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# Data News Weekly Election Endorsements

*Kamala Harris and Troy Carter*



New Orleans Data News Weekly is proud to endorse Kamala Harris for President of the United States and Troy Carter for the U.S. House of Representatives for Louisiana District 2. With the future of our Democracy on the ballot, we are encouraging everyone to get out and vote.

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

As we wind down to the final days before the election, as Publisher of the New Orleans Data News Weekly, I am writing to proudly endorse Kamala Harris for President of the United States and Troy Carter for the

U.S. Congress Louisiana 2nd Congressional District in the upcoming election on November 5, 2024.

**President of the United States: Kamala Harris**

Through her career in public service, Kamala Harris has demonstrated an unwavering commitment

to working to make life better for all Americans. As President, she will not only be making history as the first Woman to hold the most powerful position in the world, she's spoken of a platform that will have a positive impact on the lives of American across the nation.

Throughout this campaign, she's demonstrated

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what a leader in a diverse nation would be like by building bridges across what is the wide political divide that our nation is presently experiencing. She's shown that she has what it takes to not only save our Democracy but restore civility in our body politic. Something that her opponent lacks, where he thrives on chaos and division. This is not the recipe for governing and getting things

done for the American people. It is time for the nation to have a leader who understands the power of people working together to "Keep America Great" and safe from someone who is a fascist, racist and wants to turn back the hands of time on the fights many have made to make this nation a better place for all of its citizens.

In this election, we must move forward and not backward. This is

why Data News Weekly is endorsing Kamala Harris for the Office of President of the United States.

**U.S. Congress Louisiana 2nd Congressional District**

Congressman Troy Carter has held many offices at local, state, and now national levels. During this time, he's continued to successfully bring back resources to his constituents. He has the experience and is



equipped to navigate the complex issues we face and push for policies that prioritize the well-being of all the stakeholders in the district. Additionally, he can work with fellow Democrats and legislators across the aisle passing legislation that makes an impact.

Congressman Carter represents a balance of experience, new perspectives, and shared dedication to our community's success. By re-electing him for these candidates, we are choosing a leader who is prepared to listen, act, and lead us

toward a brighter future. I am confident that with his proven leadership, we will see impactful changes and a stronger, more connected community.

**Get Out and Vote!!**

Please join me in supporting Kamala Harris and Troy Carter on November 5, 2024. Your vote is important, the future of Democracy is on the Ballot.

Let's work together to build a future we and our ancestors can all be proud of.

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# New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation Announces New Chief Executive Officer, Blake-Anthony Johnson

## Data News Staff Edited Report

The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation (NOJHFF) proudly announces the appointment of Blake-Anthony Johnson as its new Chief Executive Officer. A distinguished leader in music and cultural advocacy, Johnson brings a remarkable breath of experience as a civic leader, professional musician, and arts innovator to New Orleans' most cherished cultural institution. With roots connecting him to New Orleans, Johnson is set to build on the Foundation's legacy preserving and celebrating Louisiana's vibrant cultural heritage while expanding access to the arts and empowering the local community.

As Johnson steps into this role, he is dedicated to honoring New



Blake-Anthony Johnson

Orleans' legacy and enriching its future. "I deeply admire the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation for its commit-

ment to preserving the spirit of jazz and celebrating the cultural diversity that makes this city unique. New Orleans holds personal significance for me through my family's roots, and I am honored to serve an organization that uplifts both the legacy and future of this powerful art form, and the vibrant communities connected to it. This is a place where creativity and culture drive both daily life and economic opportunity. I'm eager to build on the Foundation's remarkable legacy, working together to further develop programs that inspire, empower, and position our artists and traditions on the global stage, ensuring they thrive for generations to come," said Blake-Anthony Johnson, NOJHFF Chief Executive Officer.

Previously, Johnson served as President & CEO of the Chicago Sinfonietta, a genre-bending, com-

munity-centric powerhouse in the orchestral field known for redefining audience engagement and championing innovation. During his tenure, the Sinfonietta experienced significant growth, tripling its operating budget and expanding community outreach. Johnson spearheaded innovative initiatives such as wellness summits, artist-in-residence programs, and CS360, a symphonic metaverse experience. He also successfully orchestrated the Sinfonietta's first tour in decades, advancing the orchestra's mission of promoting community-based programming, placemaking, and social justice through music.

"We are excited to welcome Blake-Anthony as Chief Executive Officer and look forward to working with him and our phenomenal staff to strengthen partnerships, support our culture bearers, and continue to build collaboration to support and perpetuate New Orleans' and the state's rich heritage. Blake-Anthony brings intellect, insight, an extraordinary depth of experience, and relationships that will enhance our work and our long-term strategic plan, said Tara Hernandez, Immediate past Board Chair and Chair of the Search Committee.

The Foundation's Board is confident in Johnson's unique combination of experience and vision. NOJHFF Board Chair Rachel Cousin stated, "Blake-Anthony Johnson is a visionary leader whose artistic background, accomplishments, and civic engagement align perfectly with the mission of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation."

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- Reproductive freedom** is on the ballot.
- Environmental justice** is on the ballot.
- The right to vote** is on the ballot.

If we do our part and show up to the polls, we will make history (again)!

Let's vote for progress and the future we deserve. Vote for the leader who's been fighting for us for years.

**Election Day is November 5th.**  
**Vote for Kamala Harris.**

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As a Veteran, when someone raises their hand for help, you're often one of the first ones to respond. But it's also okay to get help for yourself. Maybe you want or need assistance with employment, stress, finances, mental health or finding the right resources. No matter what it is, you earned it. And there's no better time than right now to ask for it. **Don't wait. Reach out.**



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# 2024 Treme' Fall Festival Patron Party

On Friday, October 25th at the Jazz & Heritage Center, The Treme' Fall Festival held their Patron Party. This is a party for public good as they raise funds to help maintain Treme's culture gems. It was not just another party. This event was crucial to the Treme' community. This event allows Friends of Treme' Culture (FOTC) to give grants to the historic St. Augustine Catholic Church, the oldest African American Catholic Parish in the country. St. Augustine's cross was recently toppled by Hurrican Ida. This event was to raise funds to support St. Augustine and many other nonprofits and culture bearing organizations that keep Treme' culture alive. The event was well attended and successful and Data was there to give our support.



# VOTE DEMOCRAT & DO SOMETHING LOUISIANA!

We cannot afford to sit this one out — make a plan to vote and exercise your power in this critical election!

**ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday,  
November 5



LOUISIANA  
DEMOCRATS



**KAMALA HARRIS**  
**TIM WALZ**  
President & VP  
of the United States



**TROY A. CARTER, SR.**  
U.S. Representative  
District 2



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# The Black Men of Labor XXIX Noir Experience and Gala *“Jazz Legacy Honors Gala and Jazz Concert”*

Photos by Terry B. Jones  
Data News Weekly Publisher

The Black Men of Labor Mission: To educate, preserve, and perpetuate our rich African & African American Culture by creating sustainable economic opportunities that break the cycle of generational poverty in New Orleans.

On October 25, 2024, they held their XXIX Noir Experience and Gala, Jazz Legacy Honors, and Jazz Concert at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel. During this amazing and memorable event, they honored Greg Stafford, Irma Thomas Jackson, Herlin Riley, Sharon Martin, Shannon Powell, Philip Manuel, and James Rivers.

It was a great night honoring these legends of the City of New Orleans, and Data News Weekly was there!!!



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# Vote YES for Housing Trust Fund

*(Parishwide HRC Amendment No. 1) on the November 5th ballot!*



**Andreanecia Morris**  
Executive Director,  
HousingNOLA

and prioritize keeping its citizens housed safely. This new Housing Trust Fund (Parish-wide HRC Amendment No. 1) will allow the city to respond to the crises' that are the most pressing while giving New Orleans a chance to plan long-term on guaranteed revenue.

The New Orleans Housing Crisis has become more drastic the last few years. African Americans, seniors, families, and women have been especially hard-hit by the recent rise in homelessness with a 5% increase in homelessness over last year (to 1,545). Family homelessness has soared 69% in the past two years and homelessness among Black people has risen 7% this past year. Climate change intensified hurricanes and rain events drove increases in utility

costs—creating a population burdened by utility debt. Since the COVID-19 Pandemic, sky high insurance rates, property taxes and construction costs have contributed to the historic housing insecurity. This means that we need to increase our investment in housing without increases housing costs. The answer is simple: a Housing Trust Fund using existing revenue that guarantees the amount available every single year and builds in transparency and accountability for every dollar spent.

The power of repetition tells us that you may have to say something seven times for someone to act. For the seventh year in a row, the 2024 HousingNOLA Report Card shared a failing grade for New Orleans in

its efforts to meet the most fundamental needs of its citizens: Housing. There is no better example of New Orleans stopping itself from being all it can be - than the crisis the people are facing when it comes to keeping their housing.

That's why Amendment No. 1 on the November 5th ballot is so important. If voters approve the ballot measure this November, it will amend the City Charter to require an investment of at least two percent of the City's Annual General Operating Budget into the HTF and create the flexibility to fund Affordable Housing projects our city desperately needs, expand programs to help first-time homebuyers, rehab rental units and provide financial support to Affordable Housing. It is the best

way to communicate our demand of our leaders that they put people first and #PutHousingFirst!

Living here is the baseline requirement for being a New Orleanian, yet most of the people who live here cannot afford it. What would New Orleans be without them? Sadly, we may find out, because we continue to fail them when it comes to Affordable Housing. The numbers are in, and we aren't doing enough when it comes to creating a system implementing the strategies that are necessary to give people the chance to stay and thrive. We can take an extraordinary step forward by voting YES for Housing Trust Fund (Parish-wide HRC Amendment No. 1) on the November 5th ballot!

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# Statement from Marc H. Morial and Michelle Miller Morial on the Passing of Eric Paulsen

**Marc H. Morial and Michelle Miller Morial**  
 President and CEO,  
 National Urban League and  
 CBS National News  
 Weekend Anchor



“We are deeply saddened by the passing of Eric Paulsen, a beloved anchor and pillar in the New Orleans community. For four decades Eric was a trusted and familiar voice who connected viewers from across the city, bringing us together through his dedication to journalism.

As both a friend and colleague, I had the privilege of working alongside Eric at WWL-TV, where

his kindness, quirky sense of humor and unwavering professionalism left a lasting impact, Michelle shared.

Marc recalled; I fondly remember being interviewed by Eric many times over the years. I appreciated his ability to ask challenging questions while creating space for meaningful dialogue.

Eric’s legacy is one of integrity, resilience, and compassion. He will be dearly missed, but his contributions to New Orleans and journalism will never be forgotten.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and the entire WWL-TV news team at this difficult time.”

## State & Local News

# Empowering the Next Generation of Voters

## *Civic Engagement in Action*

### New Orleans Agenda

Community organizations are proud to lead a dynamic, impactful effort this election season, focused on voter registration, education, and mobilization. Together, we are empowering young people to make their voices heard by helping students register to vote and get to the polls. This initiative is more than a one-time event; it’s about instilling a lifelong commitment to civic engagement, teaching the value of informed voting and active community participation. By equipping young people with the tools and knowledge to shape their future, collectively we are laying the foundation for a stronger democracy and a legacy of engaged citizens.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 100 students from Orleans Parish High Schools cast their ballots in early voting, supported by local community organizations. This wave of enthusiasm continued on Friday, October 25, 2024, with a high-energy Voices of Future Leaders Voting Rally: Your Voice Your Vote at New Orleans City Hall, celebrating an additional 150 students who voted for the first time. The event honored their commitment to democracy, underscoring



the importance of civic responsibility and sparking excitement for future participation. It was also a chance for students to share their stories, reflect on the power of their vote, and inspire their peers to stay involved in shaping the future of their communities.

Participating high schools: L.B. Landry, St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School, Edna Karr, McDonogh 35, Eleanor McMain, KIPP Renaissance, Walter L. Cohen, Livingston Collegiate, G.W. Carver, Abramson Sci-Academy, Sarah T. Reed, Morris Jeff, and Warren Easton. This collective effort marks a meaningful step forward for youth civic engagement in Orleans Parish.



# Closing Arguments

## Harris Seeks a Unified America While Trump's Final Rally Descends into Bigotry and Chaos

Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior  
National Correspondent

As Election Day draws closer, the divide between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump has become a chasm. With the help of well-known supporters like Beyoncé, Usher, and Bruce Springsteen who gathered in cities across the country to support her inclusive platform, Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, has spent the final days of her campaign calling for unity among Americans. Meanwhile, Trump, the Republican nominee, took the stage at Madison Square Garden, delivering a closing pitch that unleashed xenophobic, racially charged rhetoric, painting an America under siege and promising a wave of mass deportations starting on Day 1.



In the final days of her campaign, Kamala Harris is bringing voters together in a broad coalition of voters in her quest to become the next President of the United States. Recently, she held a large rally in Texas, where superstar, mogul, and cultural icon Beyoncé Knowles Carter endorsed her run for the White House.

Beyoncé joined Harris onstage in Houston, stating, "I'm not here as a celebrity. I'm here as a mother."

Springsteen spoke to Harris's core values, noting, "She believes in the rule of law and the peaceful transfer

of power." The entertainers championed a vision that they argue will protect democracy, safeguard freedoms, and promote unity—a vision starkly opposed to Trump's divisive tirade at the World's Most Famous Arena, where just blocks away, Trump was found guilty of 34 felony charges this year and only a few miles from the court that held him responsible for sexual assault.

His civil conviction on massive business fraud also occurred across town from The Garden.

Trump's rally, marketed as a historic comeback, was instead a showcase of his campaign's unrestrained hostility. He anchored his speech on his promise of a massive deportation program, calling the country "occupied" by immigrants—a message reminiscent of historical demagogues. Outside, the Democrats made their own

statements, projecting the messages "Trump is Unhinged" and "Trump Praised Hitler" across the storied arena's exterior.

Before Trump even reached the podium, his supporters stoked racial hatred and fear. Former congressional candidate David Rem attacked Harris, calling her "the anti-christ" and "the devil" while waving a cross. Comedian Tony Hinchcliffe plunged into outright racism, referring to Puerto Rico as "a floating island of garbage" and demeaning Latinos with, "These Latinos, they love making babies, too." Radio host Sid Rosenberg went further, railing against migrants living in New York and declaring, "You got homeless and veterans—Americans—sleeping on their own feces on a bench in Central Park. But the f\*\*king illegals, they get whatever they want, don't they?"

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