



## THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE OF BLACK MAYORS

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: TO MAKE AN END IS TO MAKE A NEW BEGINNING**

**Slocomb, Alabama, July 23, 2024,** With a stunning victory today from the courts, Mayor Patrick Braxton will resume his duties as Mayor of the City of Newbern. Through adversity Mayor Braxton persisted. Under the terms of the settlement, Mayor Braxton will return as the town's mayor and will be immediately granted access to the town hall.

It is unfortunate and sad that in Alabama we are continually reminded of the vestiges of Slavery. We are grateful for God's grace and mercy during this challenging time, but what we know for sure is that what we call the end is to make a new beginning. According to the lawsuit, the Black Town has not had an election in its 170- year history, violating the Voting Rights of 1965, which prohibits racial discrimination in voting policies. The next several weeks will usher in plenty of change for Newbern as the town navigates the waiting period between appointing council members and the transition of power, along with the changes expected to come once Mayor Braxton is at the table. Under the leadership of Honorable Mayor Lawrence Haygood, President of the ACBM and the CEO Vickie Moore, the ACBM will assist during this transitional period. We have big challenges and big opportunities in front of us and looking forward to working with Mayor Braxton and the citizens of Newbern.

Honorable Vicke Moore, CEO The ACBM

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