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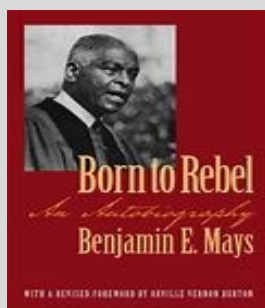


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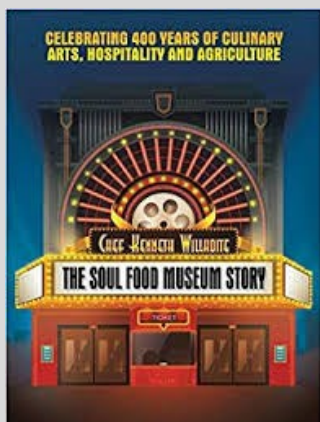


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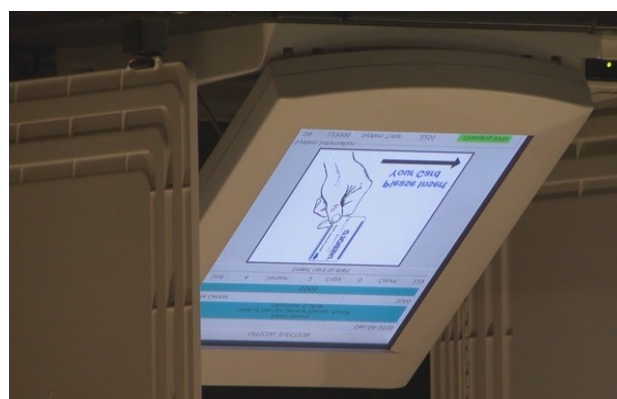


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District 3 Special Election

For City Council Representative



By D. Makeda Johnson

On Tuesday March 19, 2019 there will be a Special Election held for the Atlanta City Council District 3 seat vacated by the passing of Councilmen Ivory Lee Young Jr.

Ten candidates have filed declarations of intent to run to complete Young's remaining 3-year term: Byron Amos, Matthew Charles Cardinale, Greg Clay, Patricia "Granny P" Crayton, Shalise Steele-Young, Ricky Brown, Erika Estrada, Antonio Brown, Mesha Mainor, and former District 3 City Councilman Jabari Simama. Should none of the candidates receive a majority of the votes in the March 19th election there will be a runoff election on Tuesday April 16, 2019.

What you should Know

Early voting will take place Feb. 25 through March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fulton County Government Center, 130 Peachtree St. SW in downtown Atlanta. There will be no weekend voting provided.

Confirm your poll location prior to Election Day. To confirm your voting location visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or call 404-612-7020 for assistance in identifying poll locations.

Attend a Candidates Forum

The League of Women Voters Atlanta Fulton County (LWVAF) will host a community building discussion between the qualified candidates for the special election of Atlanta City Council District 3 on the dates below:

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 6PM-8PM
550 Lindsay Street Northwest, For more information please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-atlanta-council-district-3-candidate-forum-tickets-55950869557>

Thursday, February 21, 2019 6PM-8PM
Simpson Street Church 800 Joseph E Boone Blvd

Friday, February 22, 2019 5PM-8PM at
Higher Ground Empowerment Center, 561 Spencer Church

Monday, February 25, 2019, 6PM-8PM at
KIPP PTO 98 Anderson Avenue

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MARCH 19TH



Building the Beloved Inclusive Community From Within ! Celebrating Our Legacy of Resiliency 365

By D. Makeda Johnson

Black History is celebrated and lived from January 1st – December 31st, It’s our own stories, that create legacies. Knowing who we are and where we came from fuels our resiliency and empowered our survival against all odds.

The Atlanta story is our story , We have a rich legacy of resiliency. Resident's of The Historic Westside have made and continue to make contributions that not only impact our community but has sent and are sending shock wave through the nation and world. Benjamin E. Mays labored in our community for 21 years. Cosmopolitan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church celebrates its 150th anniversary, We are still birthing and shaping the minds of great transformational leaders.

This reality became present to me when I first came to Atlanta and visited the APEX museum on Auburn Avenue . It was there where I first heard the inspirational words of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. And on last Sunday as I listen to Pastor Dr. Debbie Grant share



Benjamin E. Mays 1894-1984

Yes we Can Build the Beloved Community

Benjamin E. Mays was a pastor, a passionate advocate of education, and an inspirational leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He served as the president of Morehouse College in Atlanta Historic Westside he for 21 years, under his leadership the institution became one of the nations top ranking historically black colleges.

Mays was born in South Carolina on August 1, 1894, outside a town in Greenwood County with the unlikely name of Ninety Six. He was the youngest child of Hezekiah Mays and Louvenia Carter, freed slaves who became sharecroppers (tenant farmers) Mays had an appreciation for education but like most sharecroppers children there was little time for school as it conflicted their family ability to work in the fields. Mays left home to pursue his quest for knowledge at the age of 16 and attended a high school run by the South Carolina State College in Orangeburg. While there he excelled and graduated in 1914 as valedictorian of his graduating class. Mays then attended Virginia Union University in Richmond, Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and University of Chicago. Divinity School his master’s thesis was entitled **Pagan Survivals in Christianity**

In 1930, Mays was awarded a fellowship by a Rockefeller Foundation- Institute for Social Religious Research to conduct a study of Af-

rican American churches. He spent three years on the project, publishing the results in 1933, and was then able to return to Chicago and complete his Ph.D.

His dissertation was later published under the title **The Negro’s God as Reflected in His Literature** I encourage us who labor for an Inclusive Beloved Community; to read his writings, talk to Morehouse Men whom studied under him, and share his legacy with our youth.

Cosmopolitan AME Church Celebrates 150th Milestone

His legacy continues right here in Vine City as members of his family were foundational member of Cosmopolitan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Vine City Dr. Benjamin E. Mays continue to serve God and empower his people through a family, the legacy continues.

“After 150 years, there are members whose loved ones were a part of the group that started this seed. That speaks volumes about the longevity of the life of the church.” -Pastor Dr. Debbie Grant



“WE’VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH”



“The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency; not in our doing too much, but rather in our doing too little; not in our living above our ability, but rather in our living below our capacities.”

- Benjamin E. Mays

the history of Cosmopolitan AME Church.

As we celebrate #Black History 365, let us call upon the words and wisdom of our elders, read their stories , while creating new stories that honor our history and resiliency.

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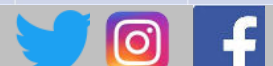
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Creating Sustainable Change, and a Beloved Community on Atlanta's Westside



By Rodney Bullard

In October 2018, plans for the inaugural Beloved Benefit were announced to more than 150 community members gathered for the bi-weekly Transform Westside Summit. Led by Dan Cathy, Arthur Blank and Ambassador Andrew Young, the Beloved Benefit is a celebration of Atlanta's diversity and sense of community, and a fundraiser to support non-profit organizations and residents who are working to revitalize the historic Westside.

The Beloved Benefit was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s adopted vision for the Beloved Community – where poverty, hunger and homelessness would not be tolerated, and racism, prejudice, discrimination and bigotry would be replaced by brotherhood. The event will be held on March 21 at Mercedes Benz Stadium and champion inclusivity and collaboration. Westside residents, nonprofits and businesses will come together to celebrate the progress being made and those leading the way.

At-Promise Youth Center, City of Refuge, Grove Park Foundation, Westside Works and Westside Future Fund are a few of those on-the-ground organizations leading the way. They are each dedicated to creating sustaina-

ble change, and have produced inspiring and tangible results. That's why they were selected, among others, to be beneficiaries of the funds raised at the 2019 Beloved Benefit.

The **At-Promise Youth Center** has become a national model for the relationship between a city's police department and the community it serves. Operated by the Atlanta Police Foundation, it has served more than 800 youth in the English Avenue neighborhood since opening just over one year ago. Providing wraparound services from GED courses and counseling to mentoring offered by Atlanta police officers, the Center aims to reduce crime by creating resources for Westside youth, rather than placing them in the juvenile justice system. So far, it has been working. Crime in the area has been reduced by 40 percent.

City of Refuge has been a diligent laborer in the Westside for more than 20 years. It has created a network of services addressing some of the community's most pressing needs, like hunger, economic access, housing and programs for youth. The organization's new Workforce Innovation Hub is training residents for sustainable employment in fields like automotive, culinary arts and bookkeeping. In October 2018, City of Refuge broke ground on a new multifamily apartment building that will predominantly serve the housing needs of students enrolled in educational programs at the Workforce Innovation Hub.

Westside Works has also been doing its part to create economic opportunity for Westside residents. It's providing vocational training, job placement and paths to employment in careers including certified nursing assistant, construction and IT. To-date, more than 470 residents have been placed in full-time jobs, with 81 percent retention of those jobs after one year.

Grove Park Foundation is working arm-in-arm with individual residents and neighbor-

hood groups. The Foundation focuses on bringing resources to the Donald Lee Hollowell corridor. To date, they have worked with other non-profits to repair homes of long-time residents and have secured funding and training to aid residents in purchasing homes. Through a community-led and engaged approach, they have been instrumental in bringing new developments to the corridor, including Woodson Park Academy, a new Atlanta Public School, a YMCA Wellness Center and affordable housing.

In the same way, **Westside Future Fund** has continued its efforts to address needs and create opportunities for four Westside communities — Ashview Heights, English Avenue, Vine City and Atlanta University Center. Among many other accomplishments, much of its work has centered on ensuring that as the Westside transforms, long-time residents who make up this historic area aren't pushed out. Its anti-displacement tax fund is a hallmark of that effort. Through philanthropic donations, the fund is bridging the difference between current and rising property taxes so that as taxes rise, community members can afford to stay in their homes. Through the Westside Summit and other collaborative efforts like the tax fund, the Westside Future Fund serves as a "community quarterback," advocating for residents and managing resources.

The Westside has been enriched by the efforts of these organizations. They, along with many other groups, community leaders, and residents, are all doing their part to see the Beloved Community to see the Beloved Community move from a dream to reality.

To see Dr. King's vision realized, it will require a collective effort from all of us as community members and fellow Atlantans. Beloved Community is attainable if we all continue to join in — each one doing his or her part, together.

Bullard serves as the Vice President of Community Affairs for Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation. The Chick-fil-A Foundation is a lead sponsor of The Beloved Benefit.

This Op-ed appeared in the Saporta Report on October 9, 2018

BELOVED

The Beloved Benefit supports organizations and residents who are working to revitalize the historic Westside of Atlanta. The Benefit is more than a fundraiser – it's a celebration.

Community members, nonprofits and businesses from across our city will come together to celebrate the successes, discuss what's next, increase visibility and raise funds for those leading the way.

March 21st, 2019 | Mercedes-Benz Stadium | BelovedBenefit.org



BELOVED



Bruno Mars, Steve Harvey Join Line Up for Beloved Benefit in Atlanta

Inaugural event to raise funds for nonprofits working to revitalize historic Westside neighborhoods



On March 21, 2019, business leaders, Atlanta residents, clergy and nonprofits will come together at Mercedes-Benz Stadium for the Beloved Benefit. They'll share one common purpose – to tell the story of Atlanta's historic Westside and celebrate the work of those actively making a difference there.

Two of the biggest names in music and entertainment are joining forces on March 21 to help raise funds to support nonprofit organizations working to revitalize the historic Westside of Atlanta. Steve Harvey will host and Bruno Mars will headline the inaugural [Beloved Benefit](http://www.belovedbenefit.org), which will bring together all of Atlanta to honor and celebrate the legacy of the Westside and the great work being done there.

Entertainer, magnate and philanthropist Steve Harvey will serve as emcee for the evening, which will spotlight Atlanta's powerful history as the cradle of the civil rights movement and its bright future as a city on the front lines of change. Grammy-winning recording artist Bruno Mars will headline the evening's entertainment, and multi BRIT award-winning British singer-songwriter Emeli Sandé will perform "Hope," her stunning song about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition, attendees will experience culinary delights, powerful speakers and a few surprise performances reflective of the city and the Westside. "The Westside of Atlanta nurtured some of the most inspirational civil rights activists and

pivotal moments in U.S. history," Harvey said. "I'm excited to join the growing chorus of supporters lending their time, talents and treasures for one common purpose: to create a brighter tomorrow for this community."

The inaugural Beloved Benefit, which was announced in October, will be hosted on the field of Mercedes-Benz Stadium. One

hundred percent of proceeds will go back to area nonprofits. With the help of its star-studded lineup, the event will increase awareness of issues impacting Atlanta's Westside, build support for those making a difference in the community, and unite all of Atlanta to rally behind the residents of the Westside.

During the benefit, local nonprofits will be honored for their efforts in sustainable growth and development of the Westside. Following the event, the Beloved Benefit team will distribute proceeds to the following inaugural beneficiaries: The At-Promise Youth and Community Center, City of Refuge, Grove Park Foundation, The Westside Future Fund and Westside Works. Ten additional nonprofit organizations will also be recognized with Beacon Awards, which honors organizations' resiliency and continued work to advance the Westside and current Westside residents.

Based on the idea of the Beloved Community amplified by Dr. King, the Beloved Benefit aims to nurture love, respect and trust among all Atlantans. To learn more about the Beloved Benefit, visit www.belovedbenefit.org.



Steve Harvey, Bruno Mars and Emeli Sandé join the chorus of supporters lending their talents to help celebrate the inaugural Beloved Benefit on March 21. Harvey will host the evening with Mars and Sandé performing.

Economic Transformation – A Different Approach.



By Reginald Maisonneuve

Transformation

Economic development & mobility, financial inclusion & wellness, social enterprise and community building imply innovation and fundamental changes to how a city, community and society operate, how resources are distributed, how investments are made and how costs and benefits are shared. Fundamentally, this means transformation. The question of what we want to transform and what we want to preserve is an important one. It's a question for the communities and societies impacted and is part of the process of transformation.

Please forgive me in repeating the tired clichés that **“change is hard”** and **“if it ain't broke, don't fix it.”** Well, I don't buy into either. Change can certainly be made hard or harder. We humans have a knack for doing that or avoiding it altogether – the **“ain't broke”** syndrome. But often, even when things **“ain't broke,”** they can be made better – sometimes far better.

Transformation isn't just a fancy word for change. It has a clearer purpose and recognizes that something needs to be transformed from. Change will happen. Transformation is how we manage that change for a better result.

The need for transformation is an important one across our society: in industry, in government, in our communities and, certainly, as individuals. It's an opportunity to adapt to the times and to fix long-standing problems.

Not surprisingly, few organizations, let alone societies, are good at transformation. It requires challenging many strongly-held convictions, overcoming narrow views of self-interest, building collaboration across diverse groups, and establishing a strong sense of common purpose and mutual interest. Easy-peasy, right? Clearly not.

Unfortunately, the alternative is chaotic and uncertain. We see this in the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars year over year with slow and uncertain progress, thousands of organizations and people working independently – at times redundantly and at other times in conflict, uncertain of how they are contributing to the larger goal or contributing to a societal solution.

As intimidating as it sounds, transformation can and has been achieved to solve complex, long-standing problems and achieve aspirational goals. If we want constructive change in our society, do we really have a choice not to take on transformation? Or, do we simply want change to happen to us, or, settle for business as usual? Given the number of people and communities in chronic financial distress, the results of the latter have not been “transformational.”

Transformation does have prerequisites and basic steps, but it is absolutely doable.

1. **A clear vision of what we want to transform to.** This requires capable and determined leadership and advocates at all-levels committed to the principle of civil, fair and equitable society, where gain doesn't come from architecting others' failure, but rather from helping others succeed.
2. **A clear definition and measure of what success is.** If you can't define and measure success or use the wrong measure of it, you shouldn't expect success. This also calls for transparency and accountability across our society. People and organizations need a common view, language and measures that are relevant, understandable and actionable to objectively gauge progress, make better decisions and course correct.
3. **Identifying and engaging communities of interest.** When people and organizations understand and see benefit from change and

collaboration, change becomes easier. They engage.

4. **A transformational strategy and pragmatic plan.** A transformational strategy is structured, purposeful but adaptive. It identifies and leverages the drivers of change with purpose and is results-oriented with a clear eye to social return on investment, managing risks and producing meaningful results in the short and long-term. It constructively engages key stakeholders and understands the interdependencies between them to foster collaboration, while identifying and addressing narrow and vested interests and structural obstacles to transformation.



Enabling Transformation

Many organizations are working to advance society. Our society needs them to work more effectively together.

As a non-profit, enterprise, government, funder or citizen, how do you fit into and advance economic transformation?

Transformation is never easy but there's a smart and practical way to take it on. It doesn't require absolute consensus. It doesn't need to be a national or complex initiative. It requires **organizations and people impatient with the status quo and uncertain outcomes who are willing to take on the rigors of transformation – even if it involves their own – to strengthen our society.**

We look forward to advancing it with you..

Reginald Maisonneuve is a US Army veteran and Haitian-American. Founder of eDea LLC, an Atlanta social enterprise financial technology company whose mission is to advance the financial health of individuals and communities and the effectiveness of economic development initiatives.



ITCDC Launches Plumbing Repair Program to Benefit Westside Residents



By Felicia Hill

Integrity Transformations CDC was selected by the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management as a nonprofit administrator of the Care and Conserve Plumbing Repair Program (CCPRP). CCPRP's objective is to provide eligible low-income homeowners assistance with water and sewer repairs, conduct water audits, conduct plumbing assessments, and provide water conservation education counseling.

The plumbing repair program provides assistance for eligible Westside homeowners by repairing or replacing leaky faucets and toilets, main water lines, P-Traps, drains, drain lines and connections, sinks, tubs, and showers. To



date, 30 homeowners have been assisted by the CCPRP.

Integrity's CCPRP includes “Plumbers Helpers' training program” which includes classroom and hands-on training. The program aims to create a career path in a high-growth, high-demand industry for residents, while assisting those in the community with plumbing repairs.

According to Rev. Howard Beckham, Chief Executive Officer of Integrity Transformations CDC, “the Care and Conserve Plumbing Repair program is a welcomed addition to the programs offerings here at ITCDC.

For more information on the Care and Conserve Program Plumbing Repair program, how to apply or on becoming a Plumbers' Helper email kharis@integritycdc.org or call 404-600-4950.

The Soul Food Museum Celebrates 400 Years (1619-2019) Mobile Coast to Coast Tour



Chef Dr. Kenneth Willhoite

Chef Dr. Kenneth Wilhoite is dedicated to the promotion of African American contributions made to the culinary arts and hospitality industry. The Soul Food Museum emanated from the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic District in Atlanta, Georgia.

a culturally-packed exhibit featuring a wide selection of Black foods and beverages, manufacturers, memorabilia, collectibles, and relics like the cast iron stove. This dynamic exhibit will premiere the world's most magnificent giant cake! This cake-of-all-cakes is a revolving replica that stands 21 feet tall and 10 feet wide, the first ever of its kind! This 400 Year Celebration Cake pays homage to the 50 million African Americans in the U.S.

A native of Oklahoma, at a young age Kenneth's life purpose came clear to him while having a conversation with God at 16; "God I don't want to see you, but I do want to hear you and I want to know what my destiny, my purpose and my mission is...I didn't have to pop out of my mama's belly, but I did and I'm here, so what am I supposed to do? An inner voice spoke to him: "You are to document a people's history and my son, you are to cook good food and present it well and when given the opportunity, witness for me through the food." Kenneth heeded that call and for the next 40 years he researched and documented the history of Black culture through food. He went on to graduate from Howard University's Washington Saturday College and later earned a culinary degree from the Culinary School of Washington, D.C. As Curator for the Soul Food Museum, Chef

legacy, created as an educational keepsake dedicated to children.

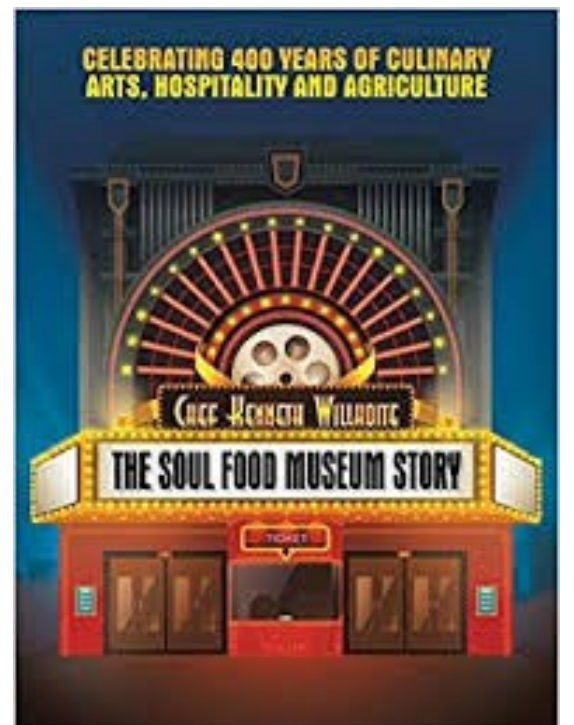
Meet and greet the crowned World King and Queen of Soul Food. You are invited to host the Soul Food Museum as a featured exhibit to be a part of your city, town, church, school or organization's upcoming conference, seminar, festival, family reunion or parade. This is an excellent addition to any City who would benefit greatly from this educational culinary experience! Highlights of this amazing mobile exhibit feature a book signing, profile of African-American chefs, cooks and restaurants, culinary inventions and patents, agricultural contributions, business etiquette classes and an acknowledgement of First Lady Michelle Obama's White House Community Garden. Chef Willhoite also incorporates The Evolution of Healthy Soul Food, a cooking demonstration where guests can sample healthy cultural dishes. Because we are what we eat, The Soul Food Museum promotes healthy



In honor of 400 years of Black history in America, thanks to Virginia Congressman Bobby Scott, Congress recently passed U.S. House Bill H.R. 1242 – the 400 Years of African-American History Commission Act that publicly acknowledges this cultural celebration nationwide. As part of this festivity and in honor of Black History Month, the Soul Food Museum will kick off its mobile tour across the United States beginning in February 2019, celebrating 400 years of building on the legacy of our ancestors and their arrival on the shores of America in 1619. The Soul Food Museum's 400 Year Celebration will travel coast-to-coast to tour in communities displaying

Willhoite is known as a Culinary Historian.

Chef Willhoite is the author of *'Celebrating 400 Years of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Agriculture; The Soul Food Museum Story,'* a book dedicated to our Ancestors as he takes us on a journey from the coasts of West Africa to the hills and valleys of America documenting the cultural history and origin of food, beverages and inventions created by Africans in America. He co-authored *'America's Soul Food Museum'* with author and illustrator, A. J. Jones, a 40-page Black History Coloring Book that documents the Soul Food Museum's historic



initiatives addressing the challenges of obesity, diabetes, cancer, stroke, heart disease, and HIV/AIDS.

The Soul Food Museum would like to visit your city, town or state and celebrate 400 years with the community. This tour is infused with the Soul Food Museum's 17th Annual Awards Celebration where Chef Willhoite presents up to 5-foot tall trophies and awards to the community in each city for their service in the hospitality and culinary industry. Chef Willhoite created the National African American Culinary Arts & Hospitality Association (NAACHA) which birthed The Soul Food Museum. Schedule your tour for 2019. The Soul Food Museum is a 501 C-3.

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Stacy Abrams , Nancy Green and Black Women’s Political Endurance



Stacy Abrams

By Ra Malika Imhotep

As exercised by “the road to power,” White nationalism in Trump’s America is violent, dumb, misogynistic, fat-phobic and predictable. By trafficking in what Patricia Hill Collin’s referred to as “controlling images” the robo-call was designed to shame white women out of the allegiance with black women that was potentially stimulated by the media mogul Oprah’s recent campaign visit.

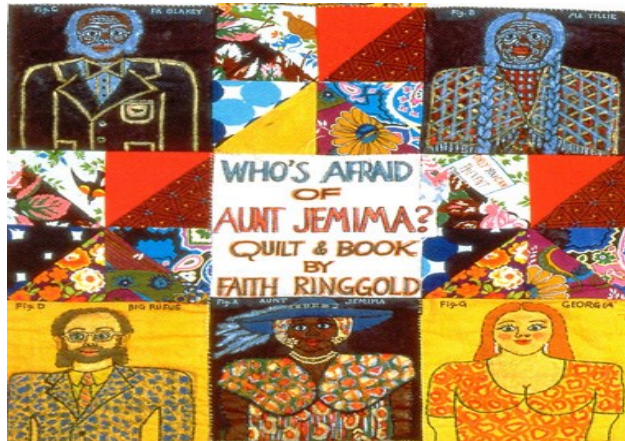
As a black feminist writer and cultural critic I’m curious about what it means to see ‘a poor mans Aunt Jemima’ and to see ‘the people’s governor’ and I think there’s something generative about the space Abrams’ occupies between the two. Thinking across the historical significance behind the name and the ways black women, black female domestic workers in particular, have rallied in support of Abram’s I want to offer a way of reading Stacy Abram’s refusal to concede the position of GA Governor to Republican Secretary of State Brain Kemp, as part of a larger black radical tradition of political endurance. Plainly put, Stacy Abrams is fighting to serve an overwhelmingly red-state that would sooner cast her in the likeness of Hattie McDaniel than allow her pass the gates of the Governors mansion, let alone give her the keys. How we see her matters in that our nations representational economy directly contributes to implicit and explicit biases that show up in the campaign ads and at the voting booths.

Aunt Jemima was introduced to the world stage 25 years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation during the 1893 Columbian World Fair hosted in Chicago. African American’s had petitioned since 1890s for inclusion in the fair but were ultimately excluded which led proto-black feminist Journalist Ida B



Wells to produce a pamphlet titled “The Reason Why the Colored American is not included in the World’s Columbian Expositions.”

Born into slavery in Kentucky in 1934, Nancy Green – a cook, storyteller and anti-poverty activist – was employed by the R.T. Davis Milling Company in 1890 to promote their new ready-mixed, self-rising pancake flour. While The Mammy figure had been a longstanding trope throughout the Old South, she was immortalized and nationally syndicated by Green’s portrayal of



Aunt Jemima. In her fist major appearance, Green showcased her cooking talents and jovial smile while operating a pancake-cooking display throughout the duration of the exposition. It has been reported that her display was so popular they had to appoint security to marshal the crowd. By the conclusion of the fair over 50,000 orders for Aunt Jemima flour had been sold and Green was honored by the Fair officials for her showmanship.

Subsequently Green was offered a lifetime contract as the official brand ambassador. Green’s career empowered her as a church organizer and as an anti-poverty spokesperson in Chicago. All this enabled by one spectacular endurance performance in which she expertly embodied the often derided figure of the black female domestic.

In 2017, The National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) published a report on *The State of the Black Woman in America* in which they proclaim that “Black women consistently work for a better country, but our country is not working for them.” These women are Nancy Green’s progeny and in their commitment to “placing Black women’s experiences and interests in the forefront of policy changes and social movements,” as enacted through their support of Gubernatorial candidate Stacy Abrams, they challenge us to critically rethink and reassess our relationship to domestic work and domestic workers. Heeding this challenge, I understand Stacy Abrams’ tireless commitment to serving Georgia as reiterated in her early-morning anti-concession speech as variant of the highest order of domestic labor. And in her refusal to stop working until every voice is heard, I see a legacy of black woman laboring tirelessly in service for the betterment of the global community. At this point the adage “black women will save us” or “black women tried to save you” has become close to cliché. When uttered uncritically it is a sentiment that naturalizes the conditions under which black women work to protect themselves and their families, and creates room for parasitic white entitlement (and political laziness). By drawing attention to the political mobilization efforts of black women employed as domestic workers throughout the United States and their relationship to Stacey Abrams historic campaign, I want to cleave the experiential reality of black women’s work from white supremacist patriarchal interpretations of its meaning and purpose. I want to think about what it means for Abrams to be a full-figured, dark skinned Black woman competing to serve an alarmingly Red state and what it means for black women laborers and voters (97% of whom supported Abrams) to see themselves and their histories in her image.

I do not wish to be reductive or pejorative in associating Stacy Abrams with icons of the Old South. But what I find generative about naming the ways that she and her body are seen in the regional and national imaginary stems from larger concerns about the impossibility of divorcing contemporary black female laborers from the histories mapped onto their bodies. As we learn to see ourselves through our histories, instead of in opposition to or avoidance of them, may all those watching be called to action and held accountable to *finally do their share of the heavy-lifting*.

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SHALISE STEELE-YOUNG RUNS

She Promised Her Husband She'd Run To Continue His Term For Atlanta City Council District 3

Just over a month since the Commemoration of Life services were held for her husband Atlanta City Councilmember District 3 Ivory Lee Young, Jr., Shalise Steele-Young states she will run to continue his term, as he asked of her. The special election to fill the seat for District 3, which includes representing key neighborhoods near the Mercedes-Benz Stadium, is set for March 19, 2019.

Deeply committed to human services and work opportunities, Shalise worked for the United Way, and was assigned as a loaned executive to various social service organizations throughout the city of Atlanta. In addition, Shalise worked for both the Mayor's Office of Human Services under Mayor Kasim Reed as well as the Regional Commission on Homelessness founded by former Mayor Shirley Franklin. She is a licensed ordained minister and the Founder/Executive Director of the Repairer of the Breach International Ministries, a faith-based organization committed to the empowerment of low-income/homeless individuals and families.

For the past nine years, Shalise stood by Councilmember Young's side, the two working diligently to ensure equitable inclusion of the residents and stakeholders in the redevelopment on Atlanta's West side. During a radio interview with WAOK's Rashad Richey, Shalise shared more about running to continue her hus-

band's term:

"Ivory used to say to me, 'You can do this -- you should consider running for office.' I would laugh, 'Who, me? I'm a minister and a social worker.' But, this last time, as we were preparing for his stem cell transplant... he told me, 'Shalise, if things don't go as we hope, I want you to finish serving out my term on the City Council.' I'm running for District 3 to ensure the commitments Ivory made to District 3 residents are seen to fruition." She went on to share her concerns about others running who may not have the best interests of the residents and stakeholders -- a term Ivory used intentionally -- at heart.

Shalise pointed out that in the past, others didn't want to touch the West side with a "ten foot pole". Ivory alongside other residents did the "heavy lifting".

"I question the intentions of others," she emphasized, "now that our District has upwards to a billion dollar investment, when there are other areas of Atlanta that have not received the level of attention that the West side has recently benefited from."

Areas of focus, she says, for District 3 include the following: public safety, affordable/workforce housing, clean communities, equitable resident participation, and the continuation of the work of Westside Revive.

Major campaign endorsements include Mr. Thomas Dortch, Chairman/CEO of TDW, Inc. and Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall, former Atlanta Police Chief and former Clayton County Commission Chairman Eldrin Bell, and President of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Greg Fann.

"Ivory and I met around service," Shalise recalls. "Service brought us together. And I pray that the residents of District 3 will allow me the opportunity to serve them for the next three years. It would be an honor."

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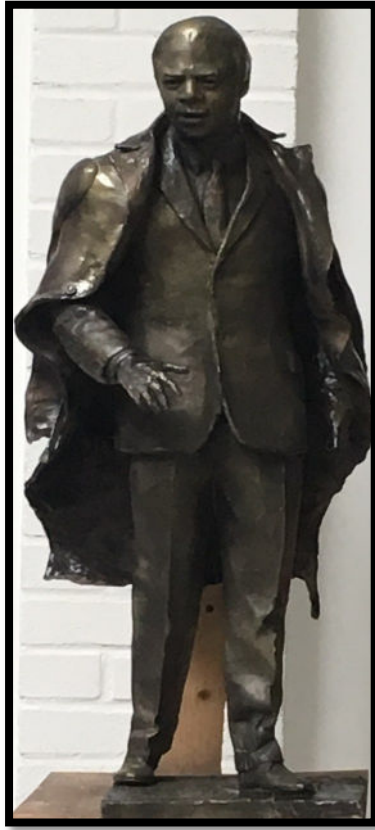
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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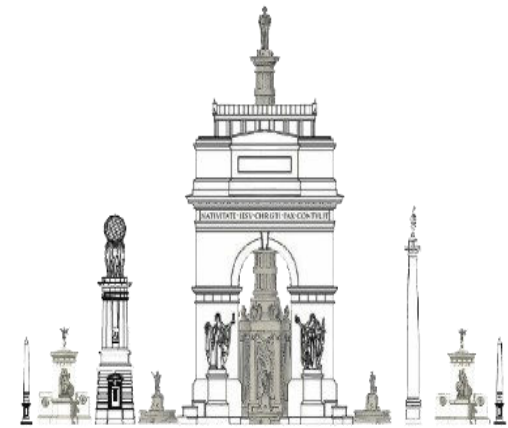


Chief Tomochichi

The National Monument Foundation has been begun building three of the 16-18 monuments to be placed in Rodney Cook Sr. Park in Historic Vine City in honor of those whom have lived, worked and served humanity through the promotion of PEACE, and whom lived and worked in our Beloved Community. The statues currently in progress are Dr. Martin Luther King, Andrew Young, and tribute to native

American Chief Tomochichi. We will continue to update the community on the ongoing development of the legacy preservation component of The Rodney Sr. Park in Historic Vine City in each edition. Thanks to the support of The National Monument Foundation

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Good Sam Full Circle of Health - A New Year, a New YOU

By Veronica Squires

Administrative Officer of The Good Samaritan Health Center



Happy New Year Westside! Since it is the season for making New Year's resolutions, all of us at The Good Samaritan Health Center would like to invite you to put health at the top of your list. Whether it be seeing a primary care doctor, getting your teeth cleaned, beginning a new workout routine, or eating better, Good Sam is here to assist you in reaching your 2019 goals. A healthier YOU is possible!

One part of our innovative Full Circle of Health model is the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), sponsored by the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and Westside Health Collaborative. DPP is a free year-long lifestyle change program for those at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The program consists of weekly meetings for the first 6 months, led by trained lifestyle change coaches. Participants who decide to embark on this journey commit to working toward two major goals: to lose 5% or more of their

body weight and to exercise for at least 150 minutes each week. The goals are ambitious, but you are worth it! Consider Tara's story:

Tara has been a patient at Good Sam for years. She has been working hard to live healthier and frequently attends our cooking and nutrition classes. Five months into last year's DPP Cohort 1 program, Tara lost 2% of her body weight and is exercising more and more each week. She is on track to exceed the program's goals! In fact, most of the 11 participants in Cohort 1 are on track to meet their goals.

Tara is a great example of how lifestyle changes, coupled with the right support, can be transformative. Tara has wanted to lose weight and exercise for years, but it wasn't until DPP where she learned to approach her goals with smaller, effective daily changes. Now Tara participates in Good Sam's Eat Well Live Well cooking classes, buys fresh fruits and vegetables from the daily farmer's market, and wakes up bright and early on Saturday mornings for our walking club. Tara has also embraced a more active lifestyle, starting her days walking to the MARTA stop rather than driving. She recreates recipes at home that she learned in our cooking classes and likes to add her own personal flair. She has gone from seasoning food with lots of salt to experimenting with healthier flavors like fresh garlic, turmeric, and cumin.

Her goals to lose weight and exercise went from seeming lofty and unattainable to being within reach. After experiencing a slight setback with an injury recently Tara reflected that, "I thought I

was going to gain all this weight because I wouldn't be able to exercise as much-but I didn't!" The changes she made across the board, not just in her exercise but also with her diet and eating habits, allowed her to recover from this injury without being thrown off course.



We are excited to start our second cohort of the Diabetes Prevention Program this year. If you have prediabetes and want to make lifestyle changes to prevent the development of Type 2 Diabetes, call us at (678) 553-4906 or email program coordinator Tori Constantine at tori@goodsamatlanta.org to get more information and sign up today!

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JABARI

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Why I'm Running for Atlanta City Council . . . Again

I am running for the Atlanta City Council, District 3 because I have answered the call of residents and supporters to run. I understand that if we meet the challenges that remain and embrace the opportunities before us and in the future we will have one of the best, diverse, vibrant, and inclusive districts in the city. District 3 would benefit tremendously from an **independent, experienced servant-leader**. I have the time, energy, vision, experience and resources to devote myself, fulltime, to the duties and responsibilities. Moreover, I do not owe anything to any special interest or individual and can truly make decisions that are in the best interest of the residents of District 3 and the city. As one resident put it, **"You are independent and not greedy or needy. That's why you have my unwavering support!"**

Who is Jabari?

He is a 43-year resident of Westside, 38-year resident of Washington Park. Raised by single mother in public housing, he went on to earn Ph.D. at 27 from Emory University, later becoming one of 22 state college presidents. He is married to an educator, Nisha, with 2 daughters who are native Atlantans, born and raised on Westside; one is first time homeowner in Washington Park. He was a Professor at Clark Atlanta University and Georgia Tech., Deputy Chief Operating Officer over

Development for DeKalb County, and **twice-elected** member of Atlanta City Council, District 3.

What has Jabari Done?

He Authored the First Source Jobs Policy that created thousands of jobs for Atlanta residents, created the \$10 million (\$21 million today's value) Dome stadium trust fund for affordable housing in Vine City and English Avenue, spearheaded and approved funding for land purchase for historic Westside Village, and supported and voted for Westside TAD.

Jabari is responsible for improving graduation, retention and job place rates for thousands of students seeking post secondary credentials. He oversaw the largest and most successful adult GED program in state (4,000 students) and worked with Corp of Engineers to purchase homes in flood plane and relocate residents in Hollowell Parkway communities.

Infrastructure improvements for Holly Road area are to his credit as well.

He strongly pushed for legislation to protect and preserve historic neighborhoods, created community technology centers program for 25,000 residents, authored and passed sweeping Ethics legislation and legislation to crackdown on overgrown and vacant lots violations.

Jabari Vision for Future!

- Jabari will work toward community policing with citizen engagement
- Affordable housing and vibrant, sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods
- High quality public schools that perform in every zip code
- Residents own the streets/parks and not drug dealers and gang members
- Balanced business development in partnership with government and impacted communities
- Inclusive district where indigenous and new residents live in mutual respect and seniors and legacy residents are not taxed or swindled out of their homes
- A District where every voice is lifted, heard, respected!

The next council person must be confident and conversant with an array of issues that affect diverse neighborhoods in the district. We need an experienced leader who does not have to undergo on-the-job training. Let's keep the momentum moving forward. Let's work together collaboratively to ensure that all benefit from the progress on the Westside.

This is why I am running for city councilmember of District 3.

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