



# Region 5 NBA Report



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**Elections** – For those of you that haven't heard (or live in a cave), there is an election coming up. We have many rights and freedoms here in the United States. You have a right not to vote or even sit during our National Anthem. Some have burnt flags and the KKK and Nazi's have been allowed to have parades. We don't have to agree, we just have to understand that that is the reason we love our country and all of our freedoms. Many over the years, in war after war, have given their lives for these freedoms.

With all of the negative advertising going on, it's easy to see why many don't vote. The object of the negative advertising is to try and get those that support their opponent, to stay home. However, one of the rights we have is to vote. Perhaps because I did a tour in the service (many years ago), I look at voting as a responsibility. So, no matter who you support, please take the time to cast your ballot for the candidates of your choice.

The NALC has endorsed Hillary Clinton for President. Clinton has been a longtime supporter of the NALC. Rather than recapitulate the article written by President Rolando, I would urge you to click on the following link and read/re-read his article pointing out the reasons the Executive Council decided to unanimously endorse Clinton. "[https://www.nalc.org/news/the-postal-record/2016/july-2016/document/2016-07\\_president.pdf](https://www.nalc.org/news/the-postal-record/2016/july-2016/document/2016-07_president.pdf)"

**Correction** – In last month's article, I made an error...In the section "Bargain at any Price!" I copied and pasted the actual costs of mailing a letter from an article I read in the Yucaipa/Calimesa NewsMirror. It was pointed out that the price of a domestic letter was listed as \$0.45 instead of \$0.47. That will teach me to copy and paste...lesson learned...again. I can always count on my brothers and sisters to point out mistakes...that's why I call you family☺ By the way, it's still a bargain.

**CDRAAP** – Just about two years ago, NALC and USPS signed the alternate route adjustment agreement. We are now winding down into the final stretch with just a few zones remaining in the process and one pending dispute. Central Plains, Hawkeye and Mid America are complete and Gateway will be finalized in just a few more weeks. I want to take this moment to thank all those who served in this process. DLT's - John McLaughlin, Brian Litteken, Jeff Rainey, Rick Copper, Larrissa Parde, Jeff Case and John Pfiffner, your leadership was essential to the process. To all the REAT's and COR tech's whose job was not an easy assignment. Their commitment and dedication to protect the rights of letter carriers was once again seen in the results. Thank you for your hard work.

**City Carrier Academy** – A few months back it was announced the new City Carrier Academy will finally be rolled out nationally in all USPS Districts. The new academy is to begin no later than October 1, 2016 and every District has their own unique challenges to meet this timeline. There is also a lot of preparation that has to occur before this date. For starters, all of the Districts in our Region have to find space that is adequate to ensure all aspects of the training are properly performed, then all the Instructors will need to be trained once these facilities are up and running. The new curriculum incorporates both indoor and outdoor hands on learning and these elements each require a significant amount of space. We are monitoring the program at the regional level and so far it's a work in progress. Our CCA's deserve to have a training program that teaches them the ins and outs and prepares them for being a letter carrier, rather than being thrown into the abyss to see who can survive. It's been a long time coming, but by the time you read this, it should be here.

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