

Midterm News

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BLACK CANDIDATES WIN



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DNC Black Caucus Chair, Virgie M Rollins, issues formal "thank you"



CHAIR VIRGIE M ROLLINS

DNC Black Caucus Leadership Summits sweep every region ahead of the Midterms

Yet again, the Black vote has proven critical to Democratic success in every region of the country. As Chair of the DNC Black Caucus, I am issuing a formal statement of thanks to our DNC Black Caucus Leadership Team for our Get Out the Vote Regional Leadership Summits. Your work and coordination with leaders within your regions and fundraising efforts made this possible.

I also thank the dedicated state Black caucus chairs who worked with us to mobilize Black voters in every single region. As we saw, no region was untouched by the blue wave, and no state could have done it without the Black vote and Black leadership in those communities.

We especially want to thank the Summit sponsors, some of whom won victoriously last night.



Finally, two notes of special thanks to our DNC Vice Chair of Civic Engagement and Voter Protection, Reyna Walters-Morgan (above), and Chair of the Kansas Democratic Party, Jeanna Repass (below).



External links:

- NAACP Applauds Strong Black Voter Turnout
- The'Blacklash'is Here
- HBCU Students Are Turning Their Anger Into Action This Election

Vice Chair Charlie Staten, Secretary Shelia Huggins, Treasurer Travis Nelson, Eastern Region Director Coby Owens, Midwest Region Director Mayor Mark Mallory, Southern Region Director Grace Carrington, Western Region Director Carolyn Fowler

Leadership Highlights

Thompson and Jeffries set out to make history

Texas State Rep. Senfronia Thompson makes bid for Speaker, while US Rep. Hakeem Jeffries runs for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Senfronia Thompson in bid for State House Speaker

State Rep. Senfronia Thompson, who has served in the Texas Legislature for more than five decades, is running for Speaker of the Texas House. If elected, Thompson would make history as the first woman and first Black person to serve as Speaker of the Texas House, in the 190 years since Texas won its independence from Mexico. “Mrs. T” is stepping into this historic moment as a someone who had to pay a poll tax to vote when she was in college and as the granddaughter of a sharecropper who participated in sit-ins during the Civil Rights Movement.





US House Minority Leader, Hakeem Jeffries, ready to become Speaker

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, is officially a candidate Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Jeffries would be the first Black person to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House, marking a major milestone in the nation’s political history. His election is critical to Democratic leadership that respects and responds to the Black vote as the party takes control of the House in January 2027.