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# Troy Carter Wins Election for Louisiana 2nd Congressional District

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Troy Carter has a bold agenda and plans to govern for all the people and advocate for much needed resources to the District.

**Edwin Buggage**  
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**Mr. Carter Goes to Washington**  
It was an election that began with 15 candidates competing to represent Louisiana’s 2nd District in

the U.S. Congress; now a victor has been declared. Troy Carter has emerged from the crowded field as the winner and is now headed to Washington D.C. to fill the rest of the term left vacant by Cedric Richmond, who is now working as a Senior Advisor in the Biden Administration as the Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.

Surrounded by his family and supporters on election night Carter gave a unifying and uplifting message of hope, optimism, and bridge building for Louisiana’s 2nd Congressional District. A recipe, he’s used throughout his time in politics to get things done. “First, I want to thank the people of LA-02. I want to thank my family, my wife, my kids, and my siblings. I

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"From the first day of this campaign I said I wanted to be the voice of the people. I started this campaign traveling the District and simply listening. Today is a big victory for me, but really it is a victory for you," said Carter telling voters their voices were heard at the polls.

want to thank my team, the volunteers, and the donors. Thank you to the first responders who kept us safe during the Pandemic. To the unions, ministers, supporters, and so many elected officials who gave us their support. Thank you all," said Carter.

### Lessons from My Mother... Faith, Hard Work and Service

During his campaign he spoke of his mother Eartha Fleming Carter as his biggest inspiration and guiding light for him and his siblings.

"When someone runs for an office their whole family runs with them. I want to especially thank my mother who raised all of us and taught us that we could do anything we set our minds to. A woman who put herself through Xavier while raising all of us and taught us all the importance of faith, hard work, and service."

### Building Bridges and Getting Things Done

Troy Carter's career is one that's been defined by bringing together diverse groups to get things done. In part, it seems a natural given early in his career he represented District C while a member of the New Orleans City Council that was on both the East and West Bank. Today, he will be serving a District that spans 10 parishes from New Orleans, the River Parishes and Parts of Baton Rouge.

He was endorsed by many diverse groups that ran the gamut that included, political, civic, and business leaders. Also, he was en-



Congressman-Elect Carter built a strong coalition of support throughout his political career. In this race he continued bringing people to the table around common interests. This is something he plans to do as a U.S. Congressman.

dorsed by many local media outlets that included the New Orleans Data News Weekly.

While all endorsements are important, the early support of Cedric Richmond, was key and will give Carter a major ally in having the necessary relationships with the leadership in Washington D.C. to do what he's always done by bringing back resources to the District and getting things done.

Cedric Richmond, who was in the crowd during the Carter's victory speech with his son on his shoulders watching this historic moment.

"When Cedric Richmond told me, he thought I was the right person to replace him as the voice of LA-02, I

took it to prayer, asking the Lord if I were the right person. Thank you for having confidence in me, Cedric," he said from the podium.

### Voice of the People

Carter understands this victory is not his alone, but one of the people who elected him, because they believed he could deliver on what is needed for the District.

"From the first day of this campaign I said I wanted to be the voice of the people. I started the campaign by traveling the District and simply listening. Today is a big victory for me, but really, it's a victory for you. Your voice was heard tonight at the ballot box, and now I go to Washington to be your voice

for the things we need."

Planning to hit the ground running, his agenda includes: Economic recovery from COVID-19, Increased Minimum Wage, Criminal Justice Reform, Environmental Justice, LGBTQ Rights and a many other issues that are important in the District.

### Representing All the People of Louisiana 2nd Congressional District

"This was a hard-fought race, and now it is time to come together."

These are important and crucial times for the District, the country, and the world. In these times the sometimes status quo of tribal politics, narrow vision and patronage

cannot find its way into policy, a policy agenda that requires a much larger vision for those entrusted to represent their constituents as an elected leaders.

Carter understand this and stated he is ready for the challenge.

"I want to be clear - I welcome everyone to our tent because the election is over, and I represent everyone. From the guy who needs a second chance after a DUI, to the woman who wonders how she will afford her diabetes medications - I want you all to know you deserve the resources to live up to your full potential. You deserve a voice in Washington. And that's who I will be. The voice of the people - you, my constituents."



# Troy Carter Campaign Victory Celebration

Photos by Glenn Summers

It was a night to remember as supporters of Troy Carter gathered with him to celebrate his Election victory to become the member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District. Data News Weekly was there and would like to congratulate Troy Carter and knows he will be a great representative and get things done that will help all the citizens of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District.



Data News Weekly Publisher Terry Jones with Congressman-Elect Troy Carter at his victory celebration.



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# Tyler Perry Honored with Humanitarian Award at the Oscars and Condemns Hate

## Data News Weekly Staff Edited Report

New Orleans Native Tyler Perry was honored again for his humanitarian work at this year's Academy Awards.

The filmmaker, who is known for helping many worthy causes delivered a passionate acceptance speech at the 2021 Oscars and said his mother taught him as a boy to refuse hate and refuse to succumb to "blanket judgments."

"And in this time, with all of the internet and social media and algorithms and everything that wants us to think a certain way, the 24-hour new cycle...it is my hope that all of us would teach our kids, and I want to remember: just refuse hate. Don't hate anybody."

Tyler Perry invoked his late mother and the example she set for him during a deeply moving speech in which he accepted the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award on Sunday night at the 93rd Annual Academy Awards. Honored for his "cultural influence extending far beyond his work as a filmmaker," Perry explained that he'd



New Orleans Native Tyler Perry continues to use his platform to help with many worthy causes. For his deep commitment to helping others he was honored at the Oscars, where he gave a moving speech condemning hate and encouraging togetherness and building bridges of understanding between people from different backgrounds.

lived out of his car more than once, owned a single pair of shoes and that he heard stories about racism and America's racial strife from his mother, Willie Maxine Perry. She grew up in rural Louisiana and lived through Emmett Till's murder in 1955, the deaths of four young girls

killed in bombings in Alabama in 1963, and Dr. King's Assassination in 1968.

Perry, of course, is the actor-producer-director behind dozens of movies and shows, including the Madea films, House of Payne, Alex Cross, The Haves and Have Nots,

and Sistas. He also owns the Tyler Perry Studios Complex in Atlanta and heads up The Perry Foundation, the aim of which "has been to transform tragedy into triumph by seeding individual potential, supporting communities, and harvesting sustainable change."

He added, "My mother taught me to refuse hate. She taught me to refuse blanket judgment. And in this time, and with all of the internet and social media and algorithms and everything that wants us to think a certain way, the 24-hour news cycle, it is my hope that all of us will teach our kids... just refuse hate. Don't hate anybody. I refuse to hate someone because they are Mexican or because they are Black or White or LGBTQ. I refuse to hate someone because they are a police officer. I refuse to hate someone because they are Asian. I would hope we would refuse hate."

Perry continued, dedicating his statuette to anyone who wants to stand in the middle, no matter what's around the walls. "Stand in the middle," he implored, "because that's where healing happens. That's where conversation happens. That's where change happens. It happens in the middle. So, anyone who wants to meet me in the middle, to refuse hate, to refuse blanket judgment, and to help lift someone's feet off the ground, this one is for you, too."

## State & Local News

# Quality of Public Education During the Pandemic Expressed by Black Parents and Students.

## Kai Davis Data News Weekly Contributor

Roughly a year in, students of New Orleans had to adjust to on-line learning for most of their time in school. Around January 4, 2021, majority of the public schools in New Orleans closed their doors to students and faculty moving in-person learning to at-home learning.

"The education system is worse due to this Pandemic as it was already dysfunctional and antiquated. Children are suffering as they try to learn virtually," said Rosean Porter, mother of two who attend Edna Karr High School and REW SciTech Academy and Minute Clerk.

From increased numbers of COVID-19 cases, the City of New Or-

leans forced public schools to convert in-person learning to remote at-home learning to better ensure safety for students and teachers.

As of January, more than 2,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported. Today, roughly 450,000 confirmed cases have been reported.

This Pandemic has been nothing but difficult for most families and posed drastic challenges, both parents and students had to face.

"The challenge that my family has with at home learning was keeping my child motivated," said Danielle Johnson. "My daughter responds better when she's in the classroom, at home learning isn't a good fit for every child, definitely not mine," Johnson added.

For parents like Johnson, it has become even more difficult con-



Cai Meads is a student at Edna Karr High School.

verting in-person education to at-home due to the fact of her child being a senior. Where activities were cancelled, connecting with friends, and finding the want to return to school held students back from enjoying their last year in high school.

"I never had a problem with her going to school, she actually looked forward to going. But when she became used to staying at home, when time came to return to school she did not want to go," Johnson said.

The Pandemic has caused teachers to develop new ways to teach students, that have become difficult for them to learn and efficiently complete assignments.

"I have to constantly be involved with my son when it came to his assignments. He would not take things seriously until all of his

grades were failing," said Desendra Stepter, mother to graduating senior at Warren Easton Charter High School. "I felt I was failing as a parent, although some of it was the school system's fault by not communicating the way they should have with the students," Stepter said.

"Many challenges attempted to bar my path of success in school, virtual learning has not only caused my lack of communication, but it also played a role in my languidness," said Derine Steed Corsey, senior at Warren Easton Charter High School.

NOLA Public School, which oversees 78 public schools in the city, plans to reopen schools

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# Obama, NNPA, NAACP, Urban League Applaud Chauvin Verdict, Call it a 'First Step'

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Former President Barack Obama joined the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the NAACP, the National Urban League, and others to applaud the guilty verdicts in the Derek Chauvin case.

For almost a year, George Floyd's death under the knee of a police officer has reverberated around the world – inspiring murals and marches, sparking conversations in living rooms and new legislation.

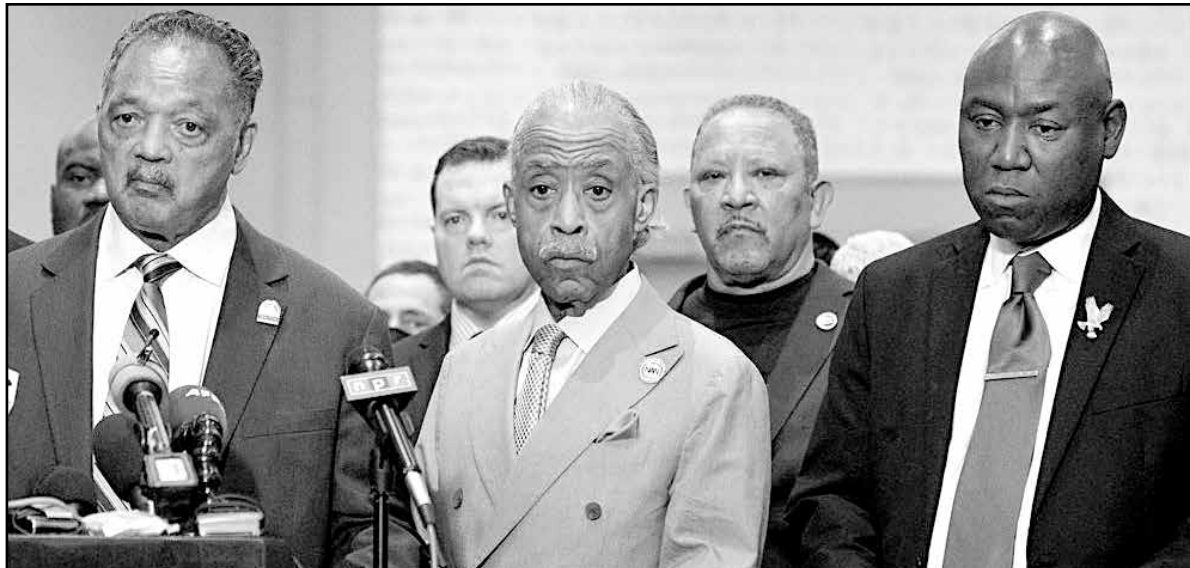
Obama noted that a more basic question has always remained: would justice be done?

"In this case, at least, we have our answer. But if we're being honest with ourselves, we know that true justice is about much more than a single verdict in a single trial," the former president stated.

"True justice requires that we come to terms with the fact that Black Americans are treated differently, every day. It requires us to recognize that millions of our friends, family, and fellow citizens live in fear that their next encounter with law enforcement could be their last. And it requires us to do the sometimes thankless, often difficult, but always necessary work of making the America we know more like the America we believe in."

The 44th president continued:

"And as we continue the fight, we can draw strength from the millions of people — especially young people — who have marched and protested and spoken up over the last year, shining a light on inequity and calling for change. Justice is closer today not simply because of this verdict, but because



Civil Rights Leaders call for justice and an end to police misconduct against African Americans.

of their work."

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., said the trade association welcomed the verdict.

"The unanimous verdict is a step in the appropriate direction to dismantle American Apartheid and racism that continues to be clearly manifested by racially-motivated police brutality," Chavis added.

He continued:

"The Black Press of America has always stood for equal justice. Today, we reaffirm the importance of the Black Lives Matter Movement and the necessity for the Black Press to continue to be an advocate for freedom, justice, and equality."

Derek Johnson, the president and CEO of the NAACP, noted that "justice has landed Chauvin behind bars." However, Johnson cautioned that "we will not rest until all in our community have the right to breathe. The chapter on Derrick Chauvin may be closed, but the fight for police accountability and respect for Black

lives is far from over."

Floyd family attorney Ben Crump called the process of getting justice for Floyd painful.

"The verdict goes far beyond this city and has significant implications for the country and even the world. Justice for Black America is justice for all of America," Crump declared.

"This case is a turning point in American history for accountability of law enforcement and sends a clear message we hope is heard clearly in every city and every state. We thank Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and his team for their fierce dedication to justice for George. But it does not end here. We have not forgotten that the other three officers who played their own roles in the death of George Floyd must still be held accountable for their actions, as well."

In a statement from National Urban League President Marc Morial, the organization called the verdicts a potential turning point.

"Just as the viral video of George Floyd's brutal death marked a turning point in the nation's tolerance for racially motivated police violence, we are hopeful that today's verdict marks a turning point in holding police accountable," Morial remarked.

"With this verdict, the jury has made an unambiguous declaration that unwarranted use of force against Black people by police is a crime and that Black Lives Matter."

The statement continued:

"Criminal prosecutions of police officers for misconduct, even fatal misconduct, are extremely rare, and convictions are rarer still. A major reason why is the so-called blue wall of silence, which suffered a major blow in this case when Chauvin's former fellow officers took the stand against him. While truthful testimony is the very least we should expect from law-enforcement officers, we are nonetheless encouraged by the role their actions played in securing this conviction."

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through the NOLA Public Schools Roadmap to Reopening Schools. With COVID-19 cases dropping within public schools, by this time next year, the city can fully welcome students back.

In early February, schools reported more than 1,000 new weekly cases, according to the Louisiana Department of Health. During the last week of March, schools reported 467 new cases.



Derine Steed Corsey is a senior at Warren Easton Charter High School.

More than 70 percent of Louisiana students are currently learning in-person full-time, according to the state Department of Education's tracker. Upon upcoming changes, public schools are required to report positive COVID-19 test from both students and staff to continue the school year safely.

"For many of the students, they felt like they don't matter anymore. Hopefully, next year, schools can return to some sort of normalcy with the thought of students in mind," Johnson said.

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