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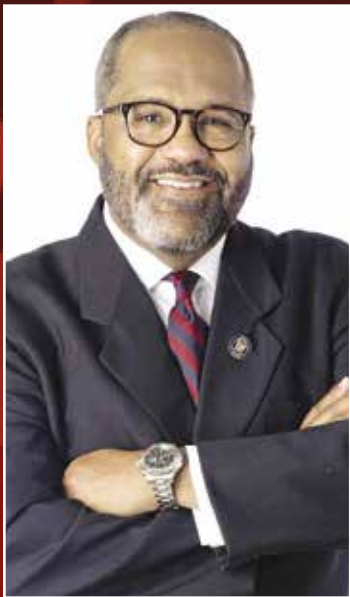
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Get Out and Vote

Data News Weekly Endorsements



Data News Weekly is endorsing Troy Carter for U.S Representative Louisiana Second Congressional District.

**Terry B. Jones Publisher,
Data News Weekly**

Election Day is Nov. 8th, and it is important that all get out and vote. Last week, we endorsed several candidates, and this week we are adding to the list of our endorsements. These are critical timers for our city, and we are asking you to let your voices be heard at the polls. As Publisher of Data News Weekly, it is my honor and privilege to make the following endorsements. For I believe the following candidates have what it takes to lead the City in the right direction. Leading with integrity, passion, and a focus on all the people of the city.

U.S. Representative – 2nd Congressional District

Troy Carter

U.S. Congressman Troy Carter is the undeniable choice for this seat. His representation in Washington, D.C., is one where he’s shown he has the competence, vision, and maturity to serve the constituents of the 2nd Congressional District. Before entering this office Carter held several important elected posts and is a civic and business leader.

During his time as a congressman, he’s worked on legislation that’s addressed important issues such as infrastructure, climate change, racial justice and voting rights for all. Additionally, he’s helped the district in getting hundreds of millions in federal dollars that would have a positive impact on the 2nd Congressional District.

In these contentious times we need a leader with experience, integrity and know how to get things done. That is why it is important to send Troy Carter back to represent Louisiana’s 2nd Congressional District. We are asking that you go out and vote for a proven leader on Election Day.

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Data News Weekly is endorsing Royce Duplessis for Louisiana State Senator 5th District.



Data News Weekly is endorsing Donna Glapion for Clerk of First City Court.



Data News Weekly is endorsing Lambert Boissiere III for Louisiana Public Service Commission District 3.

State Senator 5th District

Royce Duplessis

Royce Duplessis is a committed leader who has served with honor as State Representative in District 93. In his time in office, he's been on the frontlines fighting for and delivering resources to the district. Also, he's been able to reach across the aisle to get things done. Senate District 5 needs someone who will represent all the people and not just a selected few. Duplessis is a servant leader who has done just that as an elected official in addition to his work in the community.

Serving in District 93 since 2018 he's made an impact in the areas of public safety & criminal justice, in health, in the economy, in culture, in issues that impact youth, education and housing. Specifically, these are some of the things accomplished by Duplessis:

- Played a pivotal role in abolishing non-unanimous juries by helping garner bi-partisan support for the bill in the State Legislature and then working with stakeholders to have non-unanimous juries outlawed through a Constitutional Amendment.
- Extended the state's 10% Earned Income Tax Credit another five years from its current sunset, ensuring families will have access to the enhanced credit until 2030.
- Worked to create the Louisiana Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which incentivizes businesses to

hire re-entrants participating in work release programs. Stable jobs for formerly incarcerated people are one of the best ways we can reduce recidivism and combat crime.

- Required K-12 schools to integrate preventive mental health measures; the relationship between mental health and physical health; brain health, emotional health, identifying trauma and stress, and the impact of trauma and stress on mental health and physical health; and resources and services available to assist people with mental health issues, into Health Class Curriculum.
- Ensured the state-level protection of the Louis Armstrong Park Authority and Historic Jazz District.
- Helped empower renters who, through no fault of their own, may have been evicted during the Pandemic.

We believe Duplessis' impact on the lives of the people he serves will be even greater if he is elected to the State Senate.

Clerk First City Court

Donna Glapion

Donna Glapion is making her first run for an elected office. Recently, she served in an appointed capacity on the New Orleans City Council filling the unexpired term

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Urban League of Louisiana Receives Transformational Gift from Philanthropist Mackenzie Scott

Given to Help Sustain its Impactful Leadership, Advocacy and Programming Across Louisiana

Urban League of Louisiana News Release

Gift is the largest in Urban League of Louisiana's 84 year history

NEW ORLEANS (October 31, 2022) – Today, the Urban League of Louisiana announced the largest gift in its 84-year history. Philanthropist and Author MacKenzie Scott donated \$5.7 million to the Urban League of Louisiana, supporting the organization in its continued efforts to deliver impactful and sustainable racial equity work.

“So often the work of Black-led, community-serving organizations goes unnoticed and under-resourced. Ms. Scott’s incredibly generous gift is not only transformational for our organization, it makes a powerful statement about the significance of the Urban League of Louisiana’s efforts to promote and



Urban League of Louisiana President Judy Reese Morse said the gift will help them continue their efforts to promote and advance economic self-reliance, equity, power and civil rights for those who have been historically underserved

advance economic self-reliance, equity, power and civil rights for those who have been historically underserved,” said Urban League of Louisiana President and CEO Judy

Reese Morse. “Ms. Scott’s spirit and conviction to address historic disparities by supporting organizations that prioritize and engage the community inspires us to remain



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unwavering in our commitment to deliver even more for Black and other underserved communities in Louisiana.”

In 2019 Ms. Scott signed The

Giving Pledge, a promise by the world’s wealthiest individuals and families to dedicate the majority of their wealth to charitable causes. Since then, she has wasted no time donating over \$12 billion to important causes and organizations.

Ms. Scott recently wrote that she is guided by a desire to support the needs of the underrepresented. She said, “When our giving team focuses on any system in which people are struggling, we don’t assume that we, or any other single group, can know how to fix it. We don’t advocate for particular policies or reforms. Instead, we seek a portfolio of organizations that supports the ability of all people to participate in solutions. This means a focus on the needs of those whose voices have been underrepresented.”

The Urban League of Louisiana shares Ms. Scott’s commitment to equity and amplifying the voice of the underrepresented as we craft solutions that lift all people.

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The Man Behind The Memorial

Keeping King's Legacy Alive

Story and Photos by
Liza Montgomery
Data News Weekly
Contributor

At 30-feet tall from top to bottom, what else could be more powerful than the Martin Luther King Jr. stone monument carved into the Stone of Hope, in which Dr. King emerges from two large boulders commanding the attention of all who cross its path. The stone Dr. King appears to be pushing forward, symbolizes the slow and vigorous process in the achievement to end racial segregation and discrimination in the United States.

"The reason why we built it was so that people of color could see somebody that looks like them on the national mall."

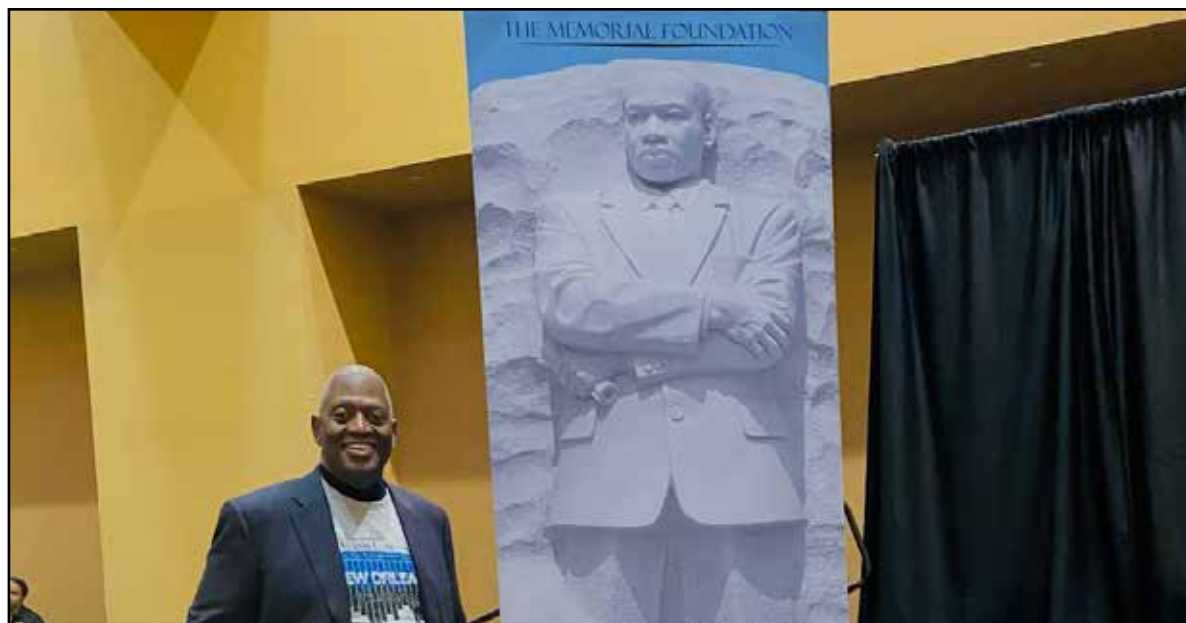
Those were the reflections of Harry E. Johnson, Sr. a decade later since the monument, one of only four dedicated to non-U.S. presidents, was completed. It is also the first monument in the nation's capital dedicated to a man of color.

Johnson is the man largely responsible for finding the money to help preserve African American heritage through Washington's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Johnson is a 6-foot-2-inch friendly giant with broad shoulders. He has short gray hair and a thin salt and pepper mustache resting above his gentle, warm, and welcoming smile for the local New Orleans students who greeted him during a visit to the city.

He helped raise more than \$100 million in private funding and assembled a team to take the MLK Memorial from design to completion, as well as, dedicating his career to numerous projects to inspire Black youth, and carry out the legacy of one of the most prominent activists of the Civil Rights Movement.

He described the purpose of the monument as "a place for people all over the world to come and see the vision of Dr. King, to see what Dr. King meant, to look at Dr. King as he looks across the Mall and graces the presence of himself on the National Mall," Johnson said.

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, and a Xavier University of Louisiana alumnus, Johnson brought The MLK Foundation to



Harry E. Johnson, Sr. the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, proudly stands alongside a poster of Washington's Martin Luther King Jr. monument, in Xavier University of Louisiana's ballroom at The Global Leadership Conference where students came together to learn how to be global forces of justice and active leaders of change.

his alma mater on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

Johnson and his team hosted a Global Leadership Conference, where they provided high school students with the tools to be effective leaders in their community and enhance their unique skill sets to be global forces of positive social change.

"We created this Global Leadership Program to encourage young men and women to consider going into higher-education, college, technical school, or even junior college," Johnson said.

Johnson continues to work in dedication to Dr. King's life and the memorial's foundational pillars of "democracy, justice, hope, and love." He shares his vision of the MLK Foundation serving as the catalyst for encouraging students to pursue their education after high school, as well as be a welcoming environment for students to learn and grow as individuals.

"We teach them Leadership 101, how to be a better you, how to apply to college, how to take some of the life lessons of Dr. King and apply it in their everyday lives," he said.

Johnson strives to teach high school students how they can be advocates for social justice and translate their skills to better serve their community and the world.

"We teach them you can be a better you to make your community better, and once you make your

community better, you make your state better, and the nation better," Johnson added.

During the conference students engaged with their peers, participated in interactive learning activities, and listened to presentations by guests from civic, business, entertainment, and sports backgrounds. Over the last decade, Johnson had made it his mission to make The Memorial Foundation a family foundation as one based in members of a supportive community that inspires individuals to fulfill their accomplishments, honoring the values of Dr. King.

"It's like a family, we are a fellowship, but we try to teach them that it doesn't stop here. We want students to follow through with their accomplishments, but also come back and help somebody else," he said.

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Black and Gold Still in the Hunt for the Playoffs

Fleur De Lis

Data News Weekly Contributor

What's up folks? Its mid-season, and the Saints, while 3-5 they are still in the playoff hunt. Amid injuries, they have been inconsistent, and because of making minor mistakes it's costing them games. But last week, on both sides of the ball they showed they have what it takes to win shutting out the Las Vegas Raiders 24-0. The dome was rocking, as the Who Dat Nation cheered the Black and Gold onto victory.

While not having his best year, Alvin Kamara showed out for the Saints. The Pro Bowl running back produced over 100 scrimmage yards and scored all three touchdowns for the Black and Gold. His touchdown in the first quarter was his first of the season, but hopefully not his last. We have confidence that they will get some of their key players back and make a run for the division title.

Next week on a game that will be airing on Monday Night Football, we are fighting to keep our playoff hopes alive against Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens.



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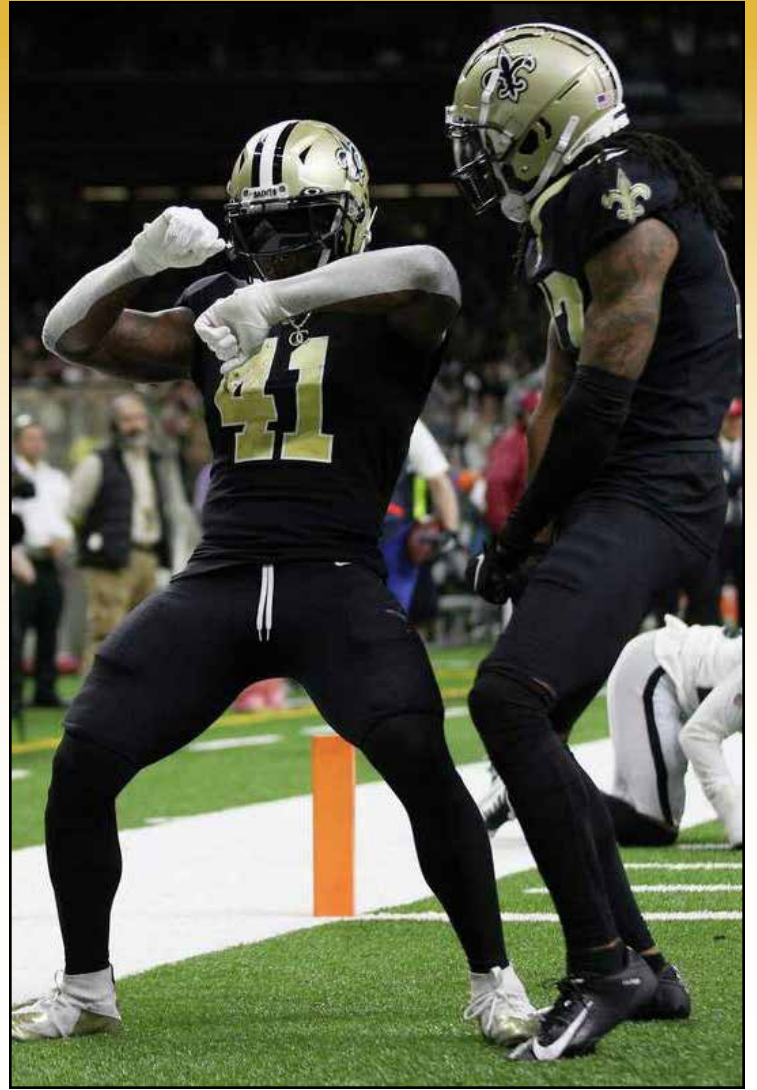
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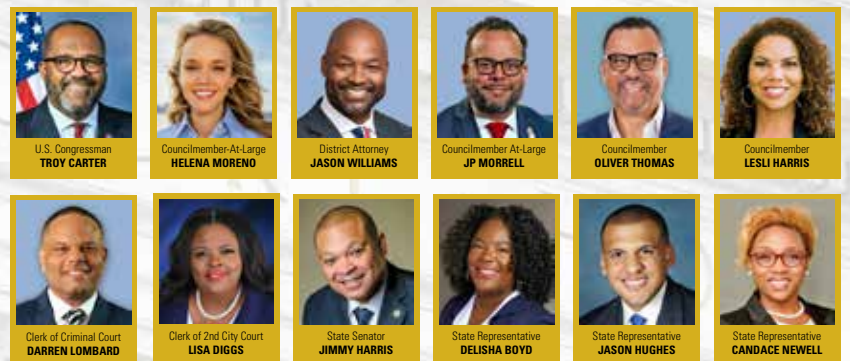
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- 4 Ensure our professional staff is cross-trained to provide **consistent, efficient service** to the public.
- 5 Institute the use of instructional videos, available on the office website, **to better assist the public with navigating the stages of the process** – from filing a suit through satisfaction of the case.
- 6 Provide **information and support**, in partnership with the court and other agencies, to improve outcomes for both tenants and landlords.
- 7 **Improve the administrative functions of the office**, ensuring that the Clerk's office is represented at all judicial meetings, and that the office website is user friendly and maintained to provide accurate, updated information.

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City of New Orleans to Offer Utility Assistance to Eligible Renters in Danger of Entergy Disconnection

City of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — The Mayor's Office of Housing Policy and Community Development will host a community-based outreach event on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd and Thursday, Nov. 3rd to provide financial assistance to eligible renters who are at risk of electric disconnection.

Residents who have applied for rental assistance through the City of New Orleans but have not received utility assistance can attend the outreach event scheduled to take place at Joe Brown Park Recreational Center (5601 Read Blvd.) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until capacity is reached. Translators and legal assistance will be available onsite.

Utility assistance will be fast-tracked for eligible renters that have past due balances and have not received prior assistance. The



city must be provided with the utility account number to make delinquent payments on the account. Payments will be made directly to the utility provider.

City employees will be onsite to review documentation for past due utility assistance applicants. Residents are encouraged to complete the online application prior to the event.

Applicants must provide the following:

- A form of identification
- Proof of address and/or current lease
- Proof of current total household income
- Documentation evidencing the past due utility bill

The City of New Orleans has provided more than \$3.5 million in emergency utility assistance. Approximately 3,300 households have been assisted since the beginning of the Pandemic.

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of Jason Williams. If elected, she vows to make the clerk's office at First City Court efficient and effective.

Specifically, she plans to make the office more accessible by creating a Claims Filing System that is easily accessible to the public. Also, she is focusing on improving customer service by Ensure Staff readily available to provide records and information to the public that is necessary for court proceedings. Finally, if elected Glapion, would like to make the office more efficient by executing punctual processing of all cases. Create a process for easier claims filing.

Vote for Donna Glapion for Clerk of First City Court.

Louisiana Public Service Commission District 3

Lambert Boissiere III

Lambert Boissiere III is a proven leader who has for nearly 20 years served the people with integrity in the State of Louisiana as the District 3 Louisiana Public Service Commissioner. He continues to be committed to working for all the people in the district. His list of accomplishments includes leading the efforts to provide and expand broadband internet access to rural and underserved communities, fighting for more reliable utility services for families after hurricanes and other storms, and advocated for the expanded use of solar and other renewable energy sources. Additionally, he authorized the Public Service Commission to sue Entergy to hold it accountable for its bad business decisions which will result in lower utility rates and millions of dollars in savings for families. He is a competent and committed leader earning the respect of his fellow commissioners who elected him as Chairman of the Public Service Commission. It is with great confidence that Data News Weekly endorses Lambert Boissiere III for Louisiana Public Service Commission District 3. A proven leader, who gets the job done.

Judge of Municipal and Traffic Court Division E

Geoffrey L. Gates

Geoffrey L. Gates come armed with over 20 years of legal experience that makes him best suited to occupy the seat as Judge of Municipal and Traffic Court Division E. Specifically, Geoffrey served as a Judicial Law Clerk for First City Court of New Orleans from 2000-2003 and Assis-



Data News Weekly is endorsing Geoffrey L. Gates for Judge of Municipal and Traffic Court Division E.

tant District Attorney in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office from 2004-2008. Currently, he serves as a Prosecutor for the New Orleans Municipal and Administrative Hearing Office for the City of New Orleans. Geoffrey, in all aspects of his life he continues to work to improve lives by addressing the needs of the citizens of New Orleans. Geoffrey's legal and public service experience has given him a wealth of knowledge to judge with Fairness, Experience, and Temperament to serve. By far, he is the best candidate in this race for Judge. Data News Weekly is asking the voters to cast their ballot for Geoffrey L. Gates on Election Day.

Proposed Amendment No. 6: Capping Property Reassessment Tax Rates to 10% for Certain Orleans Parish Residents

Data News Weekly supports Constitutional Amendment No. 6 that would limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property's assessed value in the previous year. This is important because of the housing affordability crisis that continue to plague many of our city's residents. Voting yes for this Amendment No. 6 will give some relief, and help residents keep their homes.

Data News Weekly is encouraging all to get out and vote on Election Day on Nov. 8th. Let your voices be heard at the polls.

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New York to Pay \$25 Million to Two Men Falsely Convicted of Killing Malcolm X

Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In 1965, Muhammad Aziz and Khalil Islam were wrongfully convicted of killing Malcolm X and spent over 20 years behind bars after being wrongfully convicted.

Even though the February 21, 1965, murder of Malcolm X at the Audubon Ballroom in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan was one of the most reported on assassinations of the 1960s, the trial of his assailants was botched because of racism, expediency, and political considerations.

The documentary *Who Killed Malcolm X*, which premiered on Netflix in 2020, revealed in detail that there was something wrong with the convictions. The investigative journalism of Washington, D.C. Journalist Abdur-Rahman Muhammad spent decades combing through documents and ana-



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lyzing evidence from Malcolm X's murder. He also tracked down those who knew what had really happened. Muhammad is a journalist, tour guide and historian, and documentary film makers who revealed what he studied over 20 years investigating Malcolm X's murder.

What was revealed was that Talmadge Hager, a convicted assassin of Malcolm X, stated that the two men convicted with him were in fact innocent. Hagan, who is now 81, (over the years he has changed his name to Talmadge X Hayer and then Mujahid Abdul Halim) was granted parole and released from prison in 2010.

In 2021, Hagan expressed support that the convictions of Muhammad Aziz and Khalil Islam would be overturned which matched his original claims that they were not involved in the murder of Malcolm X.



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Affirmative Action Activists Descend on U.S. Supreme Court

Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior
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The Leadership Conference Education Fund, in collaboration with the African American Policy Forum, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and other civil rights groups, are rallying outside the U.S. Supreme Court in support of affirmative action.

The activists are demanding that there remains a need for colleges and universities to consider race as one of the factors in the holistic admissions process.

"What is happening on college campuses today is that applicants are treated differently because of their race and ethnicity," said Edward Blum, a legal activist.

He founded Students for Fair Admissions and is against affirmative action.

"Some are given a thumbs up. Some are given a thumbs down," Blum stated.

However, Harvard University and the University of North Carolina have countered a need for a demographically diverse student body.

The universities asserted that admissions committees need not ignore a candidate's race "any more than it does a candidate's home state, national origin, family background, or special achievements."

As broken down by NPR, "because UNC is a state school, the question is whether its affirmative-action program violates the 14th Amendment's guarantee to equal protection of the law."

And even though Harvard is a private institution, it is still covered



by federal anti-discrimination laws because it accepts federal money for various programs.

Ultimately, NPR noted, at the heart of both cases is the same principle: what constitutes racial discrimination?

Further, NPR reported that this holistic approach to college admissions "is used by many colleges, large and small, including the U.S. military academies."

Among the many academic institutions that have filed briefs supporting affirmative action are 57 Catholic colleges and universities, including Notre Dame, Georgetown, and Holy Cross. And there are more briefs filed by 68 of the largest corporations in the country and a brief filed by a long list of re-

tired three- and four-star generals and admirals attesting to the need for racial diversity in the upper echelons of the military. For example, the lack of racial diversity in the officer corps during the Vietnam War led to enormous tensions and even violence between the predominantly white officer corps and the primarily Black and Hispanic enlisted men, sometimes compromising the war effort.

Many anticipate that justices on the politically compromised Supreme Court, who issued the controversial decision to overturn Roe v. Wade earlier this year, will overrule some or all the precedents in the affirmative action case.

"The baseline for permissible affirmative action programs in higher

education was established in 1978," NPR reported.

"Citing Harvard University as the model, Justice Lewis Powell said that in evaluating applicants for admission, race could not be the determinative factor, but the university could use race as one of many factors, just as it uses other traits — special talents in music, science or athletics, and even the fact that the applicant's parents attended the university."

Justice Powell stressed that "in choosing among thousands of academically qualified applicants," a university's admissions committee may "with a number of criteria in mind," pay "some attention to distribution that should be made among many types and categories of students."

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A photograph of Congressman Troy Carter, a man with a beard and sunglasses, giving a thumbs up. He is surrounded by a group of diverse people, mostly women, who are also giving thumbs up and holding blue signs that say "THIS CLIMATE BILL IS A BFD" with a star. Some signs also say "CONGRESS: #CLIMATECANTWAIT". The background shows a sunny day with trees and a building.

Congressman Troy Carter: *The Voice of the People*

Since taking office in 2021, **Congressman Troy Carter** has kept his promise; to put the residents of Congressional District 2 first. Carter fought for access to affordable healthcare, improved infrastructure, environmental justice, coastal restoration, hurricane relief and reduced gun violence all while his office closed thousands of constituent cases.

It would be an honor to **continue to serve as your Congressman in District 2**. I promise to fight everyday to deliver results for our state and improve the quality of life for our residents. I humbly ask for your vote on **November 8**.

A handwritten signature of Troy Carter in black ink, written in a cursive style.

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