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Kamala Harris' Victory Speech

Below is the full transcript of U.S. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris' victory speech.

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Good evening! Good evening. Good evening. Good evening. Thank you, thank you. Good evening. So, thank you, good evening. So, Congressman John Lewis, Congressman John Lewis before his passing wrote "Democracy is not a state, it is an act." And what he meant was that America's democracy is not guaranteed.

It is only as strong as our willingness to fight for it. To guard it and never take it for granted. And protecting our democracy takes struggle. It takes sacrifice. But there is joy in it.

And there is progress. Because we, the people, have the power to build a better future.

And when our very democracy was on the ballot in this election with the very soul of America at stake and the world watching, you ushered in a new day for America. To our campaign staff and volunteers, this extraordinary team, thank you for bringing more people than ever before into the democratic process.

And so making this victory possible. To the poll workers and election officials across our country who have worked tirelessly to make sure every vote is counted, our nation owes you a debt of gratitude.

You have protected the integrity of our democracy. And to the American people who make up our beautiful country, thank you for turning out in record numbers to make your voices heard. And I know times have been challenging, especially the



Vice President-elect Kamala Harris speaks Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, in Wilmington, Del.

AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

last several months.

The grief, sorrow, and pain, the worries and the struggles, but we have also witnessed your courage, your resilience and the generosity of your spirit. For four years, you marched and organized for equality and justice, for our lives and for our planet and then you voted!

And you delivered a clear message. You chose hope and unity, decency, science, and yes, truth! You chose Joe Biden as the next president of the United States of America!

And Joe is a healer, a uniter, a tested and steady hand. A person whose own experience of loss gives him a sense of purpose that will help us as a nation reclaim

our own sense of purpose. And a man with a big heart who loves with abandon. It's his love for Jill, who will be an incredible first lady.

It's his love for Hunter and Ashley and his grandchildren and the entire Biden family. And while I first knew Joe as vice president, I really got to know him as the father who loved Beau, my dear friend who we remember here today.

And to my husband Doug and our children Cole and Ella and my sister Maya and our whole family, I love y'all more than I can ever express. We are so grateful to Joe and Jill for welcoming our family into theirs on this incredible journey. And to the woman most responsible for my presence here

today, my mother, Shyamala Gopalan Harris, who is always in our hearts. When she came here from India at the age of 19, she maybe didn't quite imagine this moment.

But she believed so deeply in an America where a moment like this is possible, and so I am thinking about her and about the generations of women, Black women, Asian, white, Latina, Native American women, who throughout our nation's history, have paved the way for this moment tonight, women who fought and sacrificed so much for equality and liberty and justice for all. Including the Black women who are often, too often overlooked but so often

proved they are the backbone of our democracy.

All the women who have worked to secure and protect the right to vote for over a century 100 years ago with the 19th Amendment, 55 years ago with the Voting Rights Act and now in 2020 with a new generation of women in our country who cast their ballots and continued the fight for their fundamental right to vote and be heard.

Tonight, I reflect on their struggle, their determination and the strength of their vision to see what can be unburdened by what has been. And I stand on their shoulders. And what a testament it is to Joe's character that he had the audacity to break one of the most sub-

stantial barriers that exists in our country and select a woman as his vice president.

But while I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last. Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities and to the children of our country regardless of your gender, our country has sent you a clear message: Dream with ambition, lead with conviction and see yourselves in a way that others may not simply because they've never seen it before.

But know that we will applaud you every step of the way. And to the American people, no matter who you voted for, I will strive to be a vice president like Joe was to President Obama: loyal, honest, and prepared; waking up every day thinking of you and your family, because now is when the real work begins, the hard work, the necessary work, the good work, the essential work to save lives and beat this epidemic.

To rebuild our economy so it works for working people, to root out systemic racism in our justice system and society. To combat the climate crisis, to unite our country and heal the soul of our nation. And the road ahead will not be easy. But America is ready. And so are Joe and I.

We have elected a president who represents the best in us, a leader the world will respect and our children will look up to. A commander in chief who will respect our troops and keep our country safe and a president for all Americans.

KAMALA!

To our fearless Senator who has fought long and hard on behalf of Californians everywhere both in Washington, DC and Sacramento:

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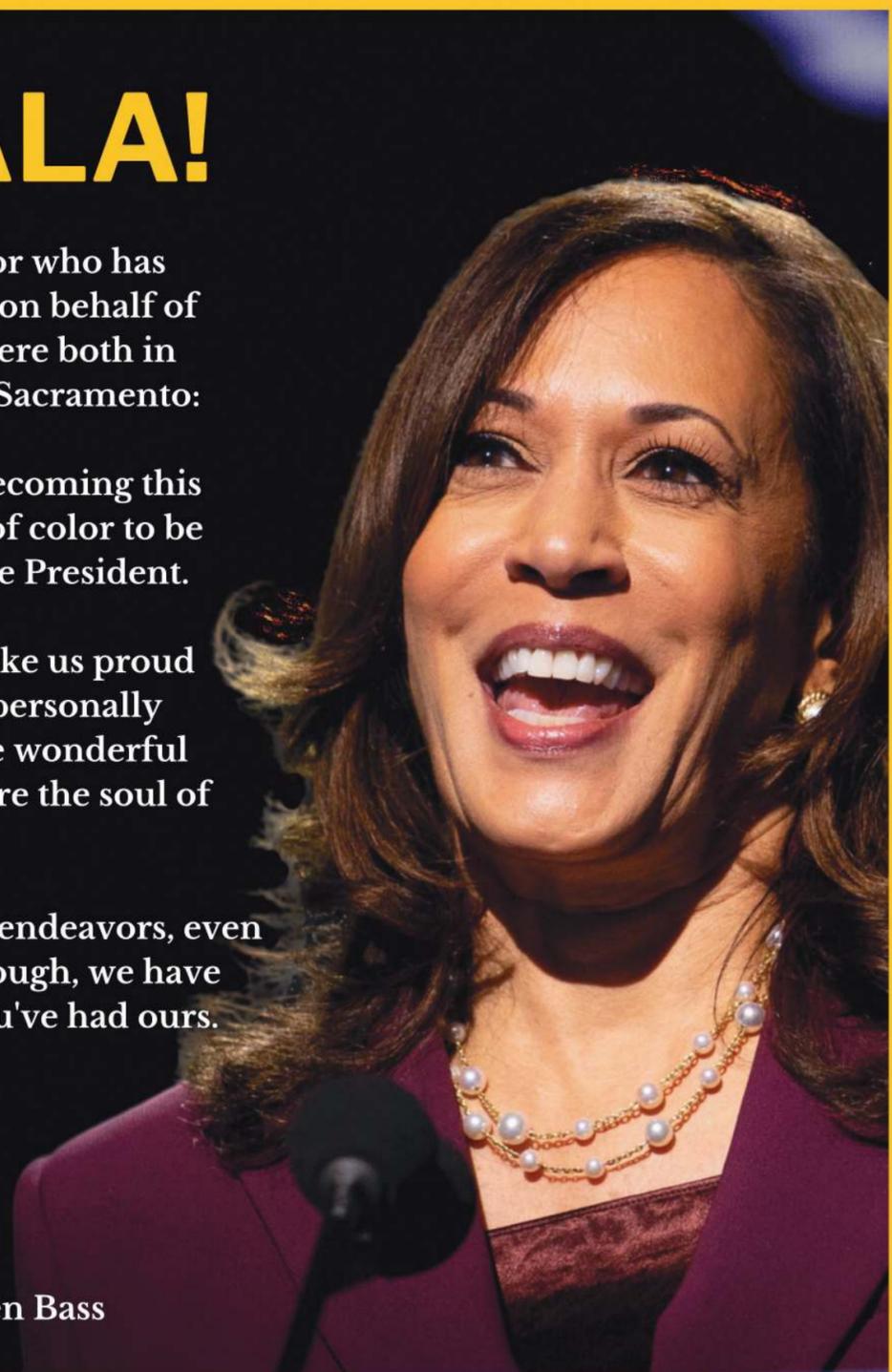
We know you will make us proud as you always have. I personally can't wait to see all the wonderful things you do to restore the soul of this nation.

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Your friend,

Karen Bass

Congresswoman Karen Bass





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Living Legend: Kamala Harris makes history as America's First Black & Female Vice President

BY BETTI HALSELL
Contributing Writer

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is a living legend, her election marked a new day during a colossal shift in social awareness. As the first Black and South Asian woman to be listed on a major political ballot and the first woman to hold a seat as vice president, she has created a new wave of thought and possibility. It will continue to grow for women, as an increase in young girls will strive to be on that level of power. Delivering her candidacy on the day Martin Luther King Jr. declared a universal dream, more diversity will be a new normal as the whole world is changing into that vision.

On the night acknowledging her acceptance, Vice President-elect Harris was a vision for a new chapter, the first sparkle bringing in the dream Martin Luther King Jr. shared at the Lincoln Memorial. As Harris was announced as the new Vice President-elect of the United

States, she stood with power and purpose in an ivory suit. Her face beaming with the knowledge of breaking down what seemed to be impossible. She is the spirit of determination in physical form.

Kamala Devi Harris was born on October 20, in Oakland California to Donald Harris and Shyamala Gopalan. Shyamala as a young woman transitioned her life from India to America when she was age 19. Determined to learn, Kamala's mother became a scholar at Berkeley, choosing a career path in health as a Breast Cancer researcher.

Donald Harris also found his strengths in knowledge; he is a noted economist and faculty-alumni at Stanford University. One can assume within their household, Kamala and her younger sister Maya were taught to use their minds for strategy and research.

Harris described her youth and looking up to the women that was in her life, "My mother instilled in my

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Vice President-elect Kamala Harris AP PHOTO

CASA DE ROSAS in SOUTH LOS ANGELES - COMING SOON



Casa De Rosas, originally slated to reopen in the Spring of 2020, now expects to open in December due to some COVID-19 construction delays. E. MESIAH MCGINNIS / LA SENTINEL

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

Strategically placed in the Ninth Council District in the City of Los Angeles is an historic campus of buildings, known since 1895 as Casa De Rosas. At a time when Councilman Curren Price, the proud public servant of the New Ninth is working tirelessly to increase the availability of affordable housing we can all be very excited that Casa De Rosas' transformation to a home for 36 single parent Veteran families with a child. LA County First District Supervisor Hilda Solis, another champion for af-

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'One is Not Enough, Zero is Unacceptable'



Kamala Harris COURTESY PHOTO

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
California Black Media

joined hands with other women organizations this past weekend. Their goal: to turn up the pressure

The California Democratic Party Black Caucus (CDP Black Caucus)

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Biden Announces Key Staff Appointments

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

President-elect Joe Biden has announced members of his White



Cedric Richmond AP PHOTO

House senior staff, including naming former Congressional Black Caucus Chair and Louisiana Rep. Cedric Richmond as senior advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of

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Taste of Soul Black Business Spotlight

Harold & Belle's Has Served Los Angeles for 50 Years

It all started with connection and family tradition for the creole-style restaurant.

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Ryan Legaux Frying a Turkey. Courtesy of Harold & Belle's COURTESY PHOTO

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Student Loan Debt Widens Racial Wealth Gap

BY STACY M. BROWN
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President-elect Joe Biden wants to immediately erase student loan debt, a move that could prove more meaningful for African American students who, on average, owe much more than anyone.

With the freeze placed on student loan repayments set to end December 31, Biden has gotten behind the Democrat-led House's HEROES Act, which calls on the federal government to pay off up to \$10,000 in private, nonfederal student loans for economically distressed borrowers.

"People having to make choices between paying their student loan and paying the rent ... debt relief should be done immediately," Biden stated during a news conference on Monday, November 16.

NPR reported that Senate Democrats also are pushing for much more debt relief.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) co-authored a resolution in September with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) calling for the next president to cancel up to \$50,000 of outstanding federal student loans per borrower.

According to data from the U.S. College Board, that would mean erasing all debt for more than three-quarters of borrowers.

Andrew Pentis, the student loan debt policy expert at Student Loan Hero, pointed to an analysis published by his company, which shows student loan portfolios now total



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\$1.67 trillion.

Further, the data shows that debt distribution is more massive among borrowers of color, particularly Black students.

Nearly 9 in 10 Black students take out federal student loans to pay for college, compared with 7 in 10 White students.

African American students are far more likely to have large student debt than their White, Hispanic or Asian classmates, with 59.5 percent of African American students borrowing more than \$29,500.

Pentis noted that the

Black borrowers are more than twice as likely as White borrowers to default on their student loans, which he said is a by-product of a U.S. median household income that's about \$25,000 less for Black families than Whites.

The end of the federal loan moratorium would disproportionately impact Black and Brown borrowers, Pentis warned.

"Student loans have long been seen as a tool to make the wealth gap in this country better," Pentis said.

"We are seeing that those loans are actually making the racial wealth gap

worse because the loans become a burden on families that are already disadvantaged in terms of having a lower household income, having a lower net worth, and student loans can be a hindrance for families trying to achieve financial goals like buying a house instead of helping those families sort of climb the social ladder and increase their financial wherewithal."

Student Loan Hero's student loan debt analysis also revealed that large amounts of debt could act as a roadblock to completing college on time.

Data showed that while 42.6 percent of students in the Class of 2017 graduated in four years or less.

However, that number drops to 28.8 percent among Black students and 29.7 percent among Hispanic students.

For White and Asian students, Student Loan Hero said the rates were higher than average at 46.7 percent and 48.5 percent, respectively. Conversely, more Black students – 40.7 percent – took over six years to graduate college, compared with 35.2 percent for Hispanic students, 25.3 percent for

White students, and 19.7 percent for Asian students.

"It's proven that earning degrees allows students to earn more income," Pentis remarked.

"So, if you have students not able to graduate, they're carrying debt into careers that may not be able to pay for it. Black students are borrowing at higher amounts because of the racial wealth gap in this country.

"Typically, White and Hispanic students might borrow at relatively high rates, but they're not borrowing as much."



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Public Engagement.

Richmond deftly led the Biden campaign to victory, signing on with the former vice president when the Democratic field of contenders remained wide.

Richmond was a leader in helping to enact landmark criminal justice reform and ensuring that the people of Louisiana's 2nd District were prepared for emergencies and natural disasters through his oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the House Committee on Homeland Security.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Richmond is a graduate of Morehouse College and Tulane University School of Law, where he earned induction into the Hall of Fame.

Biden also announced Julie Rodriguez as his Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Rodriguez served as a Deputy Campaign Man-

ager on the Biden-Harris Campaign.

Before that, she was the National Political Director and traveling Chief of Staff for then-Senator Kamala Harris' presidential campaign.

Rodriguez also served as a special assistant to the President under Barack Obama.

In a news release, Biden's campaign officials noted that "these diverse, experienced, and talented individuals demonstrate President-elect Biden's commitment to building an administration that looks like America."

The campaign noted further that each has deep government expertise and will be ready to help the president-elect deliver results for working families on day one.

"I am proud to announce additional members of my senior team who will help us build back better than before," The President-Elect stated.



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The President-elect stated. AP PHOTO

"America faces great challenges, and they bring diverse perspectives and a shared commitment to tackling these challenges and emerging on the other side, a stronger, more united nation."

Incoming White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain

noted that ambition in which the team made the selections.

"President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris have an ambitious and urgent agenda for action. The team we have already started to assemble will enable us to meet the

challenges facing our country on day one," Klain offered.

Among the other appointees announced on Tuesday, November 17:

Anthony Bernal, Senior Advisor to Dr. Jill Biden; Mike Donilon, Senior Advisor to the President; Jen

O'Malley Dillon, Deputy Chief of Staff; Dana Remus, Counsel to the President; Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, Chief of Staff to Dr. Jill Biden; Steve Ricchetti, Counselor to the President; and Annie Tomasini, Director of Oval Office Operations.

CASA DE ROSAS in SOUTH LOS ANGELES - COMING SOON

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Councilmember
Curren Price COURTESY



LA County First
District Supervisor
Hilda Solis COURTESY



Jacquelyn Dupont-
Walker, WEDC founding
president COURTESY

fordable housing, is excited that her district is one step closer to keeping pace with the need for this precious population – veterans who have been rendered houseless. Also rejoicing is nationally recognized Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti's goal of eliminating homelessness became a core mission of his Back to Basics approach and locally championed Measure HHH, yet has struggled to "get the pipeline going" is excited to checklist 36 fewer families who are houseless in the city of angels. For Ward Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Inc. and Integral Veteran Village, LLC Casa De Rosas represents response to a "need" before it becomes a "crisis."

WEDC and Integral have assembled a stellar development team to transform the historic Casa de Rosas that includes an outstanding local woman owned general contractor Curtom-Dunsmuir Construction – Brenda Curry and Ronnie Jones, MBE/WME and local business owners; M2A Architects – Tom Michali – small and local business owner; TelaCu Property Management - Jasmine Borrega – president; Tyler Construction Consulting Services (TCCS) – Thomas Tyler, minority and small business owner) and GTA Associates – Laura O'Neil – WBE historic. Together with Curtom-Dunsmuir, the Casa Development team has set a new standard for re-investment in community with 94% - MBE/WBE, 86% local hire and 1% women worker. In spite strong outreach, the number of women did not meet their goal yet it exceeds the regional efforts.

The WEDC/Integral team was awarded the opportunity to develop this historic site that has been in disrepair for approximately ten years. There could be no better conversion of this

127-year old campus than to create community in a neighborhood that can return to its roots of providing innovative service by embracing and supporting the special needs of adult parents who need and deserve a second chance to parent and bond with their children. In fact, when built in 1893, Casa De Rosas was an innovative experiment in childcare. It is reported to have been one of the first private kindergartens at a time when education for younger children was a novel idea. As public kindergartens became popular, the campus became a site to prepare young women for college. That school later moved to the San Gabriel Valley as the neighborhood changed. Its "bones have been proven to withstand the ravages of time and weather condition." Over the years, this campus has had varied uses - an inn and restaurant, a military barracks in World War II and the headquarters of L. Ron Hubbard's Dianetics Foundation, before standing vacant until the end of World War II. In the 1950s, Essie Binkley West, who was dubbed "Angel of Skid Row," purchased and converted the campus to "Sunshine Mission," a shelter for homeless women. Unfortunately, the shelter closed in the early 2000s. Imagine, evolving from being a place serving the needs of children, educating young women, to serving as military barracks more than 100 years – then back to the future.

Casa De Rosas, originally slated to reopen in the Spring of 2020, now expects to open in December due to some COVID-19 construction delays. This 29,900 square foot complex is intended to be home for 36 veteran families targeting the unique needs of single-parenting, career goal setting, job development, and a menu of supportive serves in a perma-

nent supportive housing environment. Its grounds will include courtyards and fruit tree lined sidewalks along with onsite daycare operated by USC School for Early Childhood Education/Headstart. This fourteen million dollar (\$14 million) project has the support of elected officials at all levels, but is principally a part of the vision of Councilmember Curren Price (Council District 9) who says, "This is a transformative project that will help to bring much needed services to a vulnerable population not only in our district, but in our city. The services that will be provided will reflect the history and legacy of this historic location."

In order to be considered for residency interested applicants should enroll via the LA County Coordinated Entry System (CES). Several agencies will be collaborating in the programming of services, resident coaching, and other timely interventions. First-To-Serve Agency, LA County Patriotic Hall's Veterans program, LA Trade Tech – Worksource Center, USC – Office of Civic and Community Relations, Mt. St Mary's, US Veterans Administration, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) lodges, HOPICS, faith groups and churches, US Veteran's Administration, in-kind donations, and veterans who want to see Casa become a model for services to veterans with families.

Funding for the project comes from a combination of public, low-income housing tax credits/bond, and conventional loan dollars. Casa's lenders include LA LISC – pre-development loan, and additional grant funds, California Bank and Trust - construction lender, and Royal Bank of Canada (City National Bank) and Royal Bank of Canada's local arm –low income housing tax credits partner. It takes public

funds to make projects like Casa affordable, so we are grateful for the voters in L.A. who authorized HHH funds that Casa has received. LA HCID administers HHH along with bond funds that are invested in Casa. Rounding out the funding team are LA Housing Authority with VASH Vouchers, and California HCD who funded Sunshine Mission and whose loan will be repaid from this project.

Grants and donations are vital to complete this comprehensive service

plan for this project.

"WEDC has actively developed in this neighborhood for over 30 years – surviving two waves of gentrification. The stakeholders in this University Park area are excited that Casa De Rosas is being physically restored and its mission of shelter for "the least of these" is protected," said Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, WEDC founding president. "Our partnership with WEDC gives Integral one more opportunity to fulfill our mission of housing with excel-

lence", says Dalila Sotelo, Integral's vice president of Western Region.

"We appreciate Councilman Curren Price whose vision for diverse housing options to meet the needs of our veterans is fueling so many new opportunities in the new 9th District," and his support for the Casa vision "continued Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker.

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Vice President-elect Kamala Harris AP PHOTO

Harris acknowledge her roots and the family that fully nourished her during her Democratic Convention Speech, "Family, is my husband Doug, who I met on a blind date set up by my best friend. Family is our beautiful children, Cole and Ella..."

Vice-President Harris painted a deeper picture, "Family is my best friend, my nieces and my godchildren. Family is my uncles, my aunts—my chitthis. Family is Mrs. Shelton—

and my HBCU brothers and sisters. Family is the friends I turned to when my mother—the most important person in my life—passed away from cancer."

The Recently elected vice president attended one of the leading historical Black Colleges, at Howard University she graduated with her B.A. in 1986. She moved on to working on her Juris Doctor degree and received it from Hastings College. Kamala stayed sharp dur-

Finding herself aligned with seeking justice, in 1990, Madam Vice President Harris was admitted to the state bar. Eight years later, she was in a leadership role as the managing attorney of the Career and Criminal Unit in San Francisco.

Her journey reflects her relationship with doing what is right and never backing down from a fight. From 2004 to 2011, Vice-President Harris impacted many communities as an Attorney General of San Francisco, later on she elevated on to Attorney General of California. Wherever Harris put her focus, the position flourished and prepared her for greater responsibility.

By 2017, Harris held the seat as U.S. Senator, representing the golden state. Her demeanor has been described as "quiet and exquisite power," and she has broken many glass ceilings along her climb to Vice President. Knocking down strong holds of narrow perspectives and bringing change wherever she was working, Harris was the first Black woman to be Deputy Attorney in San Francisco and the first South Asian person in the U.S. Senate position.

Standing at the podium

as the first Black Vice President, Harris time traveled and described her career leading up to this point, but before her role as vice president was confirmed she made it clear at the Democratic convention, "At every step of the way, I've been guided by the words I spoke from the first time I stood in a courtroom: Kamala Harris, For the People."

Vice President Harris elaborated, "I've fought for children, and survivors of sexual assault. I've fought against transnational gangs. I took on the biggest banks and helped take down one of the biggest for-profit colleges. I know a predator when I see one."

Harris has left her imprint in every seat she has held any type of authority, she started programs such as the initiative that gives first-time drug offenders the chance to earn a high school diploma and find employment. She has pushed a new standard forward, not waiting for permission to make change. During her acceptance as the first woman to be vice president, Harris stood smiling looking out into a future that is now much more inclusive and symbolic to this nation that everyone is welcome to have their voice heard.



Kamala Harris AP PHOTO

sister, Maya, and me the values that would chart the course of our lives." Harris continued, "She raised us to be proud, strong Black women. And she raised us to know and be proud of our Indian heritage. She taught us to put family first—the family you're born into and the family you choose."

Harris was submerged in a diverse community, having memories of the Baptist choir singing and protests of some of the first Civil Rights movements marched on. Harris stated within her Democratic Convention speech, "In the streets

of Oakland and Berkeley, I got a stroller's-eye view of people getting into what the great John Lewis called "good trouble."

The vice president reflected on her adolescent memories, "When I was 5, my parents split and my mother raised us mostly on her own. Like so many mothers, she worked around the clock to make it work—packing lunches before we woke up—and paying bills after we went to bed. Helping us with homework at the kitchen table—and shuttling us to church for choir practice."

my second mother who lived two doors down and helped raise me. Family is my beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha...our Divine 9...

ing her academia journey, she was involved in the debate program and she was a part of student council at Howard.

'One Is Not Enough, Zero Is Unacceptable'

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Congresswoman Karen Bass AP PHOTO

Congresswoman Barbara Lee AP PHOTO

on California Gov. Gavin Newsom to appoint a Black woman to replace outgoing Sen. Kamala Harris in the U.S. Senate.

During the virtual "Keep The Seat" news conference, which representatives from the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Black Women United (BWU) attended, the organizers explained why Gov. Newsom should appoint a Black woman. They also gave reasons why he should narrow his options to U.S. Representatives Karen Bass (D-CA-37) and Barbara Lee (D-CA-13).

"This is a pivotal time in California history. I hope together we can bend the moral arc of history towards justice, together, by ensuring that the most underrepresented and marginalized community retain a significant representation in California by appointing a Black woman to replace Kamala Harris," said Tasha Brown, chairperson of the CDP Black Caucus. Brown continued, "Our call is for all of you to join us in saying to Gavin Newsom, our governor, that we are not going to accept anything but a Black woman. I think it's critical that we emphasize that."

Currently there are three African Americans serving in the United States Senate. Two of them are men (Cory Booker, a Democrat from New Jersey, and Tim Scott, a Republican from South Carolina). Harris, the junior Senator from California, is the only African American woman with a seat in the upper house of the United

States Congress.

But with Harris's imminent ascendency to the Vice Presidency of the United States, there will be no African American woman in the US Senate after Jan. 20, 2021.

In response, the CDP Black Caucus has put out a call to action under the slogan "One is not enough, and zero is unacceptable."

"We have a Thanksgiving message for Gov. Gavin Newsom. Our goal is to have 250 every day until Thanksgiving. We need you to speak up. Make a call and let Gov. Newsom know that Black women have been the backbone of the Democratic Party as voters, organizers, and we deserve representation in the United States Senate," said Kendra Lewis, a representative for the CDP Black Caucus.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University Long Beach, was also one of the "Keep The Seat" speakers. Karenga, who is also the founder of the annual spiritual and cultural celebration Kwanzaa, said he "stands strong" with the CDP Black Caucus's push to keep a Black woman from California in the U.S. Senate.

"First of all, no one is more qualified than the two women mentioned -- Bass and Lee. It's not a gift. It's recognition overdue. It's also a service to the Democratic party. Black women have been the backbone of this party. So, it is debt owed to them," he said.

Over the weekend, several top women Demo-

cratic Party donors in California also urged Newsom to select a woman of color. About 150 of them have placed a letter in full-page ads in two newspapers -- the LA Times in Southern California and the San Francisco Chronicle in Northern California -- making their request known to Newsom.

"Women of color are the core drivers of electoral progress in our country, and their voices should be heard in the nation's highest governing body. California is fortunate to have a strong pipeline of women of color in elected office who are prepared to serve; as Californians and political supporters, we look forward to you selecting one of them," the letter read.

The California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) and other Black leaders in the state have also called on Gov. Newsom to fill the seat with an African American woman.

The CLBC members also sent a letter to Gov. Newsom making their case for why Bass and Lee should be at the top of his shortlist of candidates. They cited the women's lengthy legislative experience coupled with their broad foreign policy knowledge.

Before the election on Nov. 3, Newsom said that he was getting pressure from different groups in the state about who he should appoint to replace Harris. He also acknowledged that he feels the weight of making that important decision and predicted that his choice would not please

everyone.

"The stress of having to choose between a lot of friends, to choose between quality candidates, and the fact that whoever you pick, there are going to be a lot

of people who are going to be upset, disappointed, that it wasn't this or that, I don't even want to get my arms around that until I have the privilege of having to make that decision," Newsom

said in an interview with Los Angeles' FOX 11.

Gov. Newsom can either decide to make an appointment to complete Harris's term or he can call a special election.

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Cal NAACP Announces New Leader to Replace Outgoing Pres. Alice Huffman

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
California Black Media

Effective Dec. 1, Alice Huffman will no longer be the president of the California-Hawaii State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) due to “health concerns,” she tells California Black Media.

Rick Callender, former president of the San Jose-Silicon Valley NAACP and current CEO of the Santa Clara Water District, has been appointed to the position and will assume duties the day Huffman’s term expires.

In a written statement, Huffman first alerted the organization’s executive members of her intentions to vacate the office she has led for over two decades.

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president since 1999. It has been a pleasure to serve with you, but all good things must come to an end. Due to health concerns, I tender my resignation as president effective December 1, 2020,” Huffman stated in



Alice Huffman, CA NAACP State President and Rick Callender former president of the San Jose-Silicon Valley NAACP.

her letter to members of the executive committee.

Huffman, who isn’t shy about sharing trials she has overcome in her life -- including that she is a high school dropout -- leaves the position of president after most recently being an outspoken supporter of multiple California 2020 election ballot initiatives, among them: Prop 15, Prop 21, Prop 22, and Prop 25.

The initiatives, most of them avidly backed or hotly contested by voters and policy makers, focused on a range of issues. From amending the state’s property tax system (Prop 15) and rent control (Prop 21) to the reclassification, under the state’s labor law, of app-based drivers and an increase to the minimum wage (Prop 22), the initiatives put Huffman in the

crosshairs of groups that opposed her positions.

She sometimes found herself at odds with powerful African American political organizations, including the California Democratic Party Black Caucus on some of her positions.

In a written statement issued Nov. 20, Callender said he looks forward to filling the position left by his mentor, Huffman.

“Huffman has been one of the strongest NAACP leaders in the country and has truly accomplished a lot for African Americans and people of color in California, Hawaii, and across the nation,” Callender stated. “She leaves very big shoes to fill, and I look forward to leading the California-Hawaii State Conference of the NAACP starting December 1. It has been a true honor to serve as her vice president on her leadership team for 19 years.”

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the country. There are more than 2,200 units and branches across the nation.

The NAACP states that its mission is to “secure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights in an effort to eliminate race-based discrimination.” It also works to ensure the health and well-being of all persons of color, its website says.

Huffman was elected president of the California-Hawaii NAACP Confer-

ence in 1999 and has won eight-consecutive elections. She is also a member of the National Board of the NAACP as well.

In Sacramento, Huffman runs her own consulting firm she founded in 1988 called AC Public Affairs, Inc.

On the morning of Nov. 20, Huffman submitted a written statement in full detail to California Black Media explaining her decision.

“After serving the African American community as State president of the California-Hawaii State Conference of the NAACP for nearly 20 years, I will be resigning and turning the reins over to the next generation of leadership,” she wrote.

Huffman says stepping down is a decision that she has been grappling with for over a year now.

“With the victory at the top of the ticket to securing our African American leaders in the state of California, I can say ‘mission accomplished’ and now take a well-deserved rest,” she concluded.

California Judge Tosses Sexual Assault Suit Against Russell Simmons

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA Newswire Senior
National Correspondent

A California judge has tossed out a \$10 million lawsuit, alleging sexual assault, against hip-hop icon and business mogul

Russell Simmons.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mark Epstein granted Simmons’ attorneys’ motion to dismiss the lawsuit after the alleged victim, who has chosen to remain anonymous. The judge said that

he found that the woman’s claims were legally time-barred since the alleged incident occurred in 1988, and her suit wasn’t filed until March 2018.

“Plaintiff has incontrovertibly admitted that the alleged incident occurred

in 1988,” the judge wrote in the ruling released this week. “In calculating the limitations period...she would have had to file her action in 1998.”

“Having received no response from plaintiff during the two weeks following the entry of that minute order ... judgment is hereby entered in favor of the defendant, Russell Simmons,” Epstein wrote.

Simmons, who faced several allegations of sexual assault dating back to the 1980s, has always maintained his innocence, and his representatives routinely have held up the Def Jam Records founder’s lifelong contributions and advocacy for women’s rights.

After starting Def Jam Records, Simmons hired Carmen Ashurst as the label’s president.

Ashurst’s hiring as the only woman to head Def Jam, made history as no other major music label employed a woman as its president.

Simmons’ spokeswoman, Thomasina Perkins, of Capitol Public Relations in Washington, D.C., said her client was pleased with Epstein’s decision.

“We are grateful for the ruling made in this case, although it was dismissed on a technicality, my client has always maintained — and upon review it is clear — he has never met this woman; nor has she produced anyone with whom she has told the story in over 33 years,” Perkins remarked.

“Mr. Simmons continues to be in full support of women and what they bring to the world. There have been generations and generations of trauma and injustice ... it is time for constructive dialogue and healing to begin. This particularly important dialogue will help move the women’s movement to its next phase,” Perkins added.

Perkins continued, noting that “Russell Simmons has stated God whispered in his ear; that one day he will be an active part of the healing and the necessary bridge-building process.

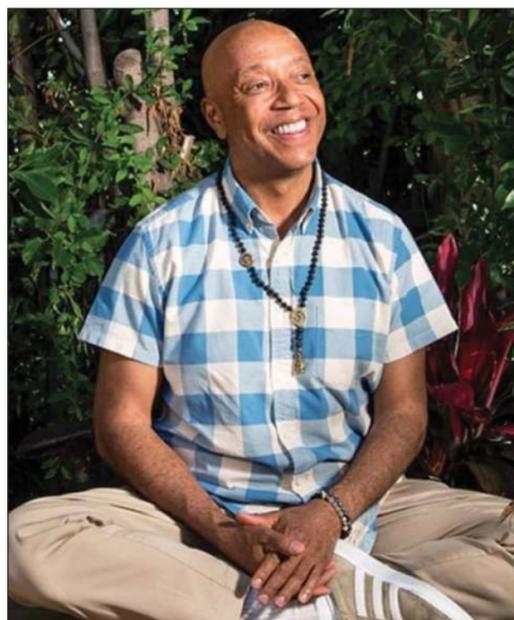


Russell Simmons

He is praying for a healthier world for his daughters to inhabit.”

She further noted that Simmons remains focused on promoting a post-pandemic lifestyle for those dying of preventable pre-existing health conditions.

“As he has stated to me on numerous occasions, there is so much work to be done,” she offered. “My job is to ensure Mr. Simmons goes about doing the work of promoting the lifestyle changes that I’m sure will save lives.”



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Former College Basketball Standout's New Book Teaches 'How to Play Basketball the Fun Way'



Author, Jenarie Davis-Middleton

art,” Davis-Middleton noted. “If you can time the ball right, you can steal the ball from other players any time. It’s not too difficult. All you have to do is have fun.”

The book details just how to time the basketball – always make sure you swipe at the ball with an open palm, hitting it upward with your fingertips. “Never swipe down,” Davis-Middleton explained. “If you do, the referee will most likely call a personal foul.”

Divided into 11 chapters and including a page on basketball terminology, a court diagram, and a bonus feature on how Davis-Middleton earned a scholarship to Jacksonville University in Flori-

da, the book is a comprehensive tutorial on playing basketball, but getting the most fun from the game.

Davis-Middleton’s journey toward publishing the book began in 2002, during her junior year in high school. She said Teel, and her mother, Stephanie Teel, were inspirations. Her father urged her to “write things down,” and her mother wouldn’t allow her to quit.

“When I was in college when I first felt weak, my mother left me handwritten notes,” Davis-Middleton recalled.

“She gifted me with somethings during those tough moments that I still have today. I promised that I’d stay focused and finish school, and I did. They

helped me become the woman I am today.”

Davis-Middleton said she also learned her basketball skills by watching NBA games.

“Every chance that I had, I practice and learned from watching players like Allen Iverson and Kobe Bryant,” Davis-Middleton said. “My dad and uncle taught me everything about the basic skills I needed to get better.”

She added that she needed all the encouragement she could muster initially trying out for the Jacksonville University Dolphins.

Before trying out, Davis-Middleton sprained her ankle.

“I drove to tryouts barely able to press on the

gas pedal, but I ignored the pain and continued,” she said.

Before she arrived home from tryouts, the university coach had called her family with good news.

“Mommy and daddy hugged me so tight, and we cried together,” Davis-Middleton said.

“Life experiences will teach you how to maneuver in society. Education improves your scope of thinking. Experience and education ties in together.”

To purchase “How To: Play Basketball the Fun Way,” visit [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). To learn more about Davis-Middleton, visit www.jenarie.wordpress.com.

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Jenarie Davis-Middleton is a self-described unconventional writer who likes to share life experiences.

A wife and a mother of five, Davis-Middleton noted that although her schedule is hectic, she tires as often as possible to incorporate quiet time to clear her thoughts. And, to write books.

Davis-Middleton has penned, “How To: Play Basketball the Fun Way,” a 122-page expose accompanied with a host of “how-to” photos that provide intriguing lessons on fundamental and expert-level hardwood acts like the two-hand chest pass, shooting a set-shot in the face of a defender, how

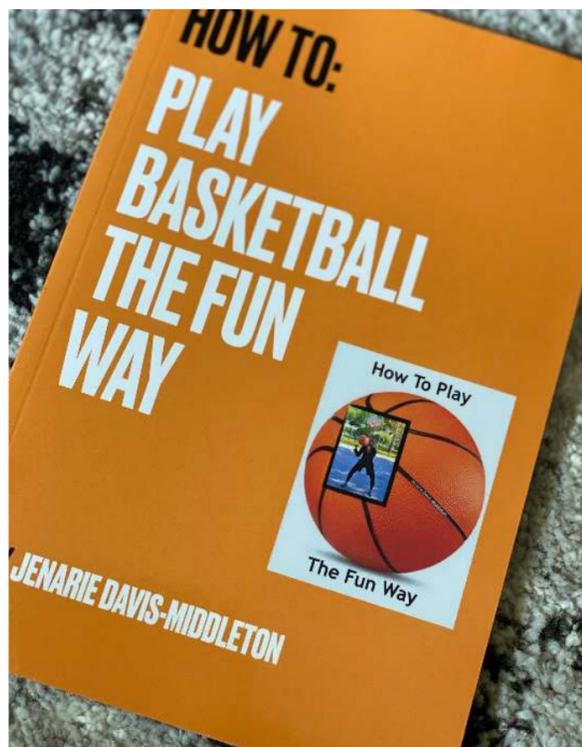
to rebound and play defense properly.

“When you think of defense in basketball, what comes to mind? For me, playing defense was my favorite,” stated Davis-Middleton, a standout basketball player in middle school, high school, and college.

“Playing defense prepared me to score on the offensive end. It’s exciting when you can stop the other team from scoring,” she exclaimed.

It wasn’t until she was 12 years old that Davis-Middleton said she learned how to play basketball. “I didn’t know how to shoot or dribble the ball,” she said, noting that her father, the musician Aaron Teel, taught her the importance of timing.

“Timing the ball is an



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‘It had to Be You’ — Black Press Publisher on Her Respect and Commitment to Vice President-Elect Harris

BY STACY M. BROWN
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 National Correspondent

One day before the Associated Press and other media outlets called the 2020 Presidential Election for Democrat Joe Biden, San Francisco Sun Reporter Publisher Amelia

old newspaper, the Sun Reporter, is among the oldest in the 230-plus member Black Press of America.

As she had done so many times in her nearly two-decade friendship with Ashley-Ward, Sen. Harris quickly responded: “We’ve been on this journey for a long time. Thank you, Sis-

District Attorney and California Senator began her glass-ceiling shattering political career.

Harris wasn’t a household name, but all that mattered to Ashley Ward was that she was a sister with immense talent and on the rise.

“I gave up a close

that they didn’t really know her. Well, she’s definitely a sister, and she’s brilliant, she’s warm, she’s easy to talk to, she’s nurturing, she doesn’t back down, and she’s fearless.”

On Saturday, November 7, 2020, when Joe Biden and Sen. Harris cemented victory and



COURTESY PHOTO
 San Francisco Sun Reporter Publisher Amelia Ashley-Ward



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“In all of my years covering news in our community, Sen. Harris has been one of the smartest, most fearless, steadfast and caring politicians that I have come to know,” San Francisco Sun Reporter Publisher Amelia Ashley-Ward stated during the ceremony.

Ashley-Ward communicated with her longtime home-girl, Sen. Kamala Harris.

“I told her ‘It had to be you,’” Ashley-Ward, whose more than 76-year-

ter Amelia, love you very much,” the Vice President-elect responded.

Ashley-Ward proudly says she had Harris’ back since the renowned former

friendship with her former boss in the District Attorney’s office to support Kamala,” Ashley-Ward told Black Press USA.

“People were saying

claimed their status as President and Vice President-elect, Ashley-Ward sat and reflected joyfully inside a San Francisco beauty salon.

“I cried, and there were three or four other women there who jumped for joy,” recalled Ashley-Ward, who, by her association with Vice President-Elect Harris, has become somewhat of a celebrity.

The New York Times has been among the outlets that have called Ashley-Ward to gain insight into Harris.

A longtime member of the Black Press and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Ashley-Ward formally introduced Harris to her Black Press family in 2018.

That year, Harris received the honor as the NNPA’s 2018 Newsmaker of the Year Award during Black Press Week in Washington, D.C.

Ashley-Ward escorted her friend into a ballroom to accept the award.

“In all of my years covering news in our community, Sen. Harris has been one of the smartest, most fearless, steadfast and caring

politicians that I have come to know,” Ashley-Ward stated during the ceremony.

“She has a lot to offer the world. We are so fortunate to have her advocating on our behalf.”

Ashley-Ward has never been shy about her endorsement of Harris.

The Senator and former District Attorney often checked-in with Ashley-Ward from time-to-time.

“It’s important that the Black Press is not left out of this historic occasion,” Ashley-Ward remarked.

“We have to make sure that people know that she’s of the Black community. Black women helped to elect her, and I’ve been with her from the very beginning with the Black Press.

“I was the first newspaper, a Black newspaper, to endorse her when no one believed in her. It’s always been the Black women. As I told her, it had to be you. I love you, Madame Vice President. That felt good to say.”



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Kamala Harris' VP Win Helps Validate the Power of Black Colleges

The Howard University Alum shares in the legacy of influential HBCU Alumni

By E. MESIYAH MCGINNIS
Staff Writer

As Vice President-elect, Kamala Harris takes on her new role in the White House, she becomes the first in many areas, including the first graduate of an Historically Black College and University (HBCU), to serve in the role. Harris received her undergraduate degree from Howard University, a Black college in Washington, D.C., where she pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., a Black sorority founded in 1908, and included in the Divine 9, a consortium of Black fraternities and sororities.

As the 49th Vice President of the U.S., Howard University and HBCUs can boast of what hundreds of elite predominately White colleges and universities, cannot. Historically Black colleges have had a stigma of not being on par with predominately White schools; however, influencing the world is nothing new for Black college alumni. The following are just a few HBCU graduates who have made a major impact on society:

Martin Luther King, Jr., graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, at the age of 15. He is considered the leader and spokesperson for the Civil Rights Movement, using a non-violent approach that helped lead millions of African Americans into a promise land of equality through the signing of the



Kamala Harris attended Howard University, an HBCU in Washington D.C., from 1982 to 1986, where she also pledged the sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

Civil Rights Act of 1964, a law that erased racist segregation policies in America. His "I Have a Dream" speech at the 1963 March on Washington is considered one of the most powerful speeches in American history. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 but was assassinated in 1968. He was eventually given a national holiday in his name.

Andrew Young graduated from Howard in 1951 with a degree in biology. He eventually graduated from seminary school and became a pastor, civil rights leader, U.N. ambassador, a member of the U.S. House, and a two-term mayor in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jesse Jackson, Sr. is a graduate of North Carolina A&T University, and was a civil rights activist, along

with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He founded the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and committed his life to improving civil rights through improving economic and educational opportunities for minorities. He is the first African American to legitimately campaign for the presidency.

John Lewis was a graduate of Fisk University. He became an Atlanta congressman, beginning his civil rights activism in Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation across the South. He was the youngest speaker at the March on Washington and helped four million people register to vote as the director of the Voter Education Project. He was first elected to U.S. House of Representatives in 1986 and was one of the

most influential progressive voices in Congress.

Minister Louis Farrahkan, Sr. is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University. He is known as one of the most influential speakers for the empowerment of Black people, as the leader of the Nation of Islam. In 1996, he spearheaded the Million Man March, which united masses of African American men to Washington D.C.

Thurgood Marshall graduated from Howard University and was the first Black Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He served in the Supreme court from 1967 to 1991. Before becoming a judge, Marshall

city and served as the first and only Mayor of New York City, for one term, 1990 to 1993.

London Breed is a graduate of Hampton University. She is from California and is the 45th mayor of the City and County of San Francisco in her home state. She formerly served as supervisor for District 5 and was president of the Board of Supervisors from 2015 to 2018.

Stacey Abrams is a Spelman College graduate. She was the first Black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States, and the first Black woman and first Georgian to

ity and helped influence the victories of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

Harris drew massive support from Black college students and alumni voters, as well as members of AKA and other members of the Divine 9. According to radio.com, Dr. Glenda Glover, International president of AKA Inc., says it took far more than 300,000 votes from Kamala Harris' sorority sisters to get her elected.

"It was the entire Divine 9" says Glover, referring to the Black Greek letter organizations Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi,



Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden, with Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., raise their arms up as fireworks go off in the background during the fourth day of the Democratic National Convention, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, at the Chase Center in Wilmington, Del. Looking on are Jill Biden, far left, and Harris' husband Doug Emhoff, far right.

won a major decision in the Brown v. Board of Education case, a ruling that helped eradicate segregation in public schools.

David Dinkins was a graduate of Howard Univer-

deliver a Response to the State of the Union. Through her non-profit, Fair Fight, a national voting rights organization, she helped turned Georgia from a Republican state to a Democratic major-

Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Zeta Phi Beta. Harris became a member of AKA in 1986 while a student at Howard University in Washington D.C.



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We know that on the path forward, you will face unique challenges that only you will experience. This is the plight of being the first, but we know you are willing and able. This is what your life experiences have prepared you for; Metro appreciates your willingness to sacrifice the easy path to continue to forge a path ahead for those who will follow. You are the “womanifestation” of what Metro strives for in eliminating barriers and providing access to the disadvantaged and marginalized. We support you on continuing this effort.

As Maya Angelou said, “Your legacy is not just one thing. It’s every life you touch.” Your legacy, Vice President-Elect Harris, will be the effect you have on the lives of all the little girls and women of color who are looking at you with the audacity to hope. These girls and women, who may have felt disheartened and discouraged these past few years, are now inspired because of you. The seed of hope you planted in those hearts, and the hearts of their fathers, husbands and partners, will grow exponentially into a tree of legacy in their own right. You have changed the trajectory of their path and have affected the shape of America in ways we may never know... for that, and so much more, Metro thanks you!

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Faith Leaders Salute Vice President – Elect Kamala Harris

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

Applause and cheers are still echoing across the country over the historic election of Sen. Kamala Harris as the first Black, first Asian and first female Vice President.

Experts of every ethnicity and profession have weighed in on how Harris' new role will affect various areas of society, including the Los Angeles faith-based community where several leaders cited the benefits of her spiritual involvement in the campaign.

The Rev. Edward "Eddie" Anderson, pastor of McCarty Memorial Christian Church in L.A., equated Harris' election as a response to the "faith, prayers and cries for justice



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Vice President-elect Kamala Harris

of Black folks."

Anderson declared, "Scripture records 'greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.' Perhaps, for such a time as this, God has elevated our sister to stand with the people to call forth justice and equity and to

show the nation that light still shines in the darkness."

The Rev. Dr. Mary S. Minor, pastor of Brookins-Kirkland Community AME Church in Los Angeles commended others in the nationwide Black network, such as Congressman James Cly-

burn and Stacey Abrams, for uniting people to support Biden/Harris campaign and "demonstrating the power of prayer and unity."

Minor noted, "Black Women for Biden/Harris across the United States assembled virtually for prayer for a common purpose that resulted in the presidential election of Biden and Harris. If we labor in unity, celebrating our commonalities more than our differences, changes for the good of all people are the results!"

The Rev. James K. McKnight, pastor of Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship in L.A., celebrated the Vice President-elect's "progressive christian roots," which he believes will lead to more economic and social justice



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Pastor Mary S. Minor



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Pastor Eddie Anderson

opportunities."

"She has deep faith in our loving God, so we, the vulnerable and the voiceless, will have an advocate, a change agent and a leader who understands that community trust is imperative," said McKnight.

Adding another perspective, Minor said, "The entire election process is a teachable moment for the Black

faith community. It reminds us that the Church is a theocracy where Jehovah (God) is the supreme ruling authority. Therefore, our trust is in God. Human beings are intermediaries used to impart divine guidance, not secular dogma. Kamala Harris is the chosen vessel to execute God's divine plan for such a time as this."

Pastors Share Reasons to be Thankful

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

2020 has been a turbulent year. Between the coronavirus, presidential election and the struggling economy, many people wonder why they should celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

To gain more insight, the Sentinel asked a few local pastors to share some reasons that believers can be thankful despite the many challenges we face. The following responses were shared.

"Hi Family, we always have so much to be thankful for, but this season (2020) has magnified our need for expressing it. God's grace has carried and kept us in the midst of sickness, death and financial crisis. We have had to learn to function without our houses of wor-



COURTESY PHOTO
Apostle Beverly "Bam" Crawford

ship and learn to revive ourselves.

"More than ever, we need to realize that we are wonderfully and fearfully made ~ so set your mind and affections on things above. God loves us. Let us love ourselves and one another. Be gracious. Be patient. Be grateful. Find joy and pleasure in the things we usually take for granted; like breathing, freedom and relationships.



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Pastor Michael Fisher

"Remember, our good days outweigh our bad days. We won't complain. Happy Thanksgiving!"

Apostle Beverly "Bam" Crawford, founder and senior pastor of Bible Enrichment Fellowship International Church, Inglewood, CA.

"With so many obstacles and distractions today, it is easy to lose sight of the blessings we have. Any person that is alive and healthy



COURTESY PHOTO
Pastor Carolyn Baskin-Bell

should be grateful. So many did not make it this far.

"For the lack that God kept at bay and the provisions He has made, we should be grateful. Some are in better positions now than eight or nine months ago. God is showing Himself faithful in all He does."

Rev. Dr. Michael Fisher, senior pastor of Greater Zion Church Family, Compton, CA

"Despite this season of



COURTESY PHOTO
Pastor James McKnight

pandemics, we stand on Psalm 46 and declare, 'Grateful to Know a Great God.' It is with Thanksgiving that we acknowledge God, who is help in the time of trouble.

"Our Lord is a Holy God who makes people, places and things holy and our hope for transformation. We are thankful that God is our refuge in the midst of trouble, trials and transition and that God's strength

moving in us sustains us during these times of crisis and conflict."

Rev. Carolyn Baskin-Bell, senior pastor of First AME Church - Santa Monica, president of Fifth District AME Women in Ministry

"With all that is going on, we believers can be thankful for our awesome God who through dangers seen and unseen has kept us, our families, and loved ones who bring us unparalleled joy and our God-given confidence, which causes us to affirm that we will not fret because of evildoers and we will not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we don't give up."

Rev. James McKnight, senior pastor of Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship, Los Angeles

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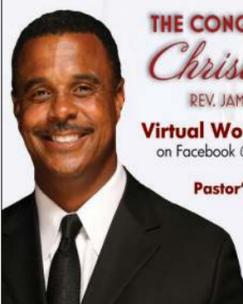


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Kamala Harris—A Vice President, An American Symbol

Harris has set a record of firsts in her career with integrity, grace and passion.

BY BRIAN W. CARTER
Contributing Writer?

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is America. She is a patchwork quilt that so many proud Ameri-

cans can relate to. Oh, yes, and she's a woman—the first woman to be Vice President of America. She isn't shattering a glass ceiling, she is doing much more than that, she is build-

ing a whole new edifice. She has a history of "firsts," and the Vice-Presidency is just one more to add to that list.

Harris became the first Black American to repre-



Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff

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Kamala Harris and her family (L-R): Cole Emhoff, Doug Emhoff and Ella Emhoff.

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sent California in the United States Senate. She was the first Black American and woman to serve as California's Attorney General. Harris was also the first woman and person of color to serve as San Francisco's district attorney. Now, she will serve as the first Black American and South Asian Vice President.

Harris has a heart for people, a trait one can see comes from her early surroundings. Her father, Donald Harris was Jamaican and her mother, Shyamala

Gopalan, was an Indian-American immigrant. Harris along with her sister, Maya, grew up in a predominantly Black neighborhood in Berkeley, California.

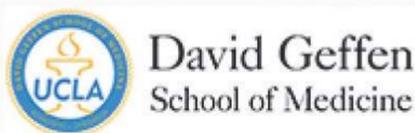
She grew up in a melting pot of cultures, raised and reared by highly-educated parents. Her mother was a biologist who worked on breast cancer research and her father was a professor emeritus of economics at Stanford University. It's no doubt that the seeds of success and humanity were

planted in her childhood.

Her parents met during the Civil Rights movement and were both activists. They took part in protests for civil rights, the Vietnam War and voting rights. When Harris and Maya were born, they observed their parents fighting for civil rights, which obviously left an impression. It's stated in her bio on www.harris.senate.gov, "the example of courageous

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leaders like Thurgood Marshall, Constance Baker Motley, and Charles Hamilton Houston, Kamala learned the kind of character it requires to stand up to the powerful, and resolved to spend her life advocating for those who could not defend themselves.”

Her character was constantly being shaped as she received her education from Howard University and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings. At Howard University, she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority,

an organization with 300,000 members, which has a rich history of promoting social activism. But often times, true character is revealed at home.

Harris is married to lawyer, Doug Emhoff, who will be the first "second gentleman" and the first Jewish spouse of a vice president. She is a stepmother to Cole and Ella, Emhoff's children from a previous marriage. In an interview with Elle Magazine in 2019, Harris spoke about how she and her husband took their time intro-

ducing her into his children's lives.

Here's what Harris had to say about her blended family, "And I was determined not to insert myself in their lives until Doug and I had established we were in this for the long haul. Children need consistency; I didn't want to insert myself into their lives as a temporary fixture because I didn't want to disappoint them. There's nothing worse than disappointing a child."

This may seem like a small thing but it speaks largely of Harris' character.

She doesn't take her responsibilities lightly and she doesn't charge her way into situations either. She takes everything into consideration with her family and she plans to do the same thing with the country as well.

Harris is a longtime supporter and attendee of Bakewell Media and the L.A. Sentinel's Taste of Soul Family Festival. Moving through a crowd of 350,000 plus, she never came across as campaigning. She chose to commune with people. She has a way of making people feel like they are a part of her family.

In 2015, she shared about Taste of Soul, "It's one of the most enjoyable things I do all year, but it's so important. Where else do you have all the community turn out and it's about family, it's about love of community, it's about supporting our local businesses—it's really one of the most important events all year in Los Angeles."

During an interview held at the Sentinel in 2016 with California Black Publishers and Media on the importance of the Black vote, then Attorney General, Harris stated, "I learned a long time ago, that as a candidate, you can never get comfortable and that you have to run and



Donald Harris with baby, Kamala.



Kamala Harris with her mother, Shyamala Gopalan

continue running as if you are behind."

She would go on to say what could be seen as a future prediction on her vice presidency win, "I have always and will continue to put my faith in God, not in polls, so me and my campaign will continue working and fighting to put the issues of this campaign before the people with the hope that we will be victorious in November."

One may say Harris was destined to be on this path because she would set the tone for so many to follow. She has given possibility a face to women and people of color that many in the country recognize and see in the mirror. She is a woman of integrity, honor and grace.

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Our sister, Kamala Harris epitomizes the inclusive, racially equitable and socially just America about which others only pontificate. She is the leader we’ve all wished for and, more importantly, deserve. As our next Vice President, she will enrich the lives of every American in the same manner that she has already elevated ours. It is with extreme gratitude and humility that we congratulate Kamala Harris – a historically phenomenal leader for a historically challenging time.

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‘Cherishing and Challenging Kamala Harris: Issues of Commitment and Accountability’

There is no doubt that the nomination and election of Kamala Harris as Vice President Elect of the United States of America is of great importance and meaning to us as a people. Indeed, it was a hard-won victory, not only at the voting box, but over the numerous evil, oppressive and varied attempts to deny our vote and voice before and after the election. Like the election of President Baraka Obama, it is for Black people an historical achievement born of a constant and committed work and righteous and relentless struggle to expand the realm of freedom, justice, and equity in this country. As Vice President Elect Harris said, her being in this place “is a testament of the generations before me, women and men who believed so fiercely in the promise of equality, liberty and justice.” And Black people from the beginning, on and off the ship, have been consistently in the vanguard of this struggle.

Secondly, this is clearly of great meaning and value to Black women. For it is they who, rising in rightful recognition for the decades of work in building and sustaining the Democratic Party, were key to Black people’s saving and revitalizing Joe Biden’s campaign and to demanding a Black woman be chosen as the VP nominee. It is they who mobilized, organized, and voted in the largest numbers to make Vice President Elect Harris’ election possible. And it is they who embraced her in her nomination as a Black woman, worthy of representing our people, Black women, and the whole country, rightly dismissing and defeating any denials or questioning

of her identity and rootedness in the Black community.

It is good that Vice President Elect Harris has acknowledged, not only the current women of the Democratic leadership and membership, but also women whose reach and relevance are beyond the confines of the Democratic Party. For it is they, as she said, on whose shoulders she stands and whose central interest was always their people in the context of the good of the country and the well-being of the world. “These women and the generations that followed worked to make democracy and opportunity real in the lives of all of us who followed,” she said.

And furthermore, she bore witness that “they organized, testified, rallied,



Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris AP PHOTO

marched and fought not just for the vote, but for a seat at the table,” at the table of power and enhanced possibility. These included “women like Mary Church Terrell, Mary McLeod Bethune, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Diane Nash, Constance Baker Motley and Shirley Chisolm.” And, of course, she paid rightful homage to her mother, Mrs. Shyamala Gopalan Harris, who grounded her in ethical values, political consciousness, and

commitment to a vision of a just and good society and world. Likewise, she spoke of women in general who also helped open the way for her, phrasing it beautifully saying, “My mother raised me to see what could be, unburdened by what has been.”

Also, Vice President Elect Harris is important to us and Indians, Jamaicans, Asians, and women in general because of the unique qualifications and characteristics she brings. She has her own personal history of achievements and firsts, breaking racial and gender barriers to be the first female district attorney of San Francisco, first female attorney general of California, first Afro-Indian in the U.S. Senate, and now the

first Black and female vice president. It is expected and hoped for her to become the first Black female president



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

as early as 2024, if Biden only serves one term. She brings with her constituencies from India and Jamaica and immigrants, rooted in her shared heritage from her mother and father. Thus, she has the potential to bridge communities and cultivate interracial solidarity and common ground of mutual benefit in building a good society.

She also honors Howard University and by extension speaks to the capacity and history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in producing leaders and social servants of the people in varied professions and vocations. Howard, not only provided her with an excellent education, but also a sisterhood in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and cultural grounding, reaffirming her identity as a Black woman, and opening a good way for her to come into her own. Finally, Vice President Elect Kamala Harris’ significance

lies also in her role as both representative and model of possibilities for Black people, Indians, Asians, women, and girls in general, mixed people and immigrants. But she can and must be challenged to be a representative of the best political practice possible, especially in times and conditions like these.

This challenge is especially meaningful, for her record is not clearly entirely progressive and certainly not radical, in spite of the lying, hyperbole and hype of the right. Her record as San Francisco district attorney recalls her tough-on-crime policies negatively affecting Black men, and her tough-on-truancy policy and the jailing of parents. Also, as attorney general, her record recalls her refusing to embrace the community call to investigate police killings, although she has since spoken against police violence. Moreover, she has not been consistent in her opposition to the death penalty. However, she has been praised for being a champion of workers, stopping foreclosures and home loss, and supporting the Green New Deal. But again, she is in a place where she can strengthen her record and go beyond what even she originally thought was possible if we offer the right challenge.

As we go forth and continue our righteous and

relentless struggle, it is important that we shelter no illusions about what VP Elect Kamala Harris. And if we are not to be disappointed by what she does as a member of the government rather than a Black woman, and as a centrist rather than a left progressive, then we must engage her with a caring heart and clear eyes, and reasoning reflective of the Kawaia call to both cherish and challenge those we love, appreciate and support.

This follows the insightful and imminently useful advice and observation of Ann Julia Cooper who lets us not confuse advancement of one or some with the collective advancement and elevation of the lives of our people. Indeed, she says, “We often mistake individual honor for race development” and “we often mistake foliage for fruit and overestimate or wrongly estimate brilliant results.” It is these fruits of freedom and justice for the people, not simply the laurel leaves for the rulers, celebrities, and other notables.

In this regard, we must learn to balance our cherishing with our challenge. As Nana Anna Julia Cooper said to men, “Nature meant the ideals and standards of the world should not be dwarfing and minimizing ones and men should thank us for requiring of

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Time to Recognize What Kamala Has Achieved

This has been an incredibly difficult year, and we still have very tough times ahead. However, as we head into this season of thanks-giving, we owe it to ourselves to take a moment to give thanks, and to celebrate the triumph of Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris.

We also owe it to Kamala, who dared to dream big – who didn’t have the privilege others enjoy and worked twice as hard to get where she is. We owe it to our parents and grandparents, to all the women and men who came before us that dared to challenge a society that denied Black people their rights, their franchise, their humanity.

But most of all, we owe it to our children, to the next generation of little Black girls and boys, and children of all backgrounds, who deserve to live in a nation that delivers on the promises enshrined in its founding documents.



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Kamala spoke to those children directly in her electrifying acceptance speech: “Dream with ambition, lead with conviction, and see yourself in a way that others might not see you, simply because they’ve never seen it before.”

That’s the message our little ones – and, frankly, grown-ups – need to take from this moment. To a former little Black girl like me, who grew up amid the poverty and violence of the projects, the election of Ka-

mala Harris as Vice-President isn’t just an abstract “crack in the glass ceiling.” It’s so much more than that.

It is a vindication of the hard work, tenacity and sacrifice of countless Black women – and many others, but especially Black women – who would not take “No” for an answer. Who would not be boxed in. Who demanded to be seen. Who demanded to be heard.

That is who my friend and mentor Kamala Harris is, and that is what she has accomplished.

By now the Vice-President-Elect’s many “firsts” are well-known: first Black, first female District Attorney of San Francisco; first Black, first female Attorney General of California; first California Senator of mixed-race; first Black, first South Asian, first woman to be elected Vice-President.

But it’s worth reminding ourselves why these firsts are so significant, and why we still have such a long

way to go. When Kamala was elected to the United States Senate, she became just the 10th Black senator in our nation’s history. Only one African American woman – Carol Mosely Braun – had served in that office before Kamala. And now that she’s moving on to the White House, the U.S. Senate is in danger of going down to only two African Americans and ZERO Black Women.

Two percent is not good enough. Clearly, we still have a lot of work to do.

But Kamala Harris has proved that by dreaming big, leading with conviction, and working your tail off, it can be done. We can win these battles. We can change the world.

And that, my friends, is truly cause for celebration, and for giving thanks.

London N. Breed is the 45th Mayor of San Francisco. She is the first African American woman to serve as the City’s Mayor.

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Biden-Harris Administration Tasked with Dismantling America's History of Hate

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A lot of past cruelties can underscore America's history of hate.

Today, one could capture that hate through the lens of at least some of the more than 74 million people casting a vote for President Donald Trump.

Often described as a racist, chauvinist, and one whose policies separated immigrant children from their parents and put them in cages along the Southern U.S. border, Trump supposedly embodies the very qualities that much of America — including many

White politicians from responsibility for dismantling entrenched systems of inequality," she added.

"The crises of 2020 exposed vast inequities of health, wealth, safety, and political access to a broader cross-section of the American public. That growing public awareness of systemic inequalities has created an opportunity for the next administration to enact meaningful change," Silkey concluded.

As American families prepare for another Thanksgiving, many are left to ponder just what they should celebrate.

"The US was built on



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welcomes labeling as a melting pot.

"Consider that the colonists left England to rebel against religion, and when they arrived here, we had a colony of rebels to some de-

paign — like Trump's immorality — the leader has no followers."

The 14th Amendment was meant to give slaves — only slaves — equal protection of the law, Powell added.

However, in nearly all relevant court cases since 1860 — Plessy, San Mateo v. Southern Pacific, Citizens United, Hobby Lobby — it has rarely given Amendment protections to Blacks but to corporations and other entities deemed as 'persons.'"

Photographer Michael Freeby expressed that, "It's not just the kids in cages, as if that weren't

on people fleeing from elsewhere to start fresh and pursue their dreams. Picking and choosing based on skin color is not right. We are not animals — we are people."

Terrell L. Strayhorn, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Virginia Union University, where he also serves as Professor of Education and Director of the Center for the Study of HBCUs, noted that African Americans are the only group denied access to education by law.

"No matter how uncomfortable or unpopular to admit, it was once legal

at predominantly White institutions."

Strayhorn asked that the incoming Joe Biden/Kamala Harris administration do all it could to reduce, or remove, those challenges.

"A new administration, comprised of individuals who reflect the diversity of their constituents, can champion culturally-relevant initiatives, create equity, and foster racial healing," Strayhorn proposed.

As a Black and Indian American, a plan of Kamala Harris should include equality for Black women in the workplace,



President-elect Joe Biden, with Vice-President-elect candidate Sen. Kamala Harris. Both raise their arms up as fireworks go off in the background during the fourth day of the Democratic National Convention, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, at the Chase Center in Wilmington, Del. AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

of its major corporations and our next-door neighbors — protested against when they stood with Black Lives Matter demonstrators.

Yet, he received the second-highest vote count of any presidential candidate in history.

Even now, Trump and his campaign have specifically sought to have officials toss out many of the votes that were legitimately cast in heavily African American-populated cities like Atlanta, Detroit, and Milwaukee. Ironically, their actions would include disenfranchising thousands of Republicans whose votes were also submitted by other means than in person at a polling place.

In the specific instance of the effect on the Black vote, seeking ways to deny African American voters our Constitutional right to make our voice known at the ballot box is a tactic used since, during, and after Reconstruction.

African Americans have not been alone on the receiving end of our nation's history of hate-driven actions.

"The history of the United States over the past 200 years has been largely a struggle to define who might enjoy the rights and privileges of full citizenship," offered Sarah Silkey, a professor of History at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Penn.

"Each successive gain made in broadening the definition of American citizenship was quickly followed by a backlash. Jim Crow segregation, the convict lease system, redlining, the war on drugs, and other systems created to maintain white supremacy denied access to full citizenship for generations of Americans," Silkey wrote in an email.

"By defining personal success solely as a product of individual initiative and effort, the popular myth of the American Dream served to reinforce White privilege, perpetuate damaging racial stereotypes, and absolve

powerful myths of equal opportunity in the pursuit of happiness and the city on a shining hill. The reality was less uplifting," observed Nora V. Demleitner, a Roy L. Steinheimer Jr. Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University in Lexington City, Va.

"Racism, racial exclusion of immigrants, and the vilification of ethnic and religious groups have long been an integral part of US history," Demleitner posited.

"There has been substantial progress in the creation and enforcement of civil rights for all especially during the civil rights era, yet it has been uneven, and rising economic inequality and the impact of climate change threaten to undermine some of that progress."

The playbooks of racial and ethnic vilification were never entirely discarded.

They are coming back as seen in the demand for "law and order," widespread suppression of minority voters, and unwillingness to invest in infrastructure and education to support all, Demleitner offered further.

Tim Powell, a University of Chicago journalism master's student, discards the myth of an America that

gree," Powell relayed.

"The administrations can only do so much to counter the inherent unacceptance of races by a White, male American. It will be up to the next generations that will determine the acceptance of differ-

ences."

"The best administrations will be those that do not stoke division.

"Look at McCarthyism as an example of the people demanding we rid America of 'communists.' It was not McCarthy himself, but the people demanding it. Without a market, a leader of a cam-

lives close to ICE's head-

quarters at the USA/Mexico border, it especially sends chills down my spine," Freeby objected.

"Once people are placed in ICE captivity, they lose all rights. We are the United States of America, a country whose entire premise was based

bad enough."

"Let us not forget ICE abducts perfectly law-abiding citizens in the middle of the night, performs cruel unethical unasked for surgeries on them, and that a disproportionate number of coronavirus deaths have been taking place in ICE captivity."

"As a Mexican who

to punish or kill an African American, but you could not educate them," Strayhorn submitted.

"Teaching Blacks to read and write was prohibited by law. In the year 2020, there are over 4,300 colleges and universities in the United States, collectively enrolling over 20 million college students. Virtually 2 million are Af-

opined Dr. Carey Yazeed, the editor of the anthology, "Shut 'em Down: Black Women, Racism and Corporate America."

"Malcolm X stated it best, 'The most disrespected person in America is the Black Woman. The most unprotected person in America is the Black Woman.' This country has done little to help uplift Black women, yet we are the ones who continuously come to its rescue," Dr. Yazeed remarked.

"Although Black women are often the lowest paid in Corporate America, we often outwork and outperform our peers in the workplace," she continued.

"When corporations talk about diversity and inclusion, Black women are usually excluded from those conversations, which is reflected in our salaries and how we are treated. Black women often walk away from Corporate America traumatized by the racial injustices that they endure and are left to carry that pain around for years."

Actress and mental health advocate Samantha Zenon concluded that many White people remain disconnected, still seeing African Americans as maids or even slaves.

"History continues to rewrite itself. In every avenue, Black people consistently get mistreated," Zenon said.

"In order for real changes to happen, the new administration needs to give more Black people a platform to be seen and heard, not just Black celebrities or politicians.

"Real people who face daily challenges for being Black in America. Part of the narrative on their campaigns was Donald Trump divided the country and has given white supremacists a platform to be racist, and they want to bring us back together. While that is true, the new administration needs to be held accountable for making those changes because Black people showed up for them at the polls, make racism wrong again."



President-elect Joe Biden, left, gives a high-five to Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris. BIDEM CAMPAIGN PHOTO



As American families prepare for another Thanksgiving, many are left to ponder just what they should celebrate. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA



From left, Doug Emhoff, husband of Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, Harris, President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill Biden on stage together, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, in Wilmington, Del. AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK, POOL

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Vice President-elect Kamala Harris AP PHOTO

This Thanksgiving, as families figure out how they can come together to give thanks and celebrate another holiday, we are faced with the horrors of the pandemic; where some families will have an empty seat (literally or virtually) at their tables. We also have an administration that is set on holding back the transition process for the new President-elect and Vice President-elect. Even with the all of the tactics the Trump administration has tried to do, we have a strong woman by the name of Kamala Harris that will occupy the White House as the first woman and the first person of color to hold the office of Vice President. She will not only stand with President Biden-elect to help rebuild our nation, but she will also bring a new flavor to the White House as a woman of color.

Several years ago, when I was an event planner and Ms. Harris was the Attorney General for the State of California, I had the pleasure of meeting her. When

she walked into the room, her smile was simply radiant and you knew she was special and destined for more. My maiden name is Harris, so I also felt a connection to her even though we are not biologically related. I was proud that a woman with the same last name as my paternal family was making a difference. Furthermore, I also learned that we are "sisters" as we are both proud members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. There is no doubt in my mind that she will represent all of us well.

When Ms. Harris is sworn in, she will be known as Madam Vice President and her husband, Doug Emhoff, will be known as the Second Gentleman. Together they will break new barriers and set new protocol terms for this nation and our democracy. America has a history of breaking with tradition, dating back to our founding fathers who left Europe for a new life. The Biden-Harris families have built a strong personal and work-

ing relationship that will help them fulfill the goal of restoring honor and normalcy to our nation. Together they will rebuild unity among the people of our country, as well as bring healing with the current pandemic and help our economic and unemployment crisis that is before us.

The current state of America did not happen overnight, and it will not go away in the blink of an eye. However, a strong plan and having a strong woman on the team will make a difference. Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter said, "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they do not necessarily want to go, but ought to be." With the recent presidential race being close in some states, there are definitely some that will not

(See WENDY C-6)

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'Locked In and Locked Down To Prayer'

Well, it occurs to me that if there is to be continued LockDown, it needs to be those of us who say we are special people of a chosen generation already locked down and locked in to our Creator. That's the first thing. Let's establish who we are and to whom do we belong? Do you think you are in and of yourself alone? How could that be? Is that possible? Don't you belong to somebody...and if not to a specific person, you know this much that you didn't create yourself! You are not a robot.

You know how there are those tests online that ask the question, "Are you a robot?" You have to prove it by drawing from the images correctly otherwise you don't get anywhere and you never prove that you are or are not a robot. How about that? But this is a great opportunity to grasp onto the fact there is the creator who knows who you are and knows where you are and knows your name and knows your address or if you don't have an address, He knows where you sleep whether on the streets or

in a corner or wherever you are. You're never alone unless you reject or deny your Creator. Even then there is no place to run and no where to hide to get away from the all knowing God Almighty omniscient and omnipresent who sees everything and knows everything. So, where are we going with this? "If my people (those who have accepted their need for the one and only Saviour, Jesus Christ and of course there are those who are on their way to accepting Him and He is waiting for them patiently due to His unfailing love and patience) those who are called by my name would humble themselves and seek my face (look to Him for His attention and pray to Him (The Lord over all) those who are called by His name, then, He will hear you from His heavenly abode. He will give attention to your concern and request and if you turn away from doing things that are against His will and teachings, He will hear you and will answer your prayers. He will answer our prayers, the prayers of the saints.) He says humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God and you will be exalted in due time.) Humble means to come with an attitude of submission that what you are asking for is not something you can accomplish by yourself. Along with coming with an attitude of submissiveness, it's like throwing in the towel to God. Lockdown to Prayer. Don't give up! Along the way you may see Him in action. Pray without ceasing. An answer is coming...on the way. Turn from doing

the same old ineffective actions... wrongdoings that get you into trouble and you end up with no progress...making decisions on your own without consulting to Him. Making decisions that you think you will force your desire to be His decision and His answer. People keep making that mistake thinking you can require God to do what you're telling Him to do just because that is what you want to have or get and trying to make God a part of it. Uh-Uh, not going to work. So here we are here and now. If there's a LockDown, we need to call on the Lord and we need to Lockdown with prayer. We need to do just what is above and stated in (2 Chronicles 7:14). Our predicament needs to be taken seriously because only Almighty God can turn this around. Some will say, "Well, a vaccine is coming." But, what we need to understand is that if the vaccine works it can work ONLY if He allows it to be effective. The key to this verse is "pray and, cry out to Him. Repent."

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The provisions of payment and all other considerations shall be governed by Chapter 12 of Division 19 of the LAAC Code, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 158157 and 166866. This offer shall be given upon the condition that all claimants provide continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to this case and is not available to public officers or employees of the City, their families, persons in law enforcement or persons whose misconduct prompted this reward. If you have any information regarding this case, please call the Los Angeles Police Department at 1-877-LAPD-24-7, 24 hours. C. F. No. 20-00010-s14 11/26/20 **CNS-3419037# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20TRCP00245 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Bobbi Lynn Lambert for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Bobbi Lynn Lambert filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bobbi Lynn Lambert to Bobbi Crosby Lambert

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Notice of Hearing: Date: January 8, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: M, Room: -- The address of the court is 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503 Torrance Courthouse A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: November 03, 2020 Deirdre Hill Judge of the Superior Court 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/20 **CNS-3415970# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20STCP02916 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Brian K. Malone for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Brian K. Malone filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brian Keith Malone to Brian Keith Muhammad

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Notice of Hearing: Date: January 19, 2021, Time: 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 20, Room: 310 The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Stanley Mosk Courthouse A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: September 10, 2020 David J. Cowan Judge of the Superior Court 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/20 **CNS-3415965# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20STCP03149 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Carlmichael James Henry for Change of

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Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Carlmichael James Henry filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Carlmichael James Henry to Carlmichael James Mitchell The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Notice of Hearing: Date: January 26, 2021, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 72, Room: 731 The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Stanley Mosk Courthouse - Central District A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: September 29, 2020 Ruth A. Kwan Judge of the Superior Court 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/20 **CNS-3415949# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20STCP03634 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Bruce L. Chambers for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Bruce L. Chambers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bruce L. Chambers to Bruce L. Grant

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/10/2020, Time: 3:00 p.m., Dept.: 20, Room: 310 The address of the court is Los Angeles Superior Court North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: November 05, 2020 David J. Cowan Judge of the Superior Court 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/20 **CNS-3415936# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20LBCP00256 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Evita M Harter for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Evita M Harter filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Evita M. Harter to Evie Marie Harter

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/04/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: 27, Room: -- The address of the court is 275 Magnolia Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802 Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: October 23, 2020 Mark C. Kim Judge of the Superior Court 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/20 **CNS-3414521# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020177557 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROSS PROFESSIONAL VISITATION MONITORING, 3305 W ADAMS BLVD APT 11, Los Angeles, CA 90018 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): DEIDRE L ROSS 3305 W ADAMS BLVD APT 11, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 09/20/20 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to

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exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/ DBA, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/02/2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020177087 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. COMPTON SOUL, 2. TOSOC, 3. THE OTHER SIDE OF COMPTON, 101 S. WILLOWBROOK AVE. \$50, COMPTON, CA 90220 County of LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 4612063 Registered owner(s): TOSOC INCORPORATED, 101 S. WILLOWBROOK AVE. #450, COMPTON, CA 90220; State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020185148 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FROY'S LANDSCAPE, 811 EAST 109TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): FROYLAN SALVADOR MARTINEZ, 811 EAST 109TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 11/20/20. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020185752 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SABAN GLASS, 10100 SANTA MONICA BLVD. #2600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): CHERYL SABAN DESIGNS LLC, 10100 SANTA MONICA BLVD, SUITE 2600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90067; State of Incorporation: CA

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This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020184841 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CORNERSTONE HOME LENDING, 139 OCEAN AVENUE EXTENSION, SUITE 1, Santa Monica, CA 90402 County of LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 2341198 Registered owner(s): CORNERSTONE HOME LENDING, INC., 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 700, HOUSTON, TX 77027; State of Incorporation: TX This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Original Filing 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/20 **CNS-3419463# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020183794 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIRECT ACCESS INSURANCE SERVICES, 435 N PACIFIC COAST HWY, SUITE 200, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 County of LOS ANGELES Mailing Address: 4725 PIEDMONT ROW DR SUITE STE 600, Charlotte, NC 28210 Registered owner(s): AMWINS ACCESS INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC, ONE GRESHAM LANDING, STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281; State of Incorporation: NC This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

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Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 2020181693 Current File No.: 2018106845 Date Filed: May 2, 2018 **Stuberg Wealth Management, 707 2nd Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55474** Registered Owner(s): Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. 707 2nd Ave. So., Minneapolis MN 55474, State of Incorporation: DE Business was conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Ameriprise Financial Services S/ Thomas R. Moore, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on November 5, 2020. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/20 **CNS-3415968# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 2020181694 Current File No.: 2015306093 Date Filed: December 4, 2015 **Shoop, Burch & Associates, 2029 Century Park East Suite 2550, Los Angeles, CA 90067** Registered Owner(s): Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. 2465 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis MN 55474, State of Incorporation: DE Business was conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement

The Urgency of Black Lives Matter's #BlackXmas in the Midst of Pandemic

BY MELINA ABDULLAH AND TYLER BOUDREAU

2020 is a year that the world has cracked wide open. As the Spirits of #AhmaudArbery, #BreonnaTaylor, and #GeorgeFloyd resonated globally, they were met by the spiritual energy of #DijonKizzee, #FrederickWilliams, and dozens of others whose lives were stolen by police violence right here in Los Angeles. In the midst of the most catastrophic health pandemic and economic fallout of our lifetimes, the significant of these murders weighed on us differently and challenged us to respond in a manner that made Black Lives Matter the largest racial and social justice movement in history. As the year comes to a close, it is imperative that we use our collective economic power to transform systems and make Black Lives Matter.

The global pandemic forced the world to recalibrate. Stay-at-home orders, travel restrictions, business shutdowns, school closures, and new ordinances were rolled out to protect us from a virus, also slowing us down from our normal, often frenzied and distracted lives. We were forced to confront the hunting and murder of #AhmaudArbery by the father-son-white-supremacist-duo-with-law-enforcement-backgorund. We had time to contemplate what it means that Minneapolis police officer Derrick Chauvin took eight-minutes-and-forty-six seconds to kill #George-Floyd. We heaved, and grieved, and mourned the



Dr. Melina Abdullah is Professor of Pan-African Studies at Cal State LA and co-founder of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. COURTESY PHOTO



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murder of a sleeping #BreonnaTaylor. We rose up in Los Angeles when County Sheriffs criminalized #DijonKizzee for riding a bike to justify shooting him dead and leaving his body uncovered and in the gutter for at least 18 hours. And the video of a deputy pulling up on small gathering of young Black men in Mona Park, then chasing and shooting #Frederick-Williams in the back seven times, is a stark reminder of the slave patrol origins of policing in this country.

2020 is also marked by the harrowing statistics of life for African Americans in the pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Black people are more than twice as likely to get the virus, four times as likely to be hospitalized, and twice as likely to die from COVID. It is estimated that nearly 48% of African Americans are unemployed or

have reduced employment under the pandemic, but only 13% receive unemployment benefits. Black households are twice as likely to be evicted as White households. In Los Angeles, Black people officially account for 34% of the homeless population, despite only being 8% of the total population. Data like this shines a light on the potential devastation this financial disaster could have on the future of our community. All of these issues were presented to and ignored by many of the "leaders" of Los Angeles under the banner of #BlackLADemands, including Mayor Garcetti (who is now being vetted for a Biden-Harris cabinet appointment).

Nonetheless, Black people voted and organized, serving as the driving force to usher Trump out of the White House... and District Attorney

Jackie Lacey out of the Hall of (In)Justice. We are witnessing our power produce waves of change. As we come into the 2020 holiday season, which will look and feel unlike any other, our dollars translate into power.

From November 27, 2020 to January 1, 2021, Black Lives Matter calls for the harnessing of our economic power with even greater urgency under the banner of #BlackXmas. The murder of #JohnCrawford inside a Walmart store in Beaver Creek, Ohio in 2014 first inspired #BlackXmas as an acknowledgement of the white-capitalist complicity in the state-sanctioned murder of Black people. The police did not murder #JohnCrawford and #StevenTaylor inside Walmart stores, #SkyYoung inside Walgreen's, #Yvette-Henderson at Home Depot, or #GrecharioMack

inside the Crenshaw Mall as rogue state agents; they did so as protectors of white-capitalism. The economic system that requires racism and violence must be held accountable through conscious divestment.

We must also invest in the principle of ujamaa – cooperative economics. Our dollars can be used as a form of collective resistance. As we divest from entities that profit from our murder and devalue Black life, we also invest in the building of Black community by committing to: #BuildBlack, #BuyBlack and #BankBlack. #Build-Black means staving off the white-capitalist attempt to lure us into rampant consumerism and instead using our dollars to support Black-led/Black-serving organizations. When we choose to buy, #BuyBlack – intentionally spending our dollars with

Black-owned businesses that benefit our community. With must also refuse to allow our money to be used to finance our oppression and withdraw our dollars from white-owned corporate banks that finance private prisons, environmental degradation, and gentrification; and consider Black banks like One United and Broadway Federal.

While large corporations like Amazon, Target and Walmart doubled their profits during the pandemic and individuals like Jeff Bezos quadrupled their wealth, about 41% of Black-owned businesses have closed for good. This demonstrates just how important it is to spend intentionally this holiday season with Black-owned businesses that provide vital services, jobs and other community benefits. Consumers spend over 700 billion dollars each year on holiday shopping. Together, we can work to strengthen the remaining Black-owned businesses and help establish blossoming ones.

This is a moment that the world has cracked wide open. As the portal threatens to close, we must not let it do so without honoring the lives of those whose names we hashtag and the Ancestors who we call upon, by doing all that we can to remake the world. Our money is a form of power. It's not enough to say Black Lives Matter, we must build, buy, and bank like Black Lives Matter.

Additional resources are available at blackxmas.org.

'Cherishing and Challenging Kamala Harris: Issues of Commitment and Accountability'

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them the richest fruit they can grow." It is this "richest fruit" of freedom, justice, equity and other conditions and capacities for human good and the well-being of the world that we must require or our sister in family and struggle Vice President Elect Kamala Harris. And as Nana Anna taught, she must thank us for requesting and requiring the richest fruit she is capable and committed to growing.

And in the tradition of struggle of our people and in honor of her mother, Shyamala Gopalan Harris, and father, Donald Harris, and all the Black and other women she called by name, she must have a world-encompassing conception of her mission. She

must pursue the rights and dignity of not only Americans, but also see our rights as the rights of humanity as a whole. And thus, due consideration must be given to the most vulnerable, oppressed, occupied and the suppressed and suffering whether in Africa, Asia, South America, the Islands of the Seas or Europe, and whether in Haiti, Congo, Ethiopia, Palestine, Yemen, Kurdistan, Dalits of India, Aborigines of Australia, the Uighurs in China or the Rohingya in Myanmar and all other similarly situated.

It is good to end with a concluding quote from Vice President Elect Kamala Harris' acceptance speech: "Make no mistake, the road ahead will not be easy. We



Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris AP PHOTO

will stumble. We may fall short. But I pledge to you that we will act boldly and deal with our challenges honestly. We will speak truth. And we will act with the same faith in you that we ask you to place in us." It's

all there, the modesty, not masking any difficulties, the commitment to speak truth, act boldly and deal honestly with the challenges which must include our holding her accountable. And especially, there is the commitment to have faith in the people and returning the faith they place in her. For as a shared heroine and honored leader for us both and all, Mary McLeod Bethune, said, "The measure of the progress of our race is in direct relation to the depth of faith in our people held by our leaders." But again, we must cherish and challenge her, embrace her and hold her accountable, oppose her where she's wrong and support her when and where she's right.

For as always, as we say in Kawaia, words are wonderful, but deeds are divine. For in the final analysis, practice proves and makes possible everything.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, Professor and Chair of Africana Studies, California State University-Long Beach; Executive Director, African American Cultural Center (Us); Creator of Kwanzaa; and author of Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture and Essays on Struggle: Position and Analysis, www.AfricanAmericanCulturalCenter-LA.org; www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org; www.MaulanaKarenga.org.

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willingly support the new administration. But Kamala not only has the strength to help the president, but she also has the leadership skills to move people forward.

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and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind." While attending Howard University, Kamala pledged our beloved sorority, and she will continue to live out our tenets to serve all mankind to the best of her ability.

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Kamala Harris is a Guest Star on CJ McCollum's ReMaking America

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

Prior to becoming vice president elect, Kamala Harris sat down with Portland Trailblazers guard, CJ McCollum, Utah Jazz guard, Donovan Mitchell, and Philadelphia 76ers forward, Tobias Harris to discuss several hot button issues surrounding social justice.

The conversation is part of a series created by McCollum called "ReMaking America." Harris and the NBA players conversed about education, police brutality, and Black History.

Kamala commended the pro athletes for their dedication to fighting against social injustices.

"What [the NBA players] are doing in terms of the activism and the leadership and the organizing and the bully pulpit that you each have, it's so powerful," Kamala said.

"What you guys have been doing, it's everything about the expression, but it's also about them helping people figure out where to go with this."

McCollum, Tobias, and Mitchell expressed their passion for education. They mentioned how their teachers failed to inform them on Black history. Through his foundation, McCollum exposes youth to coding and the job opportunities that come with having those skills. Kamala expressed how voting determines the fate of education.

"[Joe] Biden is saying triple the funding for public schools in the lowest income communities," Kamala said. "Elections when you think about the science that we need to have a president and leadership in the White House that knows that if a Black child has a Black teacher by the end of the third grade, they're 13% more likely to go to college."



Vice President-elect Kamala Harris COURTESY PHOTO

Having a mother who is a retired teacher, Mitchell knew how important education was. Her tutelage led him to use his voice

during his time in the NBA Bubble.

"How can we continue to find ways to push education, educating Blacks,

Whites, Hispanics, Asians on each other's history," Mitchell said. "I'm 24 and there are people who are way older than me that don't even know what Juneteenth is or Black Wall Street."

Tobias realized that when he was growing up, being a sensational basketball player might have sheltered him from certain harsh realities that others went through.

"It was sugar coated for me," Tobias said. "I had an experience, but my experience wasn't what someone else's experience was and I think you have to learn from that, have the sympathy for others' experiences."

McCollum emphasized Tobias' idea of having actionable items to create change. The panelists remind people to stay encouraged when it comes to voting.

"The reasons why we're here is to have those types

of conversations to drive education to the masses because a lot of times people don't feel like they can create change," McCollum said. "The ground work is being laid right now from generations that have come before them to continue to bring about change."

Not getting the desired outcome in the Breonna Taylor verdict was hard for Tobias.

"It made myself personally feel like 'Man, we're bringing all this type of attention and we get a bad result.'" Tobias said. "A lot of it doesn't sit well with myself, my family members."

Kamala knew how important it is for leaders of this country to speak truth to police violence.

"There's this phrase that it's often used and the phrase is consequence and accountability," she said. "There needs to be consequences and accountability."

Dodgers Foundation Recognized for Battling Racial Inequalities

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation worked ardently to adapt to the challenges that 2020 brought and found ways to serve the needs of Los Angeles. Their efforts were recognized when they won the Beyond Sport's 2020 Sport for Reduced Racial Inequalities Collective Impact Awards.

LADF was one of four recipients of the award, the foundation will work with PeacePlayers, America SCORES, and Memphis Inner City Rugby to create programming that will cure injustices and racism.

During a year where the Dodgers won the World Series, the achievements that LADF earned makes CEO Nichol Whiteman feel this year was a World Series year for the foundation.

"I always say partner-

ship is the secret sauce to our success," Whiteman said. "It's not just 'here you go, you get this award'... but it means a whole lot more than that because we have this newfound collaboration."

During their 25 years in existence, the LADF has refurbished 51 baseball fields into Dodgers DreamFields, they can be found throughout Los Angeles. Through their Dodgers RBI program, LADF has mentored 10,292 youth through teaching life lessons through baseball and softball.

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced Dodgers RBI participants to stay at home, LADF provided virtual workouts and hosted food drive-thrus so the youth can get free food, snacks, and Dodgers gear. To celebrate the 100th year



To honor Jackie Robinson, LADF hosted a virtual career panel for HBCU students

anniversary of the Negro Leagues, LADF partnered with the Inglewood Baseball Fund to host a virtual forum with Dodgers general manager Dave Roberts and former player Jerry Hairston Jr. They honored the legacy of Jackie Robinson by hosting a week of virtual panels.

LADF also hosted an auction with all the proceeds going to the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), an

organization that fights against mass incarceration. Among their programming was a career panel for students of Historically Black Colleges.

"We needed that Jackie Robinson Day, we needed that Negro League Day to really help us to drive home the message of the importance of our Black icons," Whiteman said. "Although we celebrated things differently this year, I think that

virtually, you get an opportunity to expose even more people who may not have been at the Jackie Robinson celebration at the stadium."

Dodgers players even contributed to their efforts. While they were working towards a World Series Title, right fielder, Mookie Betts and pitcher, Clayton Kershaw partnered with LADF to provide to those in need.

Betts and Pull Up Neigh-

bor provided food, hygiene supplies, voter registration and health screenings in Compton. Kershaw and Shoes That Fit donated new shoes to 800 families in Watts. Whiteman noted how the foundation wants to continue working with the players to further serve Black and Brown communities.

"It was important for us to say 'Black Lives Matter' our players were right there with us, our White players said unapologetically 'Black Lives Matter,'" she said. "They were there to support their teammate Mookie Betts as well as to show up for organizations that we on the foundation side were supporting throughout the city."

LADF also won the ESPN Sports Humanitarian Team of the Year this year. For more information about Beyond Sport, visit <http://www.beyondsport.org/Home>.

UCLA Bruins Basketball are Ready to go to War

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The UCLA men's and women's basketball teams are full of familiar faces along with talented new additions that will make them competitive in the Pac-12.

The women are predestined to maintain their dominance as they are ranked ninth in the AP women's basketball preseason poll. With Bruin alum, Japreece Dean at the helm, the Bruins were 26-5 overall and second in the Pac-12 last season. Now senior forward Michaela Onyenwere leads the team with career averages of 14.5 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

Onyenwere is ready to cherish every moment she gets to play.

"I'm just really excited to be able to go to war with the women that we do



Senior forward, Michaela Onyenwere (21) has scored 14.5 points per game during her college career COURTESY OF UCLA ATHLETICS

have on the team this year," she said. "Our versatility is something that we'll definitely push us over the edge."

Sophomore guard, Charisma Osborne put on a marquee performance last season, scoring 12.2 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. In a February game against Washington State,

Osbourne scored a career high of 32 points and 11 rebounds.

"She has just grown so much in her confidence and her leadership," Onyenwere said. "She's also super good at basketball and able to put the ball in the basket and she's really, really unguardable."

The season has been

modified from a 31-game season to 25 games. For the sake of the players' health, 22 of those games will be conference games.

"The reality is you want to be able to prove who we are and our dominance and our ability to play and beat the nation's best," said UCLA women's basketball coach, Cori Close. "But we were able to put the safety and the highest chance to play as many games as you could in play."

The UCLA men's basketball team has 10 returners on the roster. This could help the Bruins build from the 19-12 overall record and 12-6 conference record they achieved last year.

"All the guys that played major minutes are back," said senior guard, Chris Smith. "Hopefully the momentum will keep going because we still

pretty much have the same guys from last season."

Last season, Smith led the team with 13.1 points per game and came in second on the team in rebounds with 5.4. He believes he has room to grow.

"The sacred key to success is he has great attitude, so he's coachable," UCLA men's basketball coach, Mick Cronin said about Smith. "He's been unbelievably coachable, which is why his rate of improvement was so accelerated."

Among the returners are redshirt sophomore point guard Tyger Campbell. After sitting out his freshman season with an ACL injury, Campbell returned to the hard would last year to give the Bruins 8.3 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. Cronin expressed how a returning point guard has a tremendous impact on a

basketball program.

"Returning point guards had a lot to do with your prospects for success on a particular season," Cronin said. "I can't tell you the last time UCLA has had a returning starting point guard. It's been four, five, six years maybe."

The men's basketball team welcomes three new players, including sophomore guard, Johnny Juzang who transferred from Kentucky. He, and freshmen guard Jaylen Clark, competed with the Compton Magic.

The UCLA women's basketball team start their season battling against Cal State Fullerton on November 25 at 2:00 P.M. and the UCLA men's basketball team will tip-off their home game campaign against Long Beach State on November 30 at 7:30pm.



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Can the new VP of the United States of America — Kamala Harris help Hollywood become less racist and sexist?

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The moment president-elect Joe Biden announced that Kamala Harris would be joining his ticket as VP of the United States of America, Hollywood reacted enthusiastically with tweets flying left, right, and center. My favorite came from @kerrywashington on August 11 with Yes We Kam!

And yes, they did! When President-elect Joe Biden and his VP-elect Kamala Harris won the 2020 presidential election, something returned that had been absent in the United States of America for the last four years, and that was hope.

It's a small word, only four letters but its power can't be ignored. Without hope, a nation's spirit can be brought down to their col-



Vice President-elect Kamala Harris

lies and ignorance the incoming administration brings experience, competence, empathy, a sincere spirit for justice, and the

ment industry in all sectors. But the question of positive and lasting change comes from the top where powerful people (mostly White

budgets can provide. That's the show part of show-business then there is the truth about the entertainment industry, the cold, gut-churn-

ters that form that powerful word — hope. Hollywood has it in abundance. In a recent article that appeared in The Hollywood Reporter entitled “Hollywood Women Praise ‘Newfound Representation’ With Vice President-elect Kamala Harris” written by Sharareh Drury, Ashley Cullins that hope is evident in the quotes provided by Lilly Singh, Oscar-winner Viola Davis, Nina Shaw (the only Black female name partner at a top Hollywood talent firm) and Gabrielle Union.

I am an optimist and a student of history. To that end, I remember the 2020 Annenberg Inclusion Initiative at USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism's annual report on Hollywood representation of those from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, girls and

How do you think the entertainment industry fares year-after-year? Professor Stacy L. Smith's quote on the subject of Hollywood and their long-term plans to be inclusive speaks volumes: “After 13 years, it is not clear what might convince entertainment companies to change,” said Dr. Smith. “Despite public statements, the data reveal that there is still apathy and ambivalence to increasing representation of speaking characters overall in popular films. This is both the easiest representational gap to address and one that is essential to strengthen the pipeline to more prominent roles.”

To their credit, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced its continued effort to bolster diversity and inclusion at the Oscars by setting new standards of representation and inclusion to win the coveted Best Picture trophy — standards that have been met with praise and skepticism.

Here's the real question, will Vice President-elect Kamala Harris's presence in the White House challenge the lack of diversity in Hollywood?

People do change when faced with powerful examples. For many, the election of a well educated, experienced biracial woman with a multicultural family — whose husband is choosing to leave his job to support his wife's career — is that perfect example.

The inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris is set for January 20, 2021, where the first woman of color (African American and South Asian) will be stepping into the annals of history.

Will powerful people in Hollywood care? Will Trumpian narcissists still run amok in the halls of power where the decisions are made? Or will the voice of the people make their desire for true diversity, lasting and positive change, and authentic representation so palpable that these gatekeepers have no choice but to smash the old system and build one that works for all of us?

Time will tell. If these seismic changes happen within the next four years, I will remember my sister, Kerry Washington's tweet and resurrect her victory



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Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., makes a point during the vice presidential debate with Vice President Mike Pence Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.



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Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., responds to Vice President Mike Pence during the vice presidential debate Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

lective knees but with it, no matter how low, can rise again.

The Biden-Harris combination beat the snot out of Donald Trump and there was celebrating in the streets in cities across America with happy tears flowing down the faces of all kinds of people. The images of people expressing their joy brought chills down the spines of millions. Were the Hollywood gatekeepers watching and tak-

ability to smash glass ceilings into smithereens. And it brings — diversity.

To begin, Kamala Harris made history several times over making the former California senator the first African American vice president, the first Indian-American vice president, and the first woman to serve in that position. A set of powerful firsts.

Now to Hollywood, always a tricky place to be sure but one that loves an

men) make and enforce the rules.

Sure if you do a Google search using the keywords; Hollywood, diversity, and inclusion there will be a bevy of hits extolling new initiatives. And much like the entertainment properties that they create year-after-year, there is a craft to making people believe exactly

ing reality that it is a business and the machinery, on so many levels, is still run by

women, the LGBTQ community, and individuals with disabilities.



AP PHOTO/PAUL SANCYA

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and her family watch fireworks on stage in Wilmington, Del., Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020.



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., listens during a gun safety forum Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, in Las Vegas.

ing notes? Where the grossly incompetent, racist, sexist Donald Trump, and his equally dastardly administration created an environment of fear supported by

underdog story. In the creative community, there is an overwhelming feeling that the change of power in Washington, DC, will trickle down to the entertain-

what you want them to believe. Many hands are shaping the perfect sound bite which is supported by all the glitz and glitter that million-dollar marketing

many monstrous people — mostly White males.

But the winds of change are blowing fast and hard and people demand it and I offer as evidence the impact that Maya Rudolph had when she impersonated VP elect Kamala Harris on NBC's SNL. Twitter went crazy and her performance even garnered a response from the VP herself — “That girl being played by @MayaRudolph on @nbc-snl? That girl was me.”

I return to the four let-



AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris speaks, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, in Wilmington, Del.

A List of Notable Black Women Who Have Been the First in Politics

By SAYBIN ROBERSON
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As we move forward as a collective, the Black community still continues to stand on the strength of Black women. A strength that has been proven beyond resilient, full of love and compassion and just as equally full of pas-



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Yvonne Brathwaite Burke

sion and fire. That fire can be seen on the faces of women such as Madam Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, but her story had been told time and time before.

For the longest, Black women have stood as the backbone for nearly all major civil rights move-

ments. With each push, they gain a new seat in politics pushing the communi-



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Diane Watson

ty further into a place of equality. Regardless of the category, Black women continue to push beyond the glass ceiling in journalism, entertainment, sports and business. As we honor



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Rita Walters

Black woman elected Speaker of the California Assembly.



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Madam Harris

Outside of California, Black women state-to-state continue to demand more. From the earliest days in this country, Black women have been 'the firsts' of many.



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Jackie Lacey

our first Black Vice-President, we also want to take the time out to educate and honor the women before her who forged the path for

Among the pioneers are Carol Moseley Braun who is the first African American woman to serve in the U.S. Senate (1993). Madam Harris is the second Black women to serve in that position. There have only been ten Black U.S. Senators in history.



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Amelia Boynton Robinson

Another trailblazer is Amelia Boynton Robinson who helped organize 1965 Selma March, was the first Black woman to run for Congress in Alabama.



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Carol Moseley Braun



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Vice President-elect Kamala Harris

Though she didn't fully succeed in her campaign, she brought to light to a much-needed topic, voter discrimination. A leader of her kind, her fight continues to this day as we work to end voter suppression across America with help of powerful women such as Stacey Abrams and Latosha Brown. Fannie

so much so, she ended up on the FBI radar as a possible communist, a claim she continuously denied. Nevertheless, she continued to persevere making way through the political realm.

Another powerful Black woman figure who happened to be the first of her kind, Jane Bolin. With



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Karen Bass

Lou Hamer is another figure who fought long and hard for the rights of Black people. Her fight for voting rights helped get Madam Harris into office as her efforts are still seen to this day. Despite the violence she faced, she was resilient and powerful in her own way, a true pioneer, a warrior.

much ambition and tenacity, Bolin became the first Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School, the



FILE PHOTO
Fannie Lou Hamer

first to join the New York Bar Association, the New York City Law Department, and became the country's first Black woman judge in 1939. According to reports, she worked heavily with Eleanor Roosevelt and most importantly ruled against the assignment of probation officers based on race.

What should be one of the more known history facts and firsts for Black women, Shirley Chisholm

who was the first Black woman to be elected into the U.S. House of Representatives in 1969. Chisholm helped establish the Congressional Black Caucus and worked to become the first Black woman to run for major party presidential election. Chisholm is almost widely



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Condoleezza Rice

known for those efforts, however, she fought hard for women's rights and

community activism. To fast forward to see how far we've come, some recent firsts also include



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Shirley Chisholm

Condoleezza Rice who stood as the first Black woman to be appointed national security advisor and first Black woman secretary of state for the United States. Both titles she held after Y2K, proving



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Charlotta Bass



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Jane Bolin

that women still had a long way to go, however, Black women found a way to have a seat at the table each time. In 2015, Loretta Lynch became the first Black woman to be appointed U.S. Attorney General by former President Barack Obama. She was praised for her principles of fairness, equality, and justice.

There are countless other Black women firsts to name in nearly every industry from each decade. There are no heights a Black woman can't reach, and that's been proven with the selection of Kamala Harris as Vice President-Elect of the United States of America.



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Loretta Lynch

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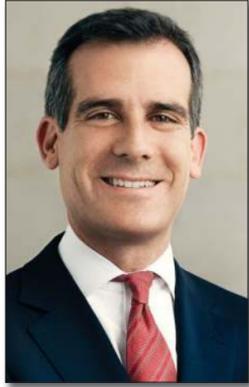
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"Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is following in the footsteps of my mentor and guiding light, the late Shirley Chisholm. Now, we get to see her vision realized. Black women will continue to lead, and now, they will do so at the highest level of our government. Representation matters!" —Congresswoman Barbara Lee



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"Congratulations to Vice President-elect and CA's own @KamalaHarris. With her election, Americans are bearing witness to history — and millions of women and girls will finally see themselves in our VP. This milestone is a powerful reminder of our nation's promise at its best." —Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles



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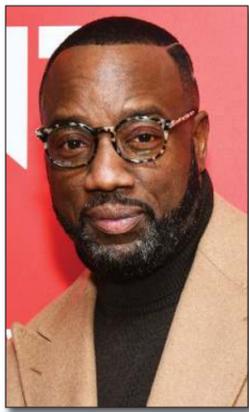


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"Vice-President elect Kamala Harris sounds so good." —Congressmember Karen Bass



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"CONGRATS AND THANK YOU SIS!!!! @kamalaharris" —Malik Yoba



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"60 years ago, little Ruby Bridges broke down a barrier in education that opened doors for little Black girls and boys everywhere. And today, a Black and South Asian woman is our country's first Female Vice President. My heart is absolutely full right now." —Angela Bassett



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"I want to congratulate the next Vice President of the United States, our very own from the Golden State — @KamalaHarris!" —Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas



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"What's up, America? Don't mind me, I'll just be popping this collar in honor of all the Black Women who fought for this outcome and for the Black Woman @KamalaHarris who is now our Vice President-Elect! #MadamVicePresident #MVP #SkeeWee" —Yvette Nicole Brown



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"@kamalaharris is the first Black & Indian woman to serve as Vice President! We have a long way to go as a country to heal wounds and build bridges. This is A GIANT step in the right direction." —Janelle Monae



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"Kamala Harris is Vice President elect. Joy." —Senator Cory Booker



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"...a history-making congrats to California's very own, @kamalaharris, on being the first woman to serve as Vice President! I join the millions of Americans who are celebrating this new day of leadership and progress." —Supervisor-elect 2nd District Holly J. Mitchell



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"I am so excited that @kamalaharris will be our next VICE PRESIDENT of the United States. I remember sitting with her during her campaign for the U.S. Senate. She is strong, resilient and powerful. SHE." —Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager



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"Congratulations to the incoming VP @KamalaHarris. With a record-breaking amount of ballots cast even before election day, and the highest overall turnout of our time, voters made their voice clear: A change is needed in this country, and it starts right now. #MVP" —Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP

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Harold & Belle's Has Served Los Angeles for 50 Years

It all started with connection and family tradition for the creole-style restaurant

By BETTI HALSELL
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Harold and Belle's dining experience started with a family connection; third generation owner, Ryan Legaux, explained that food was an afterthought when his grandparents, Harold and Belle, built their legacy. It started as a social club where the community could go to play cards, talk, and dance, while a pot of gumbo was simmering in the kitchen. The Legaux family came to Los Angeles with the soul and the hospitable spirit of New Orleans, bringing a distinct flavor still enjoyed today.

One of the main pillars of success established by Harold and Belle's 50 years ago, was the essence of unity. Legaux explained, "The atmosphere and the vibe ... the food was more of an afterthought. It was about the people."

The recipes come direct-



COURTESY OF HAROLD AND BELLE'S

Ryan Legaux Frying a Turkey.

over and remodeled the establishment; it was the restaurant's initial stage of evolution, beginning in September of 1969.

The air is filled with the savory scents that represent the culinary enchantment of New Orleans. The kitchen tantalizes the senses with authentic gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice, slow cooking in layers of flavor providing a rich culinary experience.

Legaux explained that alongside

restaurants, and I happen to think ours is the best around."

COVID-19 has impacted every sector, including the dining experience. Legaux stated, to last through the pandemic, "We've definitely had to pivot." He described the shift focusing more on their online presence and making sure the manpower was implemented to meet the elevated to-go demands.

"We already had a pretty strong take-out business, but

Program, to assist those who are seeing hard times, and where much needed food supplies may be scarce.

From public officials such as Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, to a wide variety of celebrities and political figures and to the local faithful who look forward to dining in one of South L.A.'s culinary treasures. The popularity of Harold & Belle's is due to the cultural authenticity of the food and the kindness of the staff. Legaux explained,

graduations, uplifting baby showers, and various cherished engagements. Legaux reflected on the thousands of people who are sentimentally rooted in the restaurant's 50-year history. He looks to keep this momentum going into the future.

Under the third-generation ownership of Ryan and wife, Jessica Legaux, Harold & Belle's continues to grow and expand. Now, fans of the restaurant can experience the Harold & Belle's food truck and also



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'To-Gaux' Box of Beignets.



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Harold and Belle's holiday menu.

ly from the family kitchen, authentically developed in Louisiana.

Legaux explained, "The recipes are coming out of the home kitchen; this is just family tradition getting passed down the line." He reflected on times in Louisiana; they would have a rotation of certain meals given on specific

days of the week, and that is how the deep, Cajun flavor and seasoning came about in Harold and Belle's signature dishes.

Legaux stated that the restaurant did not earn their "culinary chops" until the 1980s, when his parents, Harold Jr. and Denise, and their business partners took



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those dishes, their fryers are going from dusk-till-dawn, where their famous fried catfish, shrimp, oysters, and beignets are prepared.

He shared that their early morning priorities are filled with food preparation from the freshest ingredients in making their signature and sought-after recipes. Legaux shared that his favorite dish is the crawfish etouffee. "One ... it's a very traditional New Orleans dish that you won't see in too many restaurants other than in New Orleans, Louisiana-style

we had to put more emphasis on online ordering and using third-party services and apps," Legaux said. He went into detail about the adjustment period needed to adapt to such abrupt change in environment. Since the foundation of the business was always about the people, the team was able to keep the community at the forefront of the focus and carry through the obstacles in great stride. Harold and Belle's is participating in the City of Los Angeles Restaurant & Hospitality Express



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