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Mayor Small, City Officials Welcome the NAACP National Convention to Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. – The 113th NAACP National Convention, held this year in Atlantic City, kicked off Thursday with a welcome press conference in the Mayor’s Office at City Hall.

“This is a milestone here in the great City of Atlantic City and I’m just so proud to be Mayor during this exciting time,” said Mayor Marty Small, Sr. “We’re going to show that the great City of Atlantic City is ready for prime time. We’re going to put our City on the national map.”

It took several years for Mayor Small and his team to bring the NAACP National Convention to Atlantic City, which he attributes to hard work and team work.

“As we continuously try to reinvent ourselves, these are the type of things we want to be associated with and the timing couldn’t be better,” added Mayor Small. “This is a real opportunity for us to make an impact on the nation.”

NAACP Atlantic City Branch President Kaleem Shabazz discussed some notable events taking place throughout the next week, including an interactive session called “Law Enforcement and Your Community” on July 15th at 5pm at St. James Church. Guest speakers include New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and Acting New Jersey attorney General Matthew Platkin. The full list of events can be found here: <https://naacp.org/convention/schedule>

Upwards of 8,000 people are expected to attend the Convention.

“Security for this event has been very important to us,” said Atlantic City Police Interim Officer in Charge James Sarkos. “We’ve been meeting for several months now with all of our Law Enforcement partners, not only at the local level but at the County level, the State level and the Federal level to make sure it is a safe, secure and fun event.”

This is the first NAACP National Convention held in person since 2019. The theme is “This Is Power.”

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