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**Tyler Felix** 

## Eric Connerly Data News Weekly Contributor

This election is important and there are efforts to get all people to turn out and vote. As many are waiting in long lines to vote in elections across the nation, some are concerned that apathy among young people as their number at the polls does not equal older Americans.

Data News Weekly went across the City to speak to some of its young people; to get their views on the election and the issues that are important to them.

# eople **Tyler Felix**

As a young Black man in America I feel like it's more important than ever for us to make a stance in this election. We are the ones who are being targeted more today than ever before. The Jim Crows of our forefathers are trying to make a comeback under the

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Wynn Williams

disguise of Mother Liberty. Just as our ancestors before us, started a chain reaction of better days for our people; when they used their power of the right to vote. Black Americans were chained and whipped and hanged. Spit on for trying to

sit at lunch counters and beaten for Sam White trying to vote.

We must not squander our right to vote. The most important issue to me in this election is the stance our political leaders take on Black Americans.



**Immanuel Simon** 

I think there is a simple reason why people should vote. When people vote, they vote for whom they think is the best person to be in office. They are voting to choose what is best for their future and choose for

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Jeremiah Craft

those after them who will one day have the right to vote. I am a sixteenyear-old African American young lady. I cannot vote yet. I feel like the responsibility to vote must be chosen, especially by African Americans. When Blacks do not vote, it is a slap

in the face to those who came before them who fought and died for the right to vote. So please, for my future and yours, VOTE. It is needed now more than ever.

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# The Power of the Women Vote

"Dem Girls Vote" Early Voting Drive-in Rally Empowering Women to Vote

# Photos by Angela "Angie B" Beasley

NEW ORLEANS—On Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Dem Girls Vote, an initiative of Power Woman, founded by Dr. Debra Morton, hosted an Early Voting Drive-in Rally, in collaboration with ALY Media Relations' Metropolitan Women for Biden-Harris. The purpose of the event was to empower women to exercise their right to vote early from Oct. 16th through 27th and to educate voters on the various items included on the ballots for the upcoming election.

Guests also had the opportunity to hear directly from candidates for local elections such as District Attorney, Judges for Civil District Court, Criminal District Court and LA Supreme Court as well as School Board candidates. There was also be an opportunity to learn more about the proposed amendments on the ballots.



Dr. Debra Morton, hosted an Early Voting drive-in rally with ALY Media Relations' Metropolitan Woman for Biden-Harris. It was an amazing event meant to inspire and empower women to get out and vote in the upcoming election.













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Newsmaker

# In Memoriam: **George Rainey** Businessman and Oldest Zulu King Passes at 89

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People from all around the City are commemorating the life of George Rainey who made history as the oldest Zulu king at the age of 87 when he reigned with his granddaughter Kailyn Rainey in 2019. He recently passed away at the age of 89. His amazing life touched so many in the Crescent City, who came to view him in Gallier Hall.

According to a biography posted by the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, George V. Rainey was born in New Orleans and educated in New Orleans' Public-School System at Booker T. Washington High School, first graduating 12th grade class, in 1949.

Then he honorably served his country in the United States Army serving for six years before returning home to start the iconic Rainey's, that became a staple and one of the premiere African American



While being a successful businessman, many have come to know Rainey as a member of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, which he joined in the early 70's and remained a member until his passing.

restaurants in the City of New Orleans for 50 years.



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he joined in the early 70's and remained a member until his passing.

Rainey played an important part in growing Zulu's footprint into what it is today.

Rainey has secured more than 40 sponsors under his leadership, according to his biography.

In 1983, Rainey spearheaded the production of Zulu's 1st poster series. In 1993, Rainey founded New Orleans' world-renowned Zulu Lundi Gras Festival.

Throughout his incredible and impactful life, Rainey has received many awards and have been recognized by President George W. Bush, The Jefferson Award Foundation and Data News Weekly for his community services.

George Rainey's life is a display of love and service to others. Data News Weekly thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones as we commemorate the life of a great man who represented the best of our City, George Rainey.

# Judge Roland L. Belsome, Jr.

LOUISIANA State Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit



"I would like to recognize the N.O. community and Data News Weekly for their support of me over the years. It's been a privilege to serve the New Orleans Community and I look forward to working with Data News Weekly moving forward."

Judge Belsome currently serves as a judge on the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, which has jurisdiction over the parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines. Before his election to the Court of Appeal, he was a judge in Orleans Parish (41st Judicial District) Civil District Court from 1996 to 2004 and a well-known trial attorney.

# **Data News Weekly Early Endorsements**



As the Publisher of Data News Weekly and in our role as "The People's Paper" we encourage all our citizens to get out and vote this election that will decide who will lead our nation for these are truly crucial times for our country. In addition, there are several local and

state races that are as equally important. We have looked at those running in various races and decided to endorse the candidates listed because we believe they are the best qualified to fill these



LaKeisha Jefferson Judge - Civil District Court Division K **Domestic Section 1** 

posts and will work diligently and be dedicated to service and putting the needs of their constituents tirst. Therefore, we are supporting these candidates and we want you do the same. Again, we are asking all our readers and citizens across the City to get out and vote; for it is our hands that will shape the future of our City, state and nation.



**Dianne Alexander** Civil District Court Judge Division E;



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# **New Orleans Enters Phase 3.2**

**Data News Staff Edited** Report

NEW ORLEANS - Recently, the City further entered into Phase 3.2 of reopening on October 17, 2020.

Moving into Phase 3.2 allows outdoor capacity at bars and an increased capacity for indoor timed seated events, like church mass or movie showings. Outdoor sporting events have a higher capacity limit under Phase 3.2 as well.

The following requirements are still in force:

- Masks are required in public, except during personal recreation.
- All activities allowed in Phase 3 must include strict social distancing
- All businesses must follow the City and State guidelines for safe operations.

Grades Pre-K-12 are back in public school and the mayor's office is working with education leaders to make sure the necessary resources are there in case a school receives a positive test result.

Here is a list of the changes for Phase 3.2 as outline by Mayor Cantrell:

• Indoor live entertainment will be allowed with a Special Event Permit in restaurants, indoor event

limits CROWDS The City of New Orleans continues to move through Phase 3 reopening. It consists of three parts and recently the City entered Phase 3.2. venues, and concert halls. Singing, karaoke, and wind-blown instruments are prohibited in-

doors. • Bars and breweries without LDH food permits will be allowed to

have outdoor seating of 25% permitted occupancy or 50 individuals, whichever is fewer. Alcohol sales are limited to the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. • Breweries with an LDH food per-

mit will be allowed to have indoor seating of 25% of permitted occupancy and outdoor seating of 100% permitted occupancy or 50 individuals, whichever is fewer. Alcohol sales are limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The City of New Orleans is making this provision in its guidelines because unlike bars, breweries are not eligible to apply for the State's conditional restaurant permit.

- · Houses of worship, movie theaters, and conference venues will be allowed to open for timed, seated events at 50% of permitted occupancy or 500 individuals, whichever is fewer.
- · Outdoor stadiums and large arenas will be allowed to have 25% permitted occupancy or 500 individuals, whichever is fewer.
- Concert halls will be allowed to open for timed, seated events at 50% of permitted occupancy or 250 individuals, whichever is fewer, with approval from the State Fire Marshal and the City's Department of Safety and Permits. Singing, karaoke, and wind-blown instruments are prohibited indoors, and alcohol sales are limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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## Immanuel Simon

I believe this country needs a president that can usher in a guide to freedom for everyone. Being a Black educated gender non-conforming person in America, so much is at stake for me in this election. I want a president that will continue fighting for equity and freedom of the LGBTQ+ community especially Black trans women. I want a president that will start the work to dismantle America's racist foundation. I want a president that can help students in debt. It is important to vote because of representation matters. We should all vote for who we believe can be the best representation of the United States of America.

# Jeremiah Craft

This election will most likely be the most important in my lifetime.

Sure, Biden's no saint. However, as Black folk, we can't do things like vote third party, or "cast our vote for the future" - because if we don't vote,

and vote SMART, then the future might not come. For White folks, they're essentially OK either way, due to good ol' privilege.

To those who doubt that Biden is the lesser of evils, consider that you are comparing Biden from many years ago, to 45, who CURRENTLY will not denounce White supremacy on national television. Remember, his support is "standing back & standing by" - so a vote for Kanye (who's being tricked to separate Biden's voters), third party or none at all, is a vote for Trump.

## Wynn Williams

One thing I am concerned about during this year's election is health care for our economy. As we go through this Pandemic; we need people who think about low-income communities just how they feel about privileged communities. We need people in office who don't react off of emotion. We need people that believe not only about themselves but everyone. People should get out

and vote because this doesn't just affect one person. It affects everyone. Leaders from the past fought a long and hard fight to

get to where we are to use our voices, and we have to carry on that legacy, not just for us but for future generations.



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