyn-based anti-violence group, Man Up!

Mitchell said that his time as a formerly incarcerated person has uniquely positioned him to work with individuals who unfortunately, see gun violence as an option.

"Yes, I'm a formerly incarcerated person, so are the people that we going out into the street to reach, and so you gotta be able to relate with them," he said.

Mitchell was joined at the rally last week by **Judge Greg Mathis**, the popular television judge and national advocate against gun violence.

June 18th

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-VP of the NYC chapter, National Action Network (NAN)

Derek Perkinson -NY Field Director/ Crisis Director, NAN

Dottie Golson- Member, The Membership committee, NYC Chapter, NAN

Katrina Jefferson-Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator, NAN

Follyvi Dossa- NAN YOUTH & College

W/ **Kayden Hern** and Street Corner Resources to promote Occupy the Corners
Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Congressman Tom Suozzi- US Rep, NY's 3rd District

Rev. Adell Kimbrough- Associate Minister, Efficacious Ministries, Ecorse Michigan

Keynote- Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Rev. Sharpton included the following points in his weekly message:

1)NAN Applauds Hate Crime Charges

National Action Network applauds the **U.S. Justice Department's decision** to file multiple federal hate crimes charges against **Payton Gendron**, the 18-year-old Buffalo mass shooter. Gendron faces 26 counts of hate crimes and firearms offenses. On May 14, 2022, he entered a Tops Friendly Marks store in Buffalo to specifically target Black shoppers. The criminal complaint specifically noted that "Gendron's motive for the mass shooting was to prevent Black people from replacing white people and eliminating the white race, and to inspire others to commit similar attacks." Officials from the Justice Department reached out to **Reverend Al Sharpton** earlier this week to brief him on the latest charges. In the aftermath of the deadly shootings, Reverend Sharpton traveled to Buffalo to eulogize several of the victims and to meet with their families.

National Action Network established a food bank to provide food to those in need, in the wake of the closing of the supermarket, which is located in a food desert.

2) Happy Juneteenth!

National Action Network and Reverend Al Sharpton celebrate Juneteenth, the federal holiday commemorating emancipation of enslaved African Americans. On this day, let us reflect on the history and sacrifices of our enslaved ancestors and recommit ourselves to eradicating racism and bigotry. NAN will have its annual Juneteenth event immediately following the Saturday action rally right here at the house of justice beginning at 12:30 pm. All are invited!

3) Happy Father's Day!

National Action Network and Reverend Al Sharpton would like to extend a Happy Father's Day to all of our nation's Dads. Thank you for your commitment to our children.

4) Thank you from Reverend Al Sharpton

Reverend Al Sharpton would like to thank all of you for the warm wishes and thoughts during his recent COVID diagnosis. He especially would like to acknowledge and thank **Vice President Kamala Harris** who took time from her busy schedule to call. Fortunately, Reverend Sharpton did not experience any symptoms and is feeling good. He conducted his meetings and hosted his radio and television shows from home while in quarantine. Reverend Sharpton encourages everyone to get vaccinated—if you haven't already—and to get boosted. We all can do our part to curtail the spread of this virus.

June 25th

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-VP of the NYC chapter, National Action Network (NAN)

Derek Perkinson -NY Field Director/ Crisis Director, NAN

Gina Williams- Chairperson, the Education committee, NYC chapter, NAN

Follyvi Dossa- NAN YOUTH HUDDLE

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Pastor Richard X-Associate Pastor, Riverside church, Harlem, NY

Oussmane Diallo and Aaliyah Guillory-Nickens- NAN Youth Reps

Introducing The family of **Darius Lee**

Taren Weaver- Mother, **Tiara Weaver**- Sister, **Tawana Hayes-Clinton**-Aunt **Billy**

Council- Family spokesperson

Keynote- Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Rev. Sharpton included the following points in his weekly message:

1. **Rev. Al Sharpton** blasted the US Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark ruling that established the constitutional right to abortion in 1973.

“The Supreme Court’s decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* is a blatant attempt to bring us back to the dark ages,” said Reverend Sharpton. “It will disproportionately impact Black women and poor women. This must be resisted aggressively. States must enact laws to protect women.”

Today’s ruling leaves abortion legality up to the discretion of individual states — 26 of which are likely to ban abortion through trigger laws, 6- or 8-week bans, or near-total bans. A leaked draft of the decision in early May sparked widespread backlash across the country from pro-choice supporters and activists, who assert that removing this right will only lead to unsafe, clandestine abortions and force women to carry unwanted pregnancies to term.

1. NAN Condemns US Supreme Court Ruling on Guns

As the debate around gun control rages on—in the wake of the deadly shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde—the US Supreme Court has **struck down a New York law restricting gun-carrying rights**. The ruling expands gun rights and can have implications for California and New Jersey.

“The Supreme Court decision on carrying a gun in New York is devastating and potentially dangerous,” said **Reverend Al Sharpton**. “This ruling could not have come at a worse time, as we have been working to de-escalate gun violence in the city. It has never been more important for Congress to pass meaningful legislation to combat the epidemic that is gun violence in this nation.”

1. Documentary on Reverend Sharpton Closes Out Tribeca Film Festival with Positive Reviews

Last weekend, hundreds of people traveled to New York City to catch a glimpse of *Loudmouth*, a documentary focused on **Reverend Al Sharpton** and the civil rights movement that he waged in New York City. The documentary —directed by Josh Alexander and produced by musical icon **John Legend**—received positive reviews.

“Sharpton has been accused of spotlight seeking. In the doc, that’s by design in that Sharpton, from early on, was deliberate about being loud, ubiquitous and on TV whenever and wherever possible as the best strategy to change the narrative and eventually the law around social justice,” [wrote Variety](#). “The family of George Floyd was in the audience for the premiere of the documentary at the Tribeca Film Festival. The festival’s closing selection ushered in the national Juneteenth holiday.”

The event, held last Saturday at the **Borough of Manhattan Community College**, “celebrated Sharpton with the kind of big-screen portrait that has been commonplace for an older generation of civil rights leaders, but had, until *Loudmouth*, eluded the 67-year-old activist,” noted [ABC News](#). “*Loudmouth* contextualizes Sharpton's legacy as an extension of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rep. John Lewis and others, while at the same time chronicling his unique longevity despite plenty of naysayers along the way.

The genius of the documentary is that it provides a nuanced understanding of the movement but cautions against the very idea that racism is a thing of the past.

Sharpton often returned to the question of how much has changed in the last half century. Sharpton recently gave eulogies for several victims in Buffalo of last month's racist mass shooting that killed 10 people in a supermarket. Still, he said he also sees great progress, and more Black people in power than ever before.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Sharpton said at the screening of the documentary last Saturday.

"But we've done enough paths in the woods to believe we can get."