

# AL NAACP NEWS

## Alabama State Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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### **ALABAMA NAACP CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO MIDLAND CITY, AL MAYOR PATSY CAPSHAW SKIPPER USE OF THE “N” WORD**

It has been reported that on Tuesday, Aug 23 after the city election in Midland City, AL that the current Mayor Patsy Capshaw Skipper took to Facebook, and stated on the social media site when asked how the election was going between she and Mayor Elect Jo Ann Grimsley; her response was, “I lost, the Nigger won.”

These types of racial comments hurt our community and has no place in the language of elected officials or anyone else. The use of the word is an offensive slur directed against African Americans. It is often used derogatorily and is seen as an insult to an entire race of people.

The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP passed a resolution at its Quarterly Meeting in Wetumpka, AL on Aug 27 that calls on the Midland City Council to investigate Mayor Skipper’s use of the word “Nigger”. The NAACP is asking the Midland City Council to take the appropriate action during its next meeting on September 6, 2016. If in fact the investigation concludes a verdict that such a demeaning and insensitive word was used by Mayor Skipper, it is the NAACP’s position that the appropriate actions for immediate removal of Mayor Skipper from office if she refuses to resign.

In 2007, The NAACP at its national convention in Detroit Michigan buried the word “Nigger” and called on all people to cease using the word. We must understand that our constitution states that “all people are created equally”.

“It is incumbent on all legislators and public servants at every level to recognize that they serve all individuals and not a select few. It is time we realize that we must respect every community, every ethnic group and every individual that we serve,” said Benard Simelton, President of the Alabama NAACP.

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