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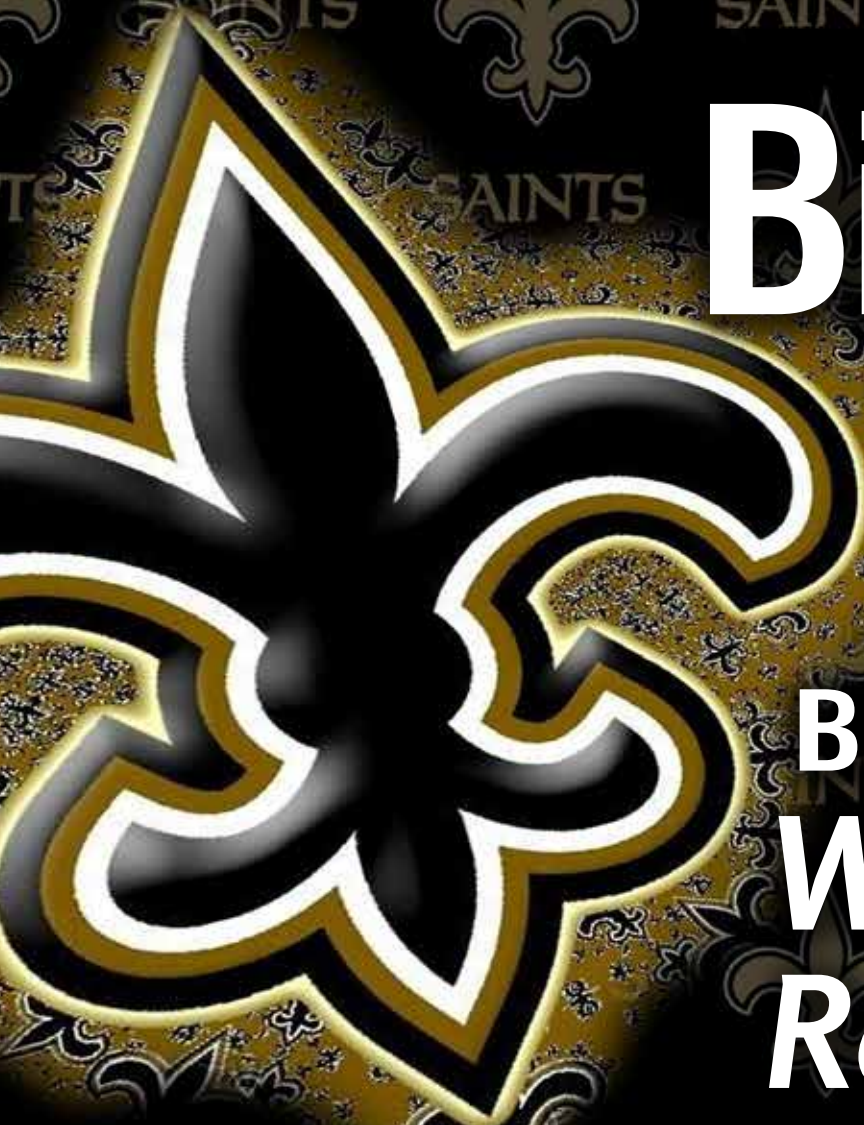

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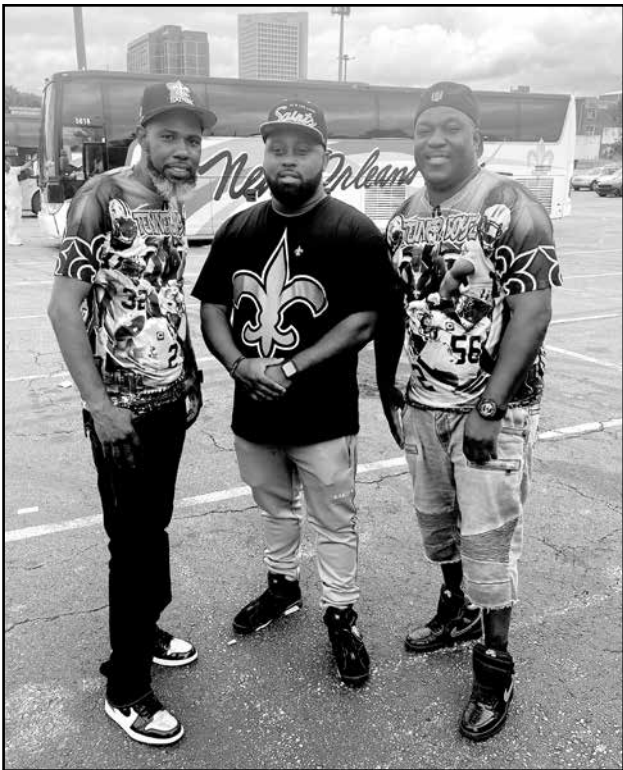
# Bigger Than Football

## Black and Gold Rising

*Who Dat Nation Readies for 2025 Season*



Janelle DeJan (R) (with friends) is a diehard Saints fan who believes being part of the Who Dat Nation is not only about football, but local pride and identity.



Charlie Tenner, Jr., (L) is a Saints fan who travels with family and friends to attend games. He is also a culture bearer, taking part in the Black Masking/Mardi Gras Indian tradition.



Almore Cato (R) and his wife Deborah (L) are retired educators and Saints fans win or lose.

**Edwin Buggage**  
Editor-in-Chief Data News Weekly

**A New Era Under Coach Kellen Moore**  
The Who Dat Nation is gearing up to support the Black and Gold as the New Orleans Saints approach

the start of the 2025 regular season. This year marks the debut of new head Coach Kellen Moore, tasked with guiding the team toward what fans hope will be a winning campaign.  
Many familiar faces, such as Demario Davis, Cam Jordan, and Alvin Kamara, return to anchor the roster. However, with the departure of Derek Carr, the ques-

tion of who will lead the Saints' offense looms large.  
**More Than Football: The Soul of the City**  
In New Orleans, this time of year means the Caesars Superdome will soon be packed with fans proudly cheering their team. Beyond the home turf, many travel far and wide to represent the Saints. For the Cres-

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cent City, the Fleur-de-Lis on the team's helmets is more than just a logo; it's part of the cultural identity and a way of life.

"Saints fans are built for this. We weather every kind of storm and come back stronger. The Saints are woven into the culture that people around the world love about New Orleans. Everybody's bleeding a little Black and Gold here, it's in our DNA," says Janelle DeJan, a die-hard fan and native New Orleanian.

She adds, "The new season brings fresh energy with changes in coaching and players, and I see that as an opportunity to grow and surprise people. For me, it's always bigger than the game. I'm here for the spirit, the pride, and the community it creates. I'll always be rooting for the home team."

### Rebuilding and Regaining National Attention

The Saints enter 2025 still in rebuilding mode after several challenging years in the post-Sean Payton, Drew Brees Era. National interest has waned, evidenced by the absence of any primetime games on this season's schedule.

"I understand that we are cur-



rently in a rebuilding phase, particularly on the offensive side of the ball, so I'm just waiting on the progress. I hope our new coach will help develop our quarterbacks and guide us back to championship contention," says Charlie Tenner, Jr., a Saints fan, Black Masking/Mardi Gras Indian, and frequent traveler to away games with family and friends.

"My Saints hopes for the upcoming 2025 season. There is a new Saints era and diehard Saints fans must be patient with the new coach-

ing staff and the team rebuilding efforts. Payton and Brees are gone, but it doesn't mean the Saints can't return to their winning ways. Before Coach Payton, Coach Mora, and the Dome Patrol gave the Saints our first winning seasons and 4 playoff berths, it took 20 years. I have faith that Coach Moore and the new staff will return the Saints to the playoffs soon. We just need to be patient," says Jackie Wilson, a native New Orleanian who lives in Los Angeles and member of the Who Dat Nation.



Jackie Wilson is a New Orleans native that's been living in Los Angeles for four decades and continues to be a dedicated Saints fan.

Saints fan and retired Educator Almore Cato, who attended the recent Saints practice with his family, believes that until they get a quality QB, they will not make a championship run. "I'll always be a fan, but just keeping it real, until they find a legitimate quarterback, they'll probably not be serious playoff or Super Bowl contenders."

### A Team, A City, A Shared Spirit

Tenner reflects the sentiments of many in the Who Dat Nation:

"Regardless of what happens on the field, I will remain a Saints fan for life. It's bigger than football, it brings all kinds of people from different backgrounds together, rooting for our team."

As the city stands on the eve of the 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and with local elections approaching, Tenner's words feel especially relevant. The question extends beyond the gridiron: Will the leaders and the residents of New Orleans choose to work together across all zip codes, wards, and income levels to move the City forward as one team?

Likewise, the Caesars Superdome, where Saints fans now gather to celebrate touchdowns and victories, once stood as a place of desperation, sheltering thousands struggling to survive in the storm's aftermath and the breaching of the levees. Today, with its collective roar of the Who Dat Nation, whether the Saints win or lose, is one of pride and unity, a powerful reminder of the city's resilience and the unbreakable bond between the Black and Gold and the people of New Orleans.

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# Glenn Summers Birthday Soirée

Photos by Caitlyn Summers  
Data News Weekly Contributor

On August 1, 2025, Element 79 NOLA Eclectic Lounge came alive in a vibrant celebration of art and life for Glenn Summers' Birthday Soiree. The evening showcased an impressive collection of his latest artwork, each piece reflecting his distinctive style and unwavering dedication to creativity. Guests mingled in a warm, inviting atmosphere, sharing stories, laughter, and admiration for Glenn's talent. Live music set the tone, complemented by delicious refreshments and thoughtful party favors, creating a night to remember. As melodies filled the air, the presence and support of loved ones underscored the strong community that champions Glenn's Artistic Journey. It was a perfect harmony of celebration and artistry.



Glenn Summers showcasing some of his artwork at his birthday soiree.

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# Helena Moreno Candidate for Mayor on the Campaign Trail

Photos by Team Helena

On July 28th, 2025, Helena Moreno's Mayoral Campaign celebrated the opening of their New Orleans East Headquarters with a packed house of neighbors enjoying local food and special guests. At the New Orleans East opening, Moreno reaffirmed her commitment to the area, noting she's the only candidate to propose opening a City Hall Annex in New Orleans East and creating a dedicated team focused on the area.

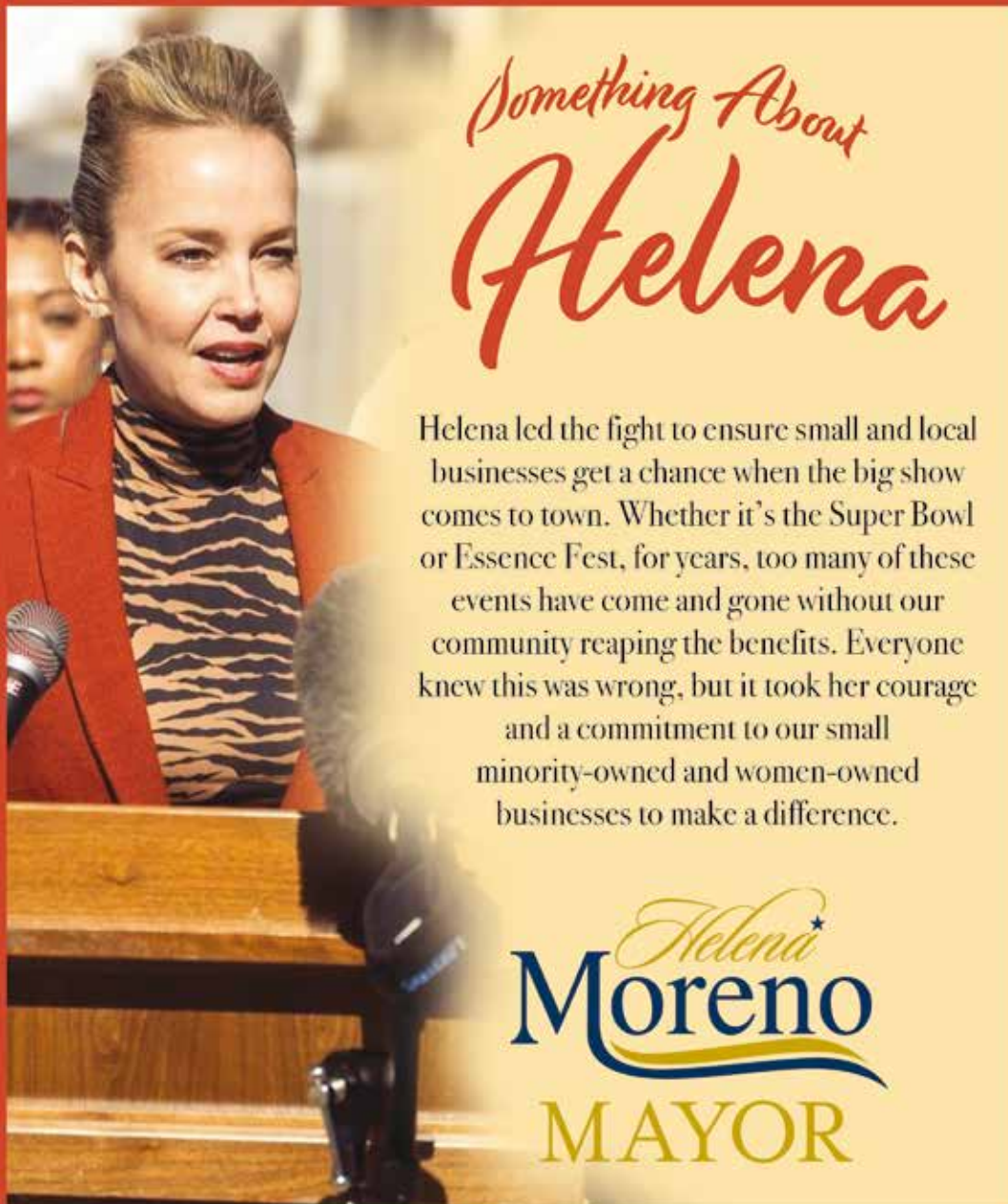
"It was exciting to see the energy in the room on Bullard last Monday," said Helena Moreno. "It was important to me to have a location in New Orleans East to show the people of the east our commitment to delivering excellent city services and a new direction for every neighborhood across New Orleans."

The campaign's headquarters are now open at the following locations:

- East Bank: 2438 Bell Street
- West Bank: 3223 Gen. De Gaulle
- New Orleans East: 5555 Bullard



Helena Moreno New Orleans East HQ Grand Opening



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Inside Helena Moreno Westbank HQ



# Adrienne Celestine Appointed Director of Real Estate Development & Strategy at NORA

## Data News Staff Edited Report

The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) has named Adrienne Celestine as its new Director of Real Estate Development & Strategy. A lifelong New Orleanian, Celestine brings over 15 years of expertise in disaster recovery, economic development, public policy, and strategic real estate development to the position.

In her new role, Celestine will lead NORA's Real Estate Initiatives, guiding investment strategies and overseeing the planning and execution of projects aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods and transforming underutilized



Adrienne Celestine

land into valuable community assets. Her work will directly support NORA's Mission to create resilient, equitable communities across the city.

"Adrienne's deep understanding of recovery, housing, and economic development, paired with her passion for serving New Orleans, makes her a tremendous asset to NORA and the people of this city," said Brenda M. Breaux, Executive Director of NORA.

Celestine most recently served as a Director in HORNE's Government Services Group, where she partnered with state and local governments to design and implement Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery

(CDBG-DR) Programs. Her expertise in navigating Complex Federal Regulations ensured compliance while accelerating aid to disaster-affected communities.

Prior to her work at HORNE, Celestine spent 12 years with the State of Louisiana as Director of Disaster Recovery Programs, managing billions of dollars in recovery investments across economic development, infrastructure, planning, and multi-family housing throughout the Gulf Coast.

Celestine earned her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Clark Atlanta University and holds a Master of Business Administration from Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business.

## State & Local News

# Apply Now for the Trombone Shorty Academy

## New Orleans Agenda

The Trombone Shorty Foundation has opened registration for the 2025/26 School Year at its esteemed Trombone Shorty Academy.

The Academy offers a free After-School Program for New Orleans youth ages 12-18 providing students with the opportunity to not only learn how to play in a musical ensemble, but also grow their appreciation for New Orleans's music and history.

The deadline to register is August 22nd and auditions are to be held on Monday, August 25th, 2025.

Trombone Shorty Academy is a free, After-School Brass Band Program for New Orleans youth ages 12 - 18. The program meets Mondays from 6pm - 8pm from September - April.

Enrollment is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Enrollment Requirements:

- > New students must be at least 12 years old and no older than 18 years old.
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> All students must audition on Monday, August 25th, 2025.

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If you have any questions or need assistance with filling in this form, contact Ashley Shabankareh at [ashley@tromboneshortyacademy.org](mailto:ashley@tromboneshortyacademy.org) or call at 832-247-3393.

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# What Trump's Control of D.C. Police Means for the City, Its Mayor, and Black Residents

Stacy M. Brown  
Black Press USA Senior  
National Correspondent

This week Donald Trump seized direct control of Washington, D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department, removing authority from Mayor Muriel Bowser and placing the force under the command of Attorney General Tom Cotton. The move comes under a "crime emergency" declaration that allows the president to invoke Section 740 of the D.C. Home Rule Act, a rarely used law that exists only because the District lacks full statehood.

For Mayor Bowser, this means she no longer has operational control of her own police department. All decisions on how and where officers are deployed now run through the Justice Department. That includes the ability to redirect



D.C. police from neighborhood patrols to guard federal buildings, secure national monuments, and police protests, even if it leaves fewer officers in local communities. For African Americans in the District, who make up nearly half the city's

population, the change places local policing under the direct control of a president who has repeatedly called for racial profiling, attacked other predominately Black-led cities such as Baltimore and Chicago, and used "law and order"

policies that disproportionately target Black communities. Residents could see federal priorities override local Crime Prevention Strategies, with increased policing around demonstrations and broader latitude for aggressive enforcement tactics. Trump justified the takeover by citing D.C.'s 2024 homicide and vehicle theft rates, even though other cities he has singled out — all with large Black populations and Black leadership — have seen major crime reductions this year. The order has no end date, meaning the District's police could remain under federal command indefinitely. This is only possible because D.C. is not a state, a political reality that leaves its leadership vulnerable to federal override and its residents without full control over their own local government.

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Glenn Summers pictured with daughter Caitlyn in front of a piece dedicated to his late mother Mattie Summers.

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