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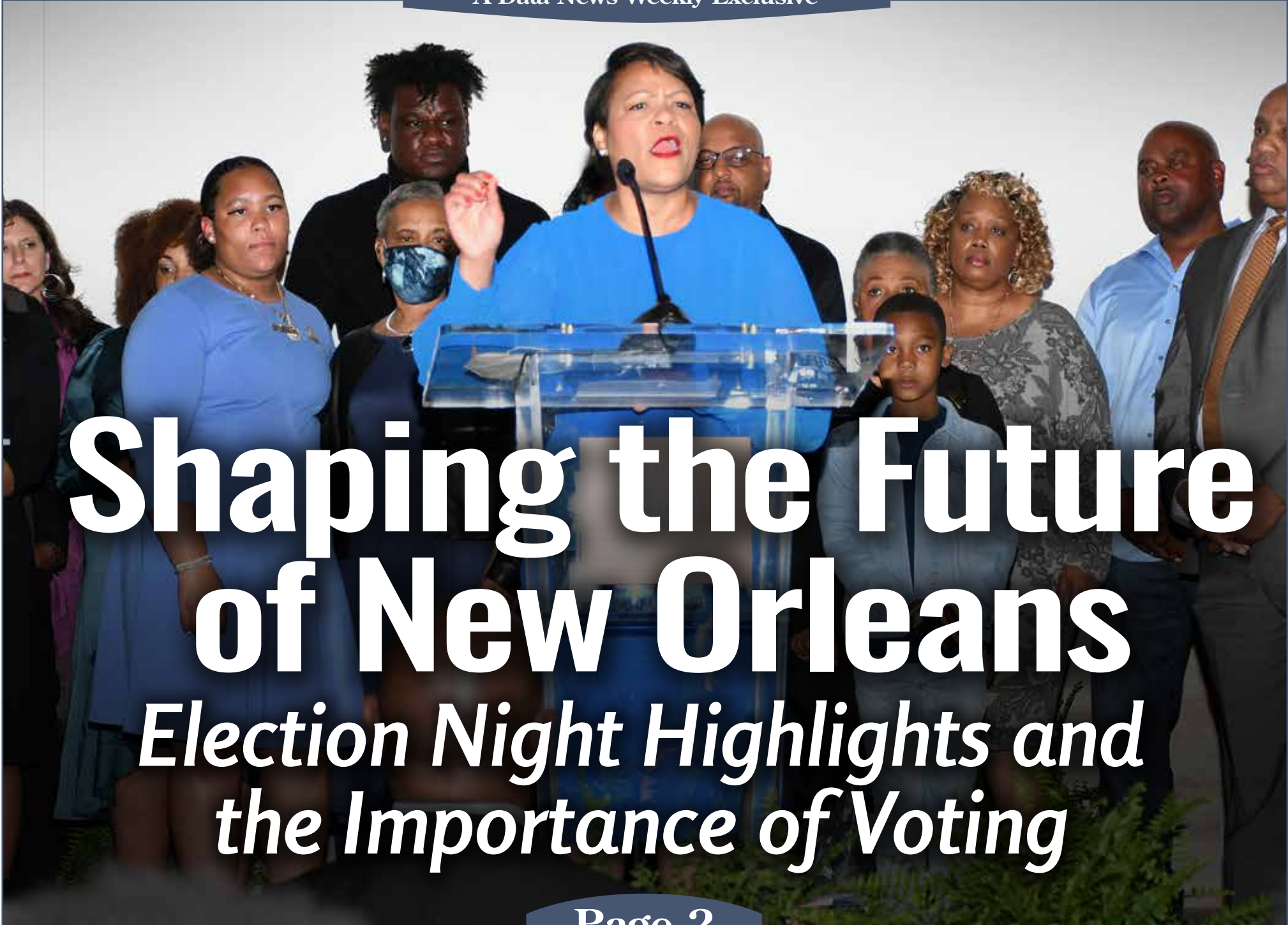


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New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell won by a wide margin, earning 65% of the vote in her term-election bid. She spoke about continuing to fight for equity and making the City a better place to live for all citizens.

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Citizens Get Out to Vote

Last week voters went to the polls to cast their ballots in the primary election. While turnout was

low, with less than one-third of the city’s eligible voters getting to the polls. Based on the results of the election, and those making the run-off, the City government will look quite different. What does this mean for New Orleans? It is only time that will tell, but it is important that citizens become more engaged, because whether one casts a ballot or not, the policies enacted effects them directly, and their quality of life.

Four More Years

In one most watched race, Incumbent New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell cruised to a second term winning 65 percent of the vote among just 75,325 ballots cast. Following her win Cantrell, vowed to continue her fight for equity, and empowering more of the people of New Orleans.

Also, on this night City Council Member at Large, Helena Moreno, easily sailed to victory, as well as

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JP Morrell (center) surrounded by supporters after winning a seat in the highly contested race for Council-at-Large Division 2.

longtime Assessor Errol Williams and City Council District A incumbent Joe Giarrusso III, will serve another term.

A New Direction for the City Council

In a race that was expected to be a run-off City Council Member Kristin Gisleson Palmer lost what had become a contentious race

against former State Senator J.P. Morrell for the Division 2 Councilmember At-Large seat. Morrell ran as a reformer and spoke of his record of service that includes his leading role in crafting the legislation that changed the controversial Jim Crow era non-unanimous jury law. Morrell won 50 percent victory by a narrow margin of 481 votes. This race illustrates the importance

of voting, and how it can affect the results, determining who the City elected leaders will be. During this election, the unofficial turnout for this race was just 27.4 percent of eligible voters, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State's office.

Voting Matters

The run-off is on Dec. 11th with early voting is from November 27th



Data News Weekly Publisher, Terry Jones and Lesli Harris, candidate for City Council District B after making the runoff that takes place on Dec. 11.

thru December 4th, 2021. We are encouraging all to get out and vote. For in these crucial times for the City, low turnout is not an option. All voices need to be heard at the polls, and civic engagement is necessary to make the City the place it can be with opportunity, fairness, and equity for all regard-

less of their zip code.

We at Data News Weekly will continue our coverage of the election in upcoming editions. Giving you news that you can use to inform, educate, and inspire the citizens of New Orleans to have a hand in shaping the future of the City. Voting is one way that is possible.



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Across the City of New Orleans voters went to the polls electing leaders that will represent the citizens of the City. Data News Weekly was there. Some of the candidates Data News Weekly endorsed we congratulate them on their victories. Also several others have made the run-off that's taking place on Dec. 11, 2021. Remember, all elections matter. Get out and vote!!!



New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell with Data News Weekly Publisher, Terry Jones after winning re-election.



JP Morrell with Data News Weekly Publisher, Terry Jones after winning the race for City Council-at-Large Division 2.



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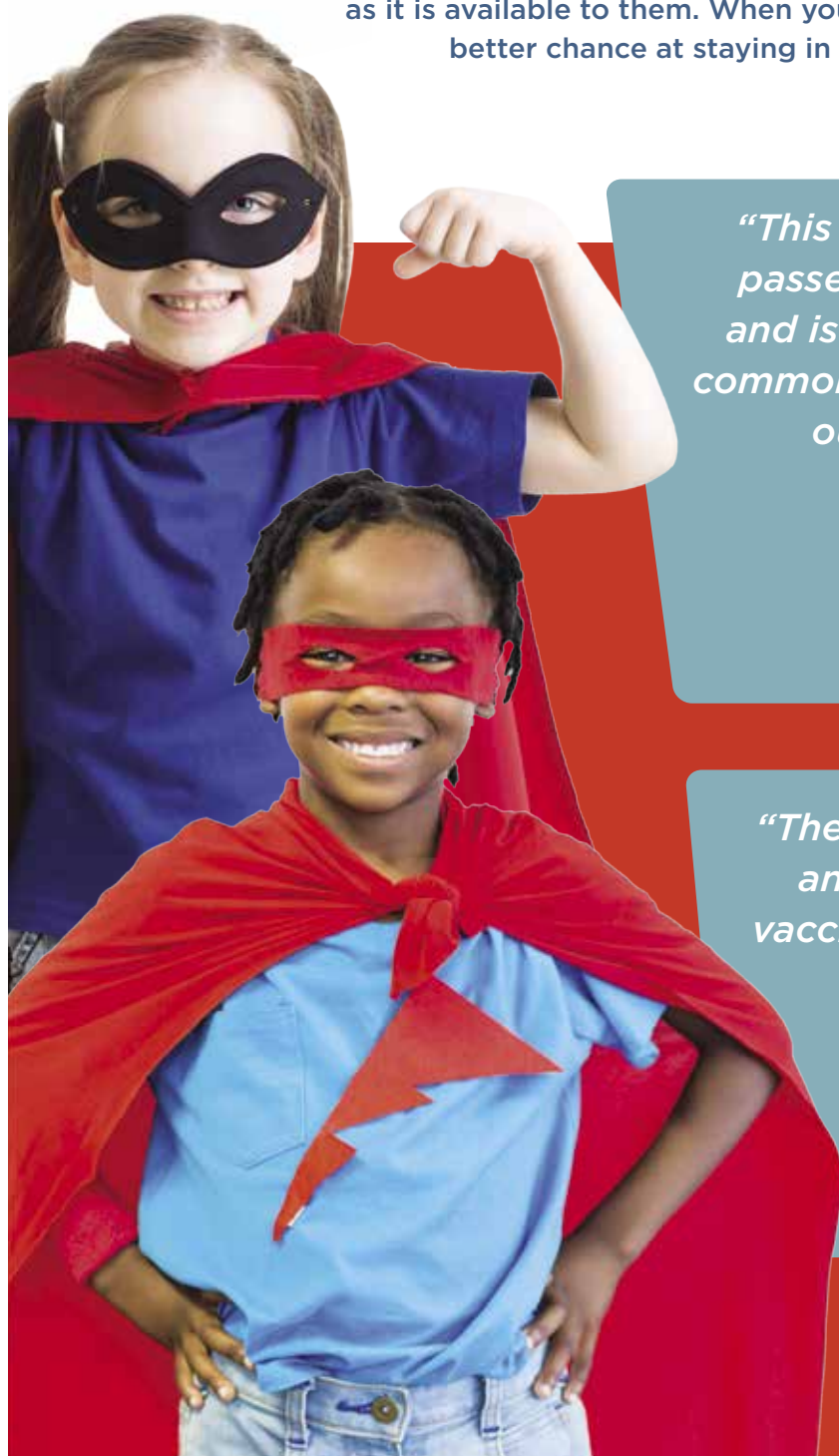
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Several Races Headed to Run-Off on December 11

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While some races were decided in the primary, some are headed to run-off races that will take place on December 11th. Early voting will take place from Nov. 27th thru Dec. 4th.

The run-off races included three incumbents that include Criminal Sheriff Marlin Gusman, City Council District B, Jay Banks, and Cyndi Nguyen of City Council District E.

Gusman who is running for a fifth term garnered 48 percent of the vote will face off against former independent police monitor Susan Hutson, who received 35% of the vote.

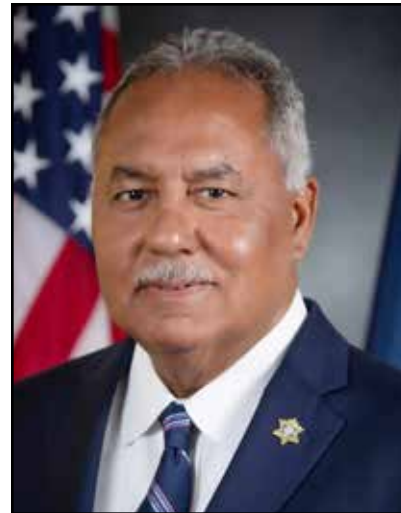
In a hotly contested race, City Council District B incumbent Jay Banks will face off against political newcomer Attorney Lesli Harris, who is running as a reformer and agent of change. Banks received 45 percent of the vote against three candidates that were vying for his



Oliver Thomas placed first in the primary earning 45 percent of the vote in his race for District E, and will face off against Cyndi Nguyen in the runoff.



Political newcomer Lesli Harris had a strong performance on election night in her race for Council District B, and will continue her run to unseat incumbent Jay Banks.



New Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Marlin Gusman placed first in the primary, earning 48% of the vote, and is running for his fifth term. He's touted his record of reform, as to why he should be re-elected. His opponent is former New Orleans police monitor Susan Hutson.

In City Council District C, Attorney Freddie King III, who received 45 percent of the vote will face off against Attorney Stephanie Bridges, who received 16 percent of the vote. The district covers Algiers, the Faubourg Marigny, Tremé and the French Quarter.

In City Council District C, fourteen candidates ran for the seat left vacant by Jared Brossett, that covers Gentilly, Lakeshore and much of the Seventh Ward down to two candidates. With decades of experience in politics and business Eugene Green received 35 percent of the vote and newcomer Troy Glover garnering 12 percent will face off on Dec. 11th.

The race for Criminal District Court to replace longtime Clerk Arthur Morrell, who is retiring after serving five terms will go to a run-off next month between two political veterans. Austin Badon received 43 percent and Darren Lombard garnered 30 percent of the vote and was endorsed by outgoing Clerk Arthur Morrell.

seat. Harris received 37 percent of the vote.

In the race for City Council District E incumbent Cyndi Nguyen running in a crowded field placed

second to Former City Councilman Oliver Thomas, who placed first receiving 45% of the vote. This race is important, because who will lead this District that consist of New

Orleans East and the Ninth Ward must be a visionary and build consensus to rebuild this part of the City that has been neglected since Hurricane Katrina.

State & Local News

Rally Inspires Local Students to Fight for Justice

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Philonise Floyd, the brother of George Floyd, visited New Orleans to inspire local students at the Student Resiliency Pep Rally on Friday, Nov. 12th held at Xavier University of Louisiana's Convocation Center. Floyd continues to keep the memory of his brother George Floyd alive, after his death in 2020 sparked protests and conversations about police brutality all across the country and the globe. He now travels the nation speaking to young students about his brother's story in hopes of inspiring them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

"It's hurting me to have this conversation because I think about how young you all are, but the fact that I had to get out and I had to speak because it's the younger generation that's gonna change this world," Philonise Floyd told the students.

"The fact that if it weren't for you all getting out protesting and speaking, we wouldn't be able to have



Philonise Floyd, the brother of George Floyd, spoke to 1000 students at the Student Resiliency Pep Rally on Friday, Nov. 12.

this conversation today. My brother would just be another dead person, on a shirt, and people would still be worrying about what's going on in America," Floyd shared in his remarks.

InspireNOLA Charter Schools and the Alliance for Diversity and Excellence organized the student rally as a part of their Resiliency Series. On Nov. 11th, Floyd also spoke to the public at McDonogh 35 Senior High School. On the Friday, over one thousand students were

able to listen to inspirational messages from several speakers including Philonise Floyd.

"You too can do whatever it is that you put your mind and heart to do," said Gregoire Tillery, the owner of the popular local restaurant We Dat's Chicken and Shrimp. Tillery spoke about his hardships as a youth and how he got his business started despite setbacks at the beginning of his life. He encouraged students to never give up and work hard. "You have to be resilient," Til-

lery added.

C. Armant, the CEO of BAMM Communications shared with students how to stay dedicated in order to reach their goals.

"I want everyone to repeat after me: 'I was created for a reason. I was created with a purpose and no one, or nothing will take my purpose away,'" said Armant, as the students in the crowd recited his words of encouragement.

"Remember to keep going and to never give up," Armant added.

Floyd shared with the crowd of students about the events surrounding the death of his brother, George Floyd. He said he wanted to stop the cycle of Black men being killed by police officers in America.

"He was crying out loud for help and nobody helped him," Philonise Floyd said while describing the details of George Floyd's tragic death. He told the crowd how life has been for him since the tragic event. "I think about the empty seats at the table, and it's not due to COVID. It's due to my brother being murdered."

Floyd advocated for police reform and encouraged students to continue their efforts in school and grow up to be the reason for the change that is needed in the world.

"Nearly an entire incident was captured on video in broad daylight and despite it [not] being a deadly crime, the officers still used deadly force. So, I need all y'all to wake up and understand that I need you all to be leaders. I need you all to go off in the future and become elected officials," Floyd said.

Floyd ended his speech at the pep rally with a powerful image of him and the crowd of students raising their fists up in solidarity with each other. He advocated for the protection of marginalized people in America and once again encouraged the students to continue with their education.

"If they can make federal laws to protect a bird, which is the bald eagle, they can make federal laws to protect people of color," Floyd said.

Photos courtesy InspireNOLA Schools and Xavier University.

Biden Chooses former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu to Coordinate Infrastructure Plan Implementation.

Data News Staff Edited Report

U.S. President Joe Biden recently chose former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu to coordinate the implementation of the bipartisan infrastructure plan that the president signed into law on November 15, 2021.

Biden announced Landrieu's appointment before signing the massive \$550 billion legislation aimed at rebuilding the nation's roads, bridges, and transit.

"In this role, Landrieu will oversee the most significant and comprehensive investments in American infrastructure in generations — work that independent experts verify will create millions of high-paying, union jobs while boosting

our economic competitiveness in the world, strengthening our supply chains, and acting against inflation for the long term," the White House said.

The White House noted that Landrieu became mayor of New Orleans in 2010, when the city was still trying to recover from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and as the city dealt with the BP Oil Spill.

"He hit the ground running, fast-tracking over 100 projects and securing billions in federal funding for roads,



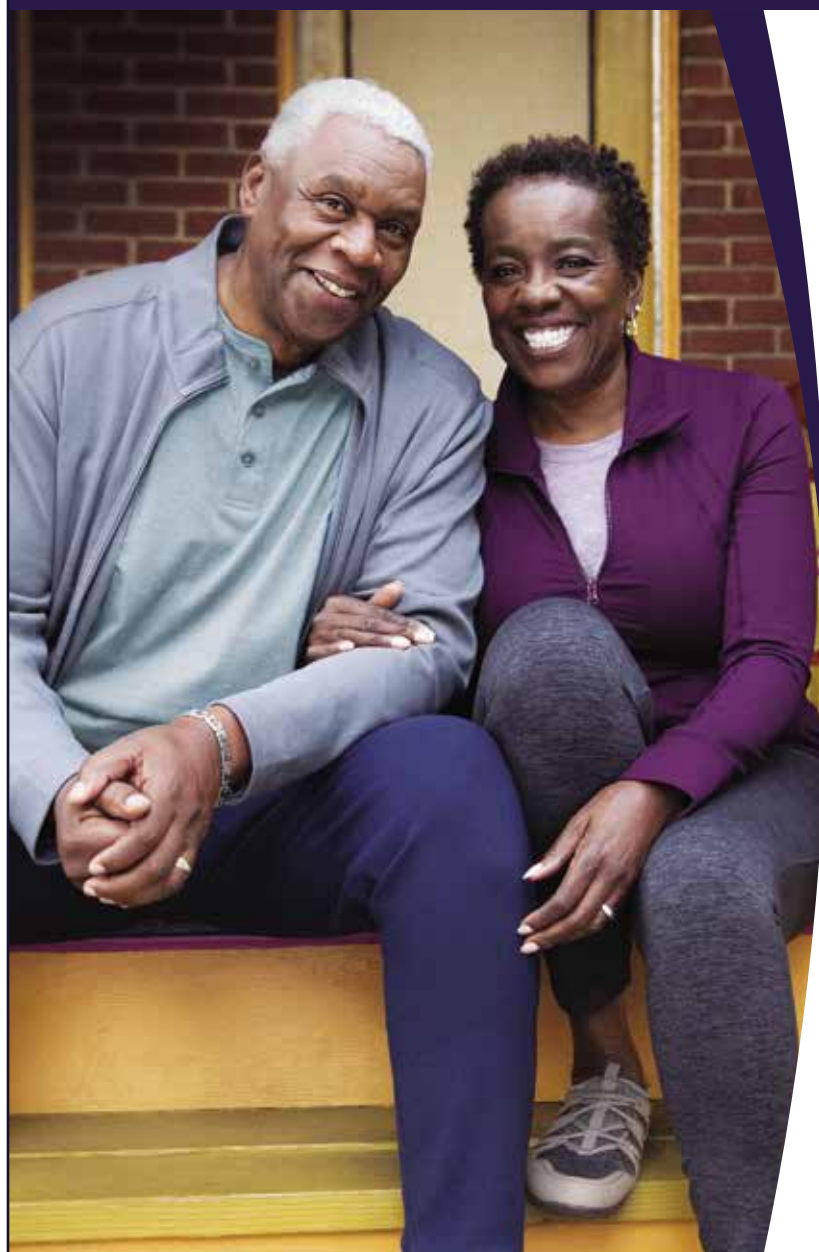
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schools, hospitals, parks and critical infrastructure, turning New Orleans into one of America's great comeback stories," the White House said.

Landrieu said in a statement that his work executing the plan will require "strong partnerships across the government and with state and local leaders, business and labor."

During his career in elected office, the Democrat also served as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Louisiana's lieutenant governor and as a member of Louisiana's state house.

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