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by Beverley Daniel Tatum, PhD

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Anderson

### **Brown Girl Dreaming**

by Jacqueline Woodson

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by Angie Thomas

# How to Write a Letter to a Public Official

**Be sure to include name, department, and address of the official you are trying to reach.**

**You should start by indicating the purpose of your letter.**

**It should include how you have been impacted by the matter at hand.**

**You may include local statistics and research.**

*Sample: I am writing to you to bring attention to my concerns about gun violence and police brutality that impacts my community.*

**You should be clear about what you expect this public official to do in response to your letter. You can include supporting information as to why this action is so important.**

*Sample: Please support legislation that helps prevent gun violence and incidents of police brutality*

*Sample: Please advocate for young people of color on this issue. We're invested in raising our voices and exercising our right to vote. We're an important demographic that cannot be ignored.*

**This letter should be signed, including any necessary titles, your mailing address, email address and phone number.**

**Remember, this is a formal letter and should be formatted as one. Be sure to indicate that you will follow up with the public official. This letter is only one step and they will hear from you in the near future.**

▲ Source:

NAACP 2010 Toolkit – Handbook

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# SAMPLE LETTER

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

My name is [YOUR NAME]. I am a resident of Los Angeles County, residing in the [YOUR DISTRICT], and I am writing to ask you to support systemic change in our current law enforcement system.

Please prove your dedication and commitment to the people of this county by supporting a ban on the use of knee holds and chokeholds as an acceptable practice for police officers. The Use of Force Continuum for any police department in the country must ensure that there are at least 6 levels of steps, with clear rules on escalation. Each State's Open Records Act must ensure officer misconduct information and disciplinary histories are not shielded from the public. I also ask that you support that the recertification credentials may be denied for police officers if determined that their use of deadly force was unwarranted by federal guidelines and that you support the implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public confidence.

It is imperative that we take action now. It is to our shame as a nation that people of color have suffered under systemic oppression for so long. to note that the sheriff's department and LA county police do not keep ALL of us safe.

Thank you for your time. I hope I can count on your support to advocate for racial equality and to work towards systemic change.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ADDRESS]

[YOUR EMAIL]

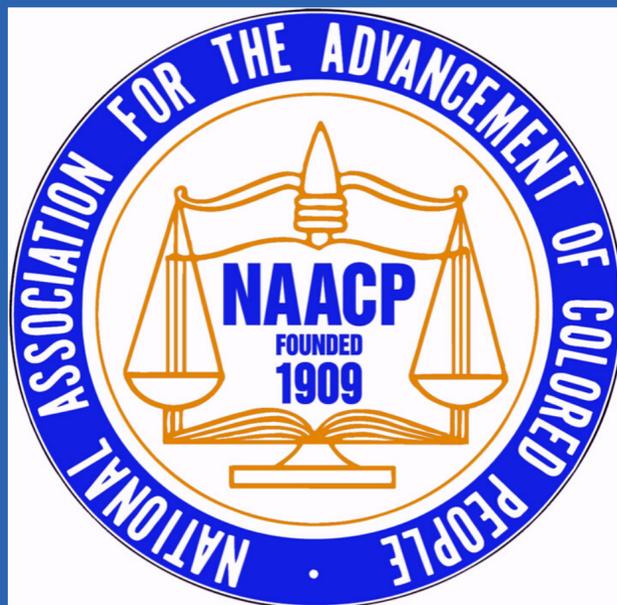
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