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# TENNESSEE STATE SENATE DISTRICT 31



## Get to Know Ruby

*Ruby serves the Memphis community through the Junior League of Memphis, Chairman of the Board at Leadership Preparatory Charter School, The Dixon Gallery and Gardens Membership Advisory Board, and as a member of the Junior Auxiliary of Collierville. Ruby was recognized as a member of the Memphis Business Journal 2018 "40 Under 40" class and 2018 Outstanding Young Alumnus for the Fogelman College of Business at The University of Memphis. Ruby is running to be the Democratic nominee for TN State Senate - District 31. Her primary election will be August 4, 2022. Please visit [www.RubyPowellDennis.com](http://www.RubyPowellDennis.com)*

Over a decade ago, Ruby relocated to Memphis from Denver as a young professional working alongside teachers and principals in legacy Memphis City Schools. Like many YP's, Ruby immediately got involved in the community through her church and volunteering where needed.

These experiences helped Ruby better understand the unique stories and history of the diverse communities across Memphis and Shelby County.

Now a parent of two young children and a wife, Ruby personally knows the difficulty of balancing childcare and work schedules. Ruby knows the worry that comes with caring for others during this time. Ruby has volunteered several hundred hours a year since the pandemic began. We need effective and empathic leadership in our state legislature.

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## Greetings!

I am still reeling from the victory of having elected our first African American Female to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will serve with the same dignity and integrity as she exhibited through the most contentious and intended humiliation of any nominee to date! When I say I am proud, I know that I am speaking for every woman that I know! So, I have included in this issue comments from our very own Judge Bernice Donald who by all means understands the level of grit that it takes to be Justice Jackson!

Please find a removeable centerfold ballot in this issue! This is being provided for anyone who would prefer to take their own ballot to the polls instead of risking opening your window or doors to strangers with ballots.

Hopefully you will have a moment to familiarize yourself with the candidates. Most candidates are required to have websites so check them out for yourself if you do not know their background. I have given you my opinion on some of the races and avoided those that I am not comfortable endorsing. These are very important decisions so I pray that you take your vote seriously and try to choose the most qualified candidate.

Below are a few pics from my 70th birthday party. I want to thank everyone that came out to celebrate with me. I am so grateful for the gifts and love that I received from everyone.

I am open to your Letters to the Editor which you may send to my email address.. [lxcarter@comcast.net](mailto:lxcarter@comcast.net) or my website at [www.shelbydempub.com](http://www.shelbydempub.com) where you will find our online copy. If you have any other concerns please call me at 901.212.2375!

Have a great Easter. Stay safe and keep it real.  
Lexie Carter, Editor



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DAY  
AUG 4TH**

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# LEE HARRIS FOR COUNTY MAYOR



Dear friend,

The 2022 Election is just around the corner, and I have to be honest: I need your help. My campaign is about empowering working men and women and, as a consequence, I don't plan to have a lot of large donors. Instead, we're building an army of low dollar contributors who are willing to invest and power this campaign.

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Every time we receive a contribution, regardless of the level, it helps us a great deal. **Every time, we receive \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, or the most popular contribution level, \$20.22, we are grateful because it moves us closer to our goals.** So, I am writing to ask that you consider supporting this campaign through a contribution, regardless of the amount. I know that 'big change' comes from the aggregation of many small acts.

I would also ask that, if you can, **consider signing up to become a monthly contributor.** If you sign up to become a monthly contributor by clicking [here and selecting "Make it Monthly,"](#) you can really help us reliably plan our outreach efforts as the campaign builds toward Election Day.

[SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION HERE](#)

Again, if you want to become a monthly campaign contributor, [please click here and select "Make it Monthly."](#) As an added bonus, every person that signs up to become a monthly contributor in response to this email will receive a special gift in the mail. The first thing we do in order to change the world is to change what's happening in our community.

All the best,

Lee Harris  
Mayor of Shelby County, TN

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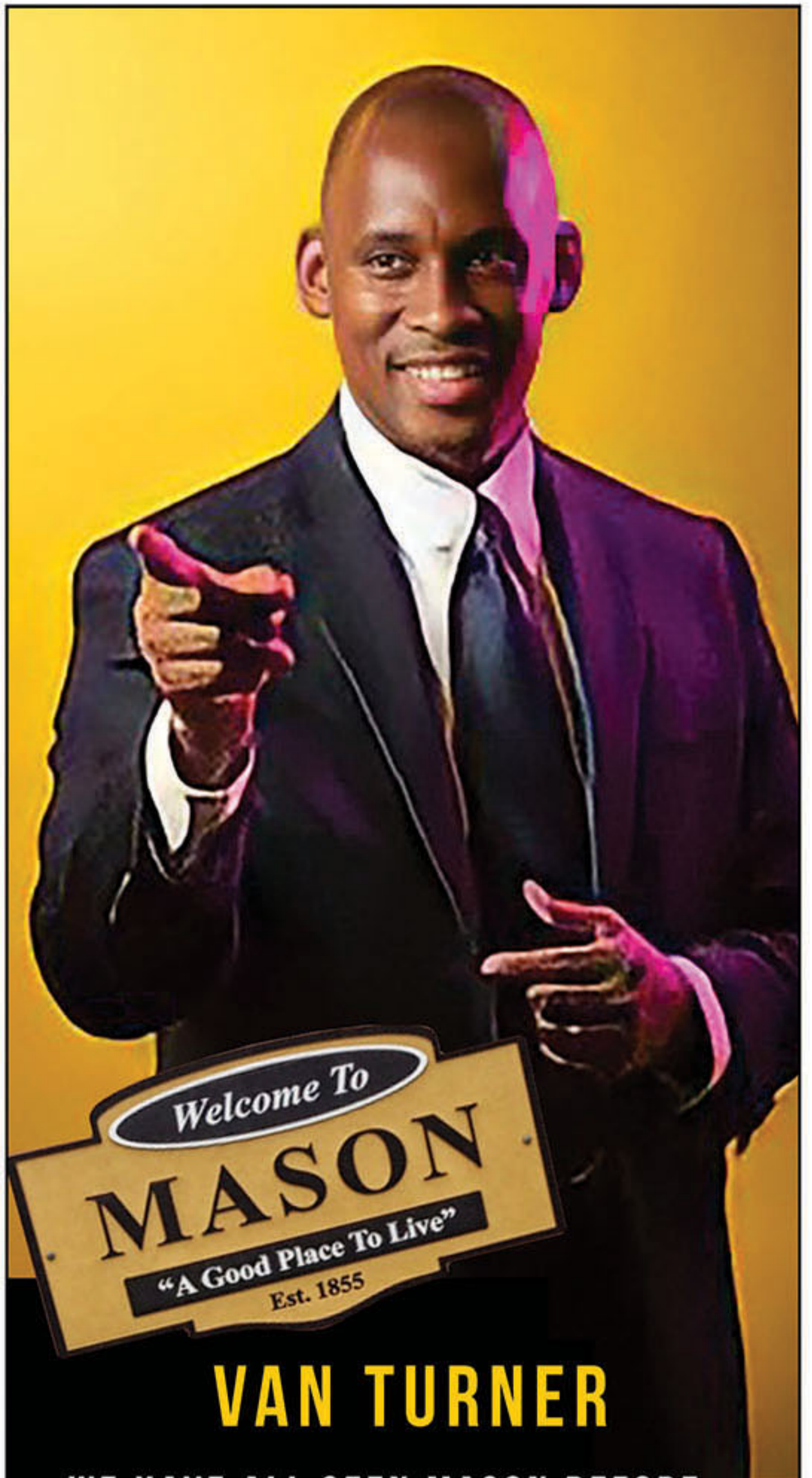
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## VAN TURNER

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# EXPERIENCE MATTERS

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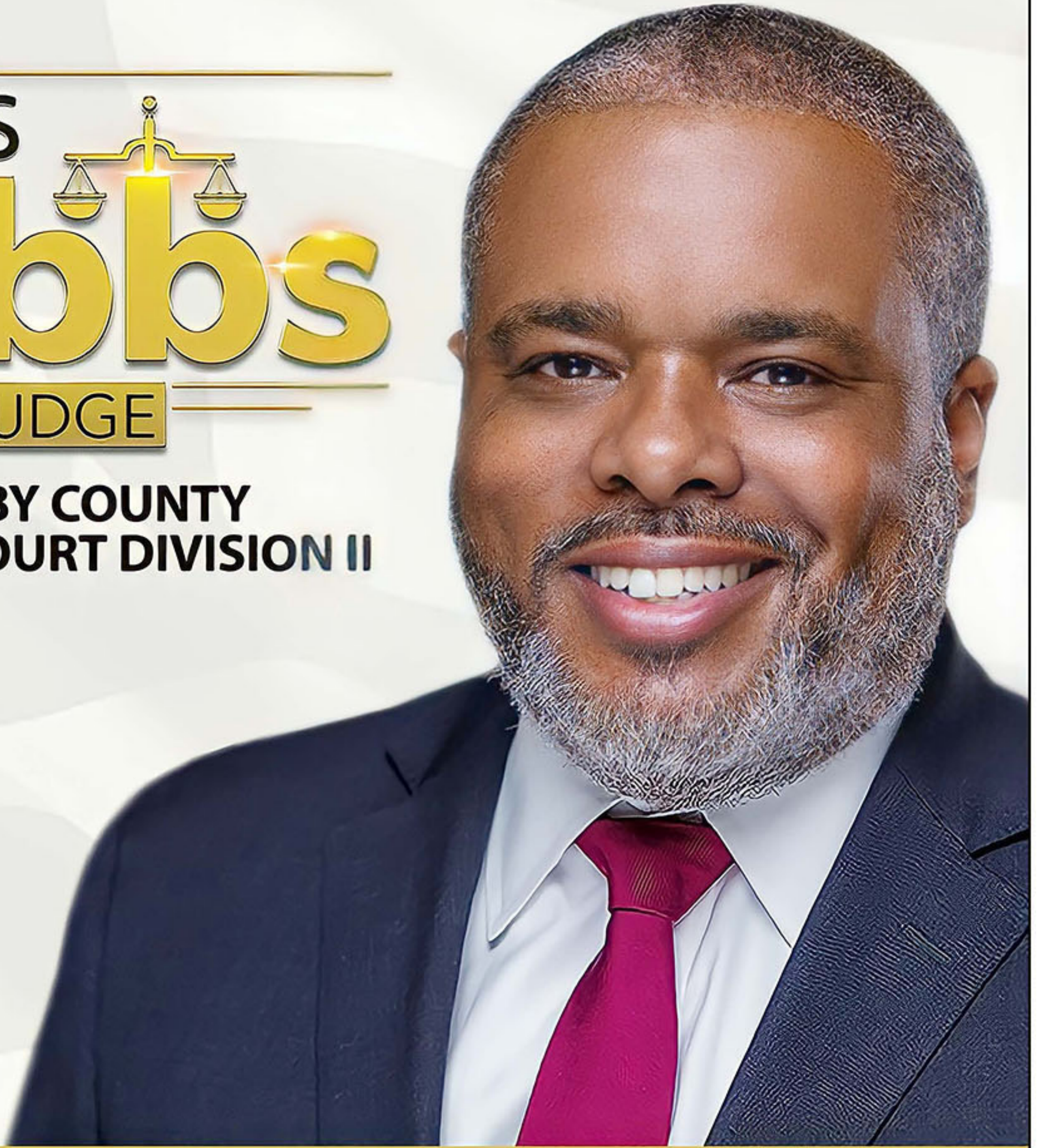
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## VOTE!

**YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT.  
YOUR FAILURE TO VOTE  
DOES HURT.**

**BY FORMER COUNTY  
AND CITY MAYOR AC WHARTON**

I am writing this note on April 4, 2022, the 54th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's horrible assassination in our great city of Memphis, Tennessee. The first news story I heard this morning was about various events scheduled to commemorate Dr. King's death. The next story covered predictions of a low turnout in the upcoming primary elections. This is an unacceptable irony.

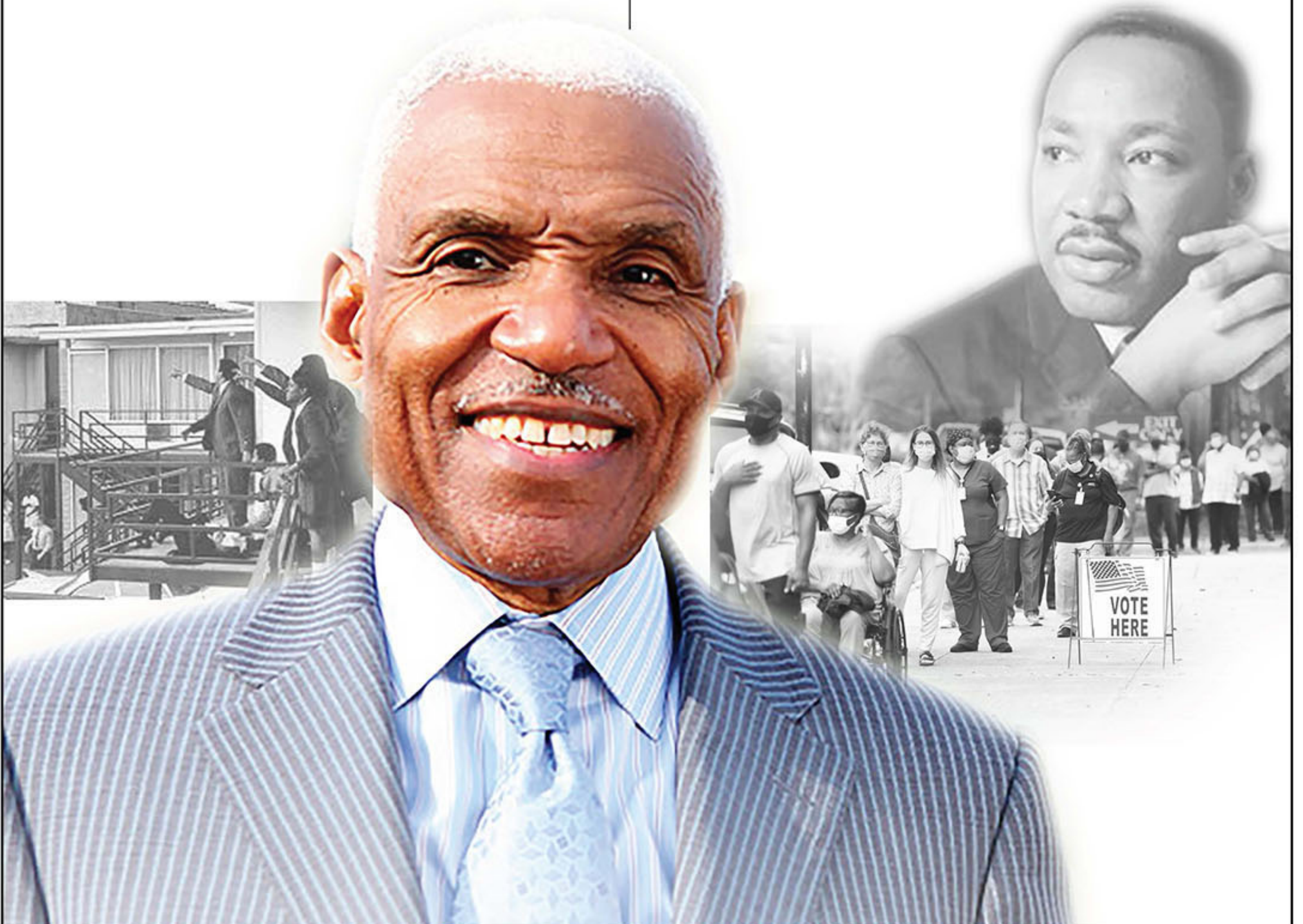
Dr. King's death in our city was sad, but the failure to vote is even sadder. Our community has been ravaged by the COVID - 19 Pandemic, leaving hardly a family untouched, in one way or another. COVID-19 is indeed a horrible disease, but the disease of "not voting" is even more horrible.

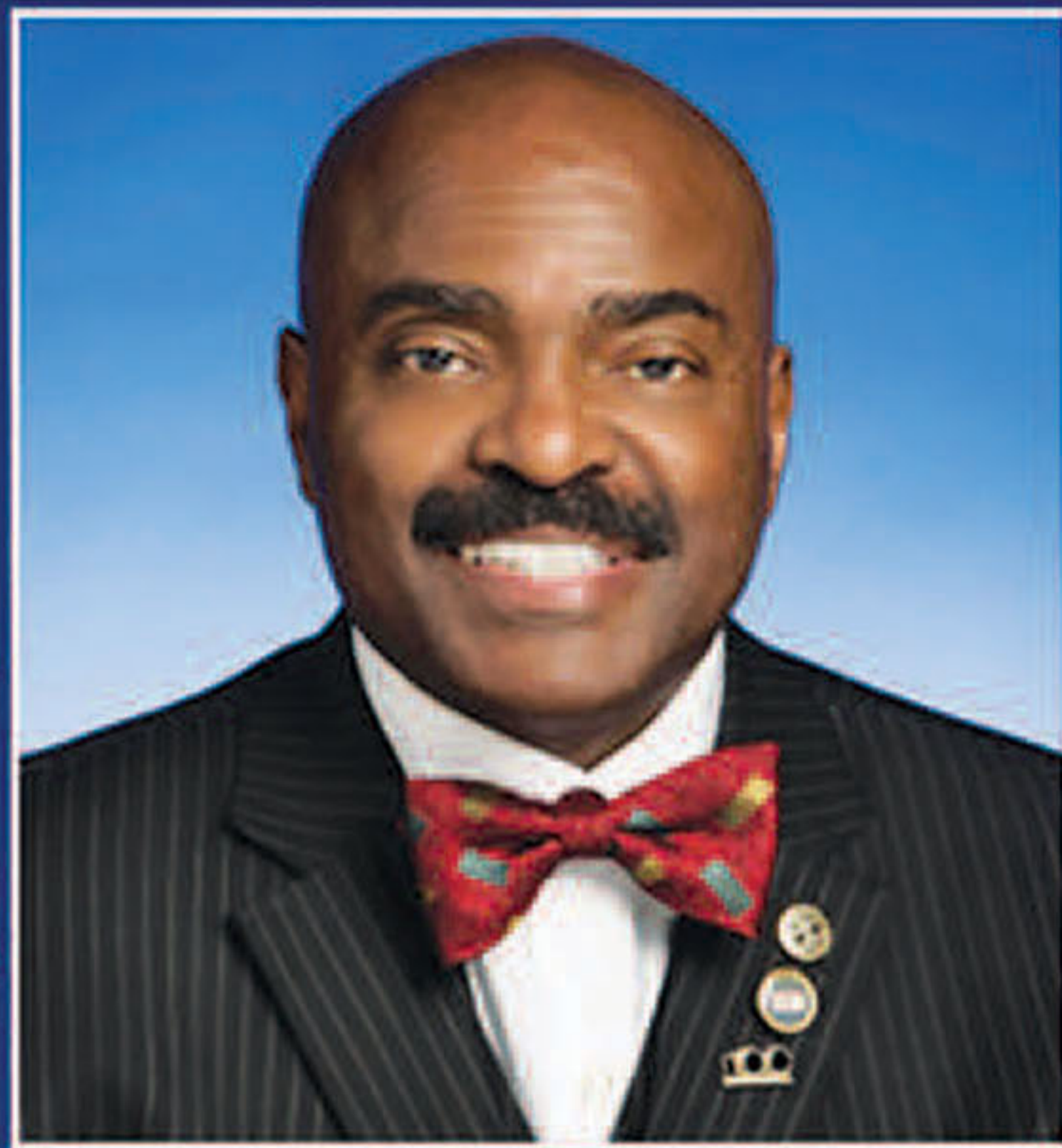
There are scientific ways to deal with COVID, but only enlightenment and self-motivation is the cure for inexcusably wasting a right for which African Americans fought and died. COVID-19 is contagious, but the "my vote won't count malady" is even more contagious. Children and grandchildren see parents and grandparents wasting their right to vote, and they tend to follow in that path. On the other hand, children who are actually taken to the polls by a parent or grandparent will grow up feeling it is their duty to vote. So, if you have to choose something that's contagious, choose going out to vote so those watching will also catch that "good disease", to use an analogy from the Late U. S. Representative John Lewis, who shed blood and got into "Good Trouble" so we can vote.

We are all impacted by decisions made by elected officials. Elected officials make decisions that directly or indirectly affect us all. When it comes to our health, whether you wear or do not wear a mask, what your children are taught in school, what steps we can or cannot take to keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals, the taxes we pay, how we move about the city, and when we die, where and when we can be buried.

Far too many shed blood and died so we could have a say about our destiny. When we waste the right to vote, we are in effect sending the message that they died in vain.

So, for those who vote make sure you encourage, and if necessary, help others to vote. The voting booth is the one place where we are all the same because we each have one vote. And when we fail to vote, we make others "more equal."

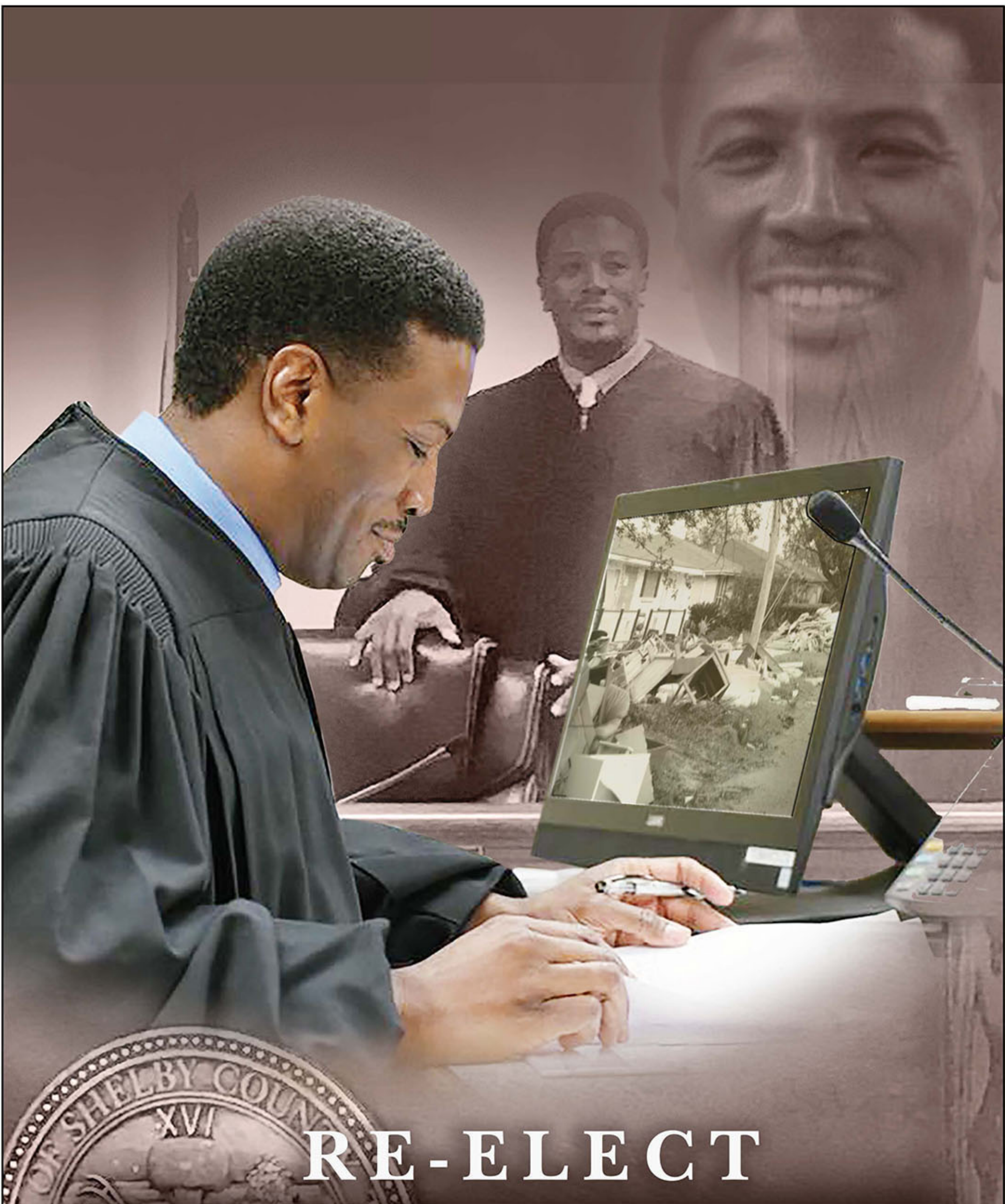




RE-ELECT

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ONE vote!*

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- FOR A BETTER CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

Early Voting  
April 13th - 28th  
Election Day  
May 3, 2022



# BALLOT



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### May 3, 2022 Democratic Primary Sample Ballot

Voters will only have their County Commissioner District on their ballot.  
 Check your district at: [electionsshelbytn.gov](http://electionsshelbytn.gov) or [GoVoteTN.com](http://GoVoteTN.com)

<b>District Attorney General 30th Judicial District</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 7</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>Assessor of Property</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>Probate Court Clerk</b> Vote for One (1)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Linda Harris <input type="radio"/> Steve Mulroy <input type="radio"/> Janika White Write-in	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Cartavius Black <input type="radio"/> Henri E. Brooks <input type="radio"/> Althea E. Greene <input type="radio"/> Kathy Temple <input type="radio"/> Orrden Williams Write-in	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Rod Blount <input type="radio"/> Melvin Burgess Write-in	<input type="radio"/> William Chism Jr. <input type="radio"/> Eddie Jones <input type="radio"/> Bill Morrison Write-in
<b>County Mayor</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 8</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Trustee</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Clerk</b> Vote for One (1)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Lee Harris <input type="radio"/> Kenneth Moody Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Mickell M. Lowery Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Regina Morrison Newman Write-in	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Arriell Q. Gipson <input type="radio"/> Wanda Halbert <input type="radio"/> William Stovall <input type="radio"/> Mondell Williams Write-in
<b>County Commissioner District 1</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 9</b> Vote for One (1)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Floyd Bonner Write-in	<b>Register of Deeds</b> Vote for One (1)
<input type="radio"/> Donna McDonald-Martin Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Sam D. Echols IV <input type="radio"/> Edmund Ford, Jr. <input type="radio"/> Sean Harris Write-in	<b>Circuit Court Clerk</b> Vote for One (1)	<input type="radio"/> Willie Brooks <input type="radio"/> Wanda Logan Faulkner <input type="radio"/> Shelandra Yvette Ford Write-in
<b>County Commissioner District 2</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 10</b> Vote for One (1)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Temiika D. Gipson <input type="radio"/> Jamita E. Swearingen Write-in	
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate Qualified Write-in	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Teri Dockery <input type="radio"/> Kathy Kirk <input type="radio"/> Britney Thornton Write-in	<b>Criminal Court Clerk</b> Vote for One (1)	
<b>County Commissioner District 3</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 11</b> Vote for One (1)	<input type="radio"/> Maerne Briggs Bernard <input type="radio"/> Heidi Kuhn <input type="radio"/> Carla Jean Stotts Write-in	
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate Qualified Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Miska Clay Bibbs <input type="radio"/> Candice Jones <input type="radio"/> Eric Winston Write-in	<b>Juvenile Court Clerk</b> Vote for One (1)	
<b>County Commissioner District 4</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 12</b> Vote for One (1)	<input type="radio"/> Stephanie W. Gatewood <input type="radio"/> Janeen Fullilove Gordon <input type="radio"/> Reginald Milton <input checked="" type="radio"/> Marcus Mitchell Write-in	
<input type="radio"/> Britney Chauncey Write-in	<input type="radio"/> James Q. Bacchus <input type="radio"/> Reginald S. Boyce <input type="radio"/> Erika Sugarmon <input type="radio"/> David P. Walker Write-in		
<b>County Commissioner District 5</b> Vote for One (1)	<b>County Commissioner District 13</b> Vote for One (1)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Shante Avant <input type="radio"/> Quran Folsom <input type="radio"/> Reginald French Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Michael Whaley Write-in		
<b>County Commissioner District 6</b> Vote for One (1)			
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**SHELBY COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION**  
 Shelby County, Tennessee  
 May 3, 2022

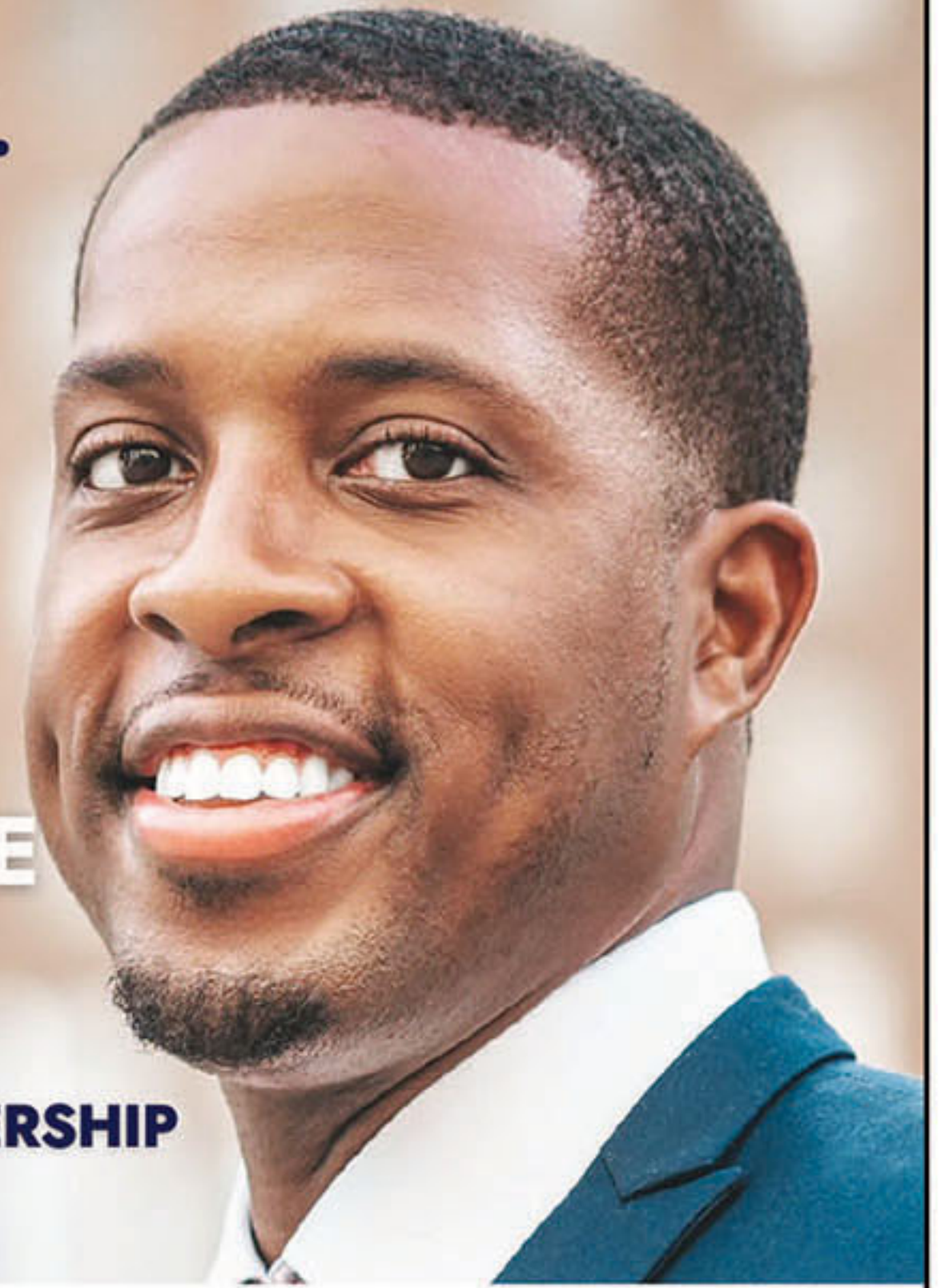
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**SMILEY'S TOP ISSUES**



Expand Medicaid  
Healthcare must be at the front of our conversations  
Expanding Medicaid increases access and accessibility to critical healthcare needs.



Public Education  
The success of our youth starts with education. That's why I support fully funding education and increasing teacher pay.



Supporting Labor Unions  
Labor unions are the advocates and first line of defense for working families. We must stand together and support them.



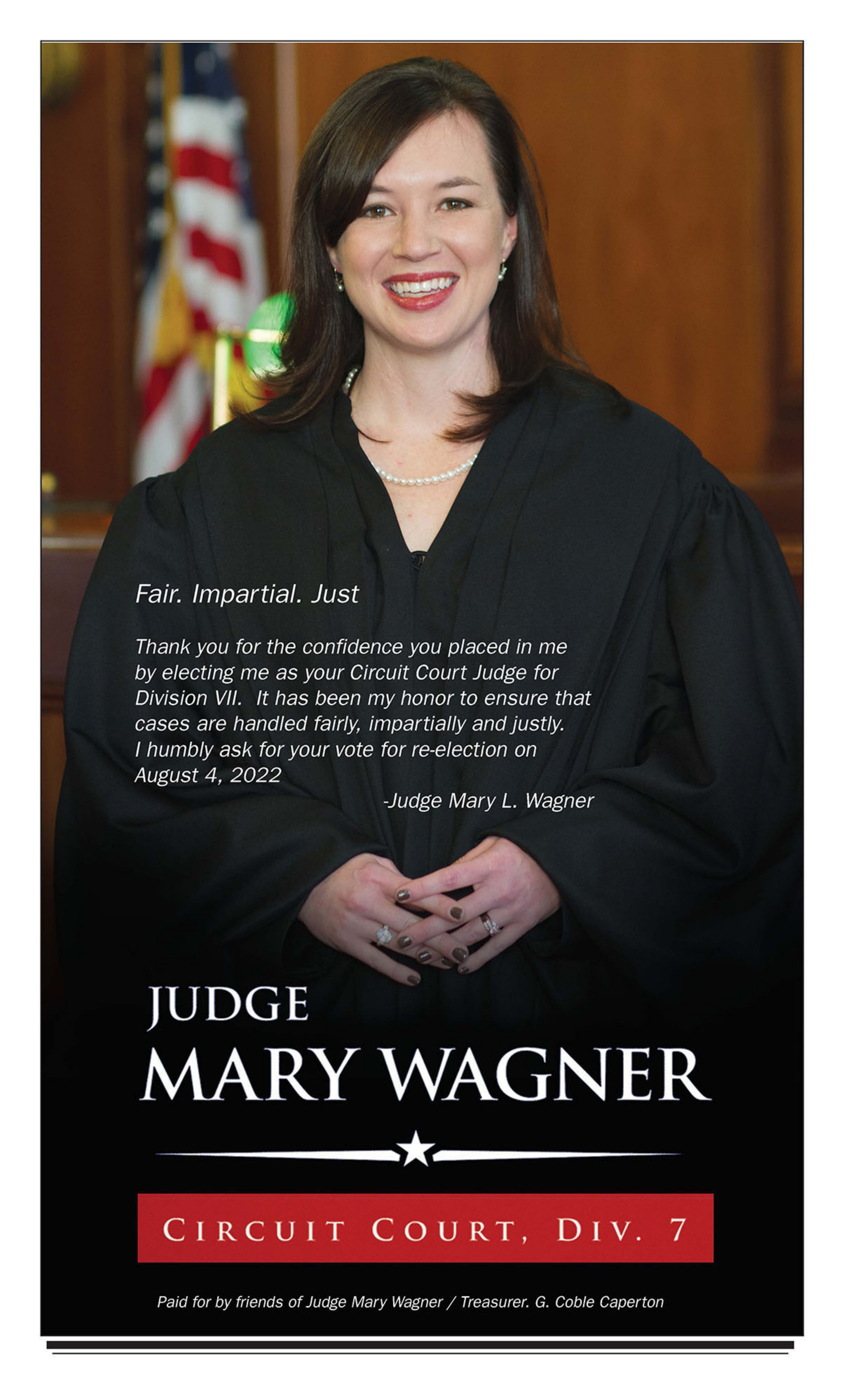
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*-Judge Mary L. Wagner*

**JUDGE  
MARY WAGNER**

**CIRCUIT COURT, DIV. 7**

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## A MOMENT IN HISTORY

BENDING THE ARC OF JUSTICE!



BERNICE DONALD

HON. BERNICE B.  
DONALD AND MALIK  
F. GERDES

Exactly two years after he first vowed to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court, President Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to succeed Associate Justice Stephen Breyer.

The numbers almost tell the story for us, the dates that is. The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to vote on Judge Jackson's nomination on Monday, April 4th, which will mark fifty-four years since the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated here in Memphis. Yet again, Judge—hopefully soon-to-be Justice Jackson's confirmation process is brought into direct conversation with the generations that struggled to create the world they deserved to inhabit, and in the process allow the experiment that is this country to continually become its best, highest self.

After she was nominated by President Biden, Judge Jackson addressed the American public and shared that one of her inspirations was the late Judge Constance Baker Motley, the first African American Woman to be appointed to the Federal Bench. Judge Jackson even shares a birthday with Judge Motley. Judge Motley is part of a long line of firsts in the legal profession, a line that already includes Judge Jackson following her nomination. Judge Motley was both the first female hired by the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and the first African American woman to argue before the Supreme Court (she won nine of the ten cases she argued before the Court, and wrote the original complaint in *Brown v. Board*). Throughout the Civil Rights Movement, Judge Motley represented Dr. King, the Freedom Riders, and the Birmingham Children Marchers. Still, despite her immense experience as an advocate and also as an elected official in New York State, Judge Motley was maligned and subject to baseless attacks, notably by Mississippi Senator James Eastland. Eastland attempted to derail Motley's confirmation process because of her past desegregation cases and even accused her of subversive political activity. Others questioned her qualifications and whether, due to her practice background, she could treat litigants fairly. Upon her appointment, Judge Motley remarked that "America is about to make good on its promise of equal opportunity for all."

In the over half-century since Judge Motley was first nominated to the District Court for the Southern District of New York, we still see firsts inspiring new generations of firsts. Even as new barriers are torn down and we move this nation into greater alignment with our professed values, these historic firsts remind us of how far we still have to come. Even as we see greater numbers of women, African American women in particular, obtaining the highest possible positions and achieving the greatest levels of success in all their endeavors, we are reminded, often violently, that so many others remained committed to obstructing progress.

Judge Jackson, if confirmed, would be the first Black Woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court, and her credentials—her practice background and her service on the federal bench—speak for themselves. We need only one word to describe her life and career in the law—excellence. As the nation has learned throughout this confirmation process, Judge Jackson has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to excellence. She was a national debate champion while a student in the Miami-Dade Public Schools system. Then, she attended both Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. She then clerked for three federal judges, including Justice Breyer, and is poised to succeed him on the Court.

We all are—judges are no exception—shaped by our own personal and professional experiences, and as judges we carry these experiences onto the bench. Judge Jackson's life and her career in the law provide her a wealth of experiences to draw on to as a judge. Upon confirmation, Justice Jackson would be the first federal public defender to be appointed to the Court and the first Justice to have represented criminal defendants since the late Justice Thurgood Marshall. Like Justice Breyer, Judge Jackson served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Notably, Judge Jackson left her role as a staffer at the Sentencing Commission to become an Assistant Federal Public Defender after she realized she did not have enough experience with the type of issues and challenges that the Commission often addressed. Then, when she returned to the Commission as Vice Chair—a role that required Senate confirmation—the Commission reduced the sentencing disparities between crack- and-powder cocaine offenses. Judge Jackson's path through the law makes clear that she has a wealth legal experiences to draw upon as a Supreme Court Justice.

Judge Jackson served nearly a decade as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Judge Jackson has continued to demonstrate her commitment to excellence on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. With her elevation to the Court, not only will Judge Jackson have clerked at all three levels of the federal judiciary, but Judge Jackson will have been a judge at three levels of the federal judiciary—only Judge Sotomayor also has served as a trial and appellate court judge. Judge Jackson has served as a federal judge for longer than multiple Justices. Put simply, Judge Jackson has demonstrated an unrelenting commitment to excellence throughout her entire academic and professional life.



**MALIK F. GERDES**

Yet, like the late Judge Motley, she has also been subject to baseless attacks and attempts to derail her confirmation process, drawn from a playbook recycled time and again.

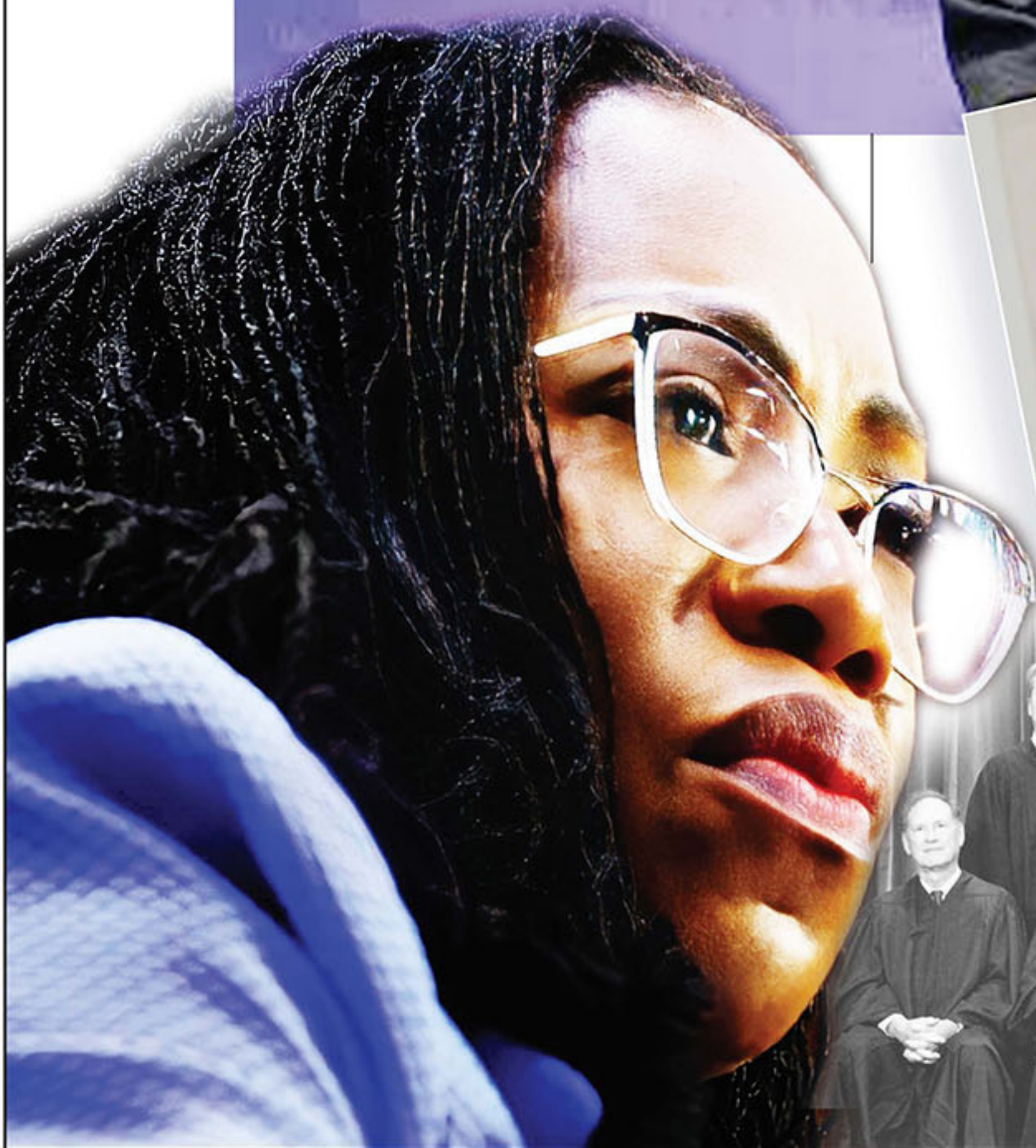
Even as countless barriers are broken down, as yet another glass ceiling is shattered, Judge Jackson's confirmation process reminds us that nothing is new under the sun.

This historic occasion can and must be fully celebrated, but even with all the joy this moment entails, we must also acknowledge the weight of this particular moment in time. Judge Jackson's confirmation will likely be all but assured on the 54th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King—he was here in Memphis to support the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike. There are even reports that the full Senate may vote on April 8th, the same day that Coretta Scott King, SCLC, sanitation union leaders and thousands of mourners marched silently through the streets of Memphis. Nationwide, in the midst of this ongoing pandemic, we are seeing one of the largest, most prominent labor organizing efforts in recent memory. This is the world we are all living in right now.

Judge Jackson, throughout her confirmation hearings, showed immeasurable poise, patience, and resolve, and she was rightfully praised for being a model of judicial temperament in the face of vile, unfounded, recycled attacks. Even as she is celebrated as an example of the progress our country has made, her confirmation process has also been an example of how far we still have to go.

Judge Motley's appointment to the federal bench was *Just The Beginning*, the beginning of a story that I, too, am part of. Now, that same story includes Judge Jackson and her nomination to the Supreme Court. The prophetic words of Dr. King bear repeating, "the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice!" America will soon celebrate "Justice Jackson!"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dr. King's use of this phrase is originally found in quotations because he was quoting an 1853 sermon delivered by abolitionist minister Theodore Parker.



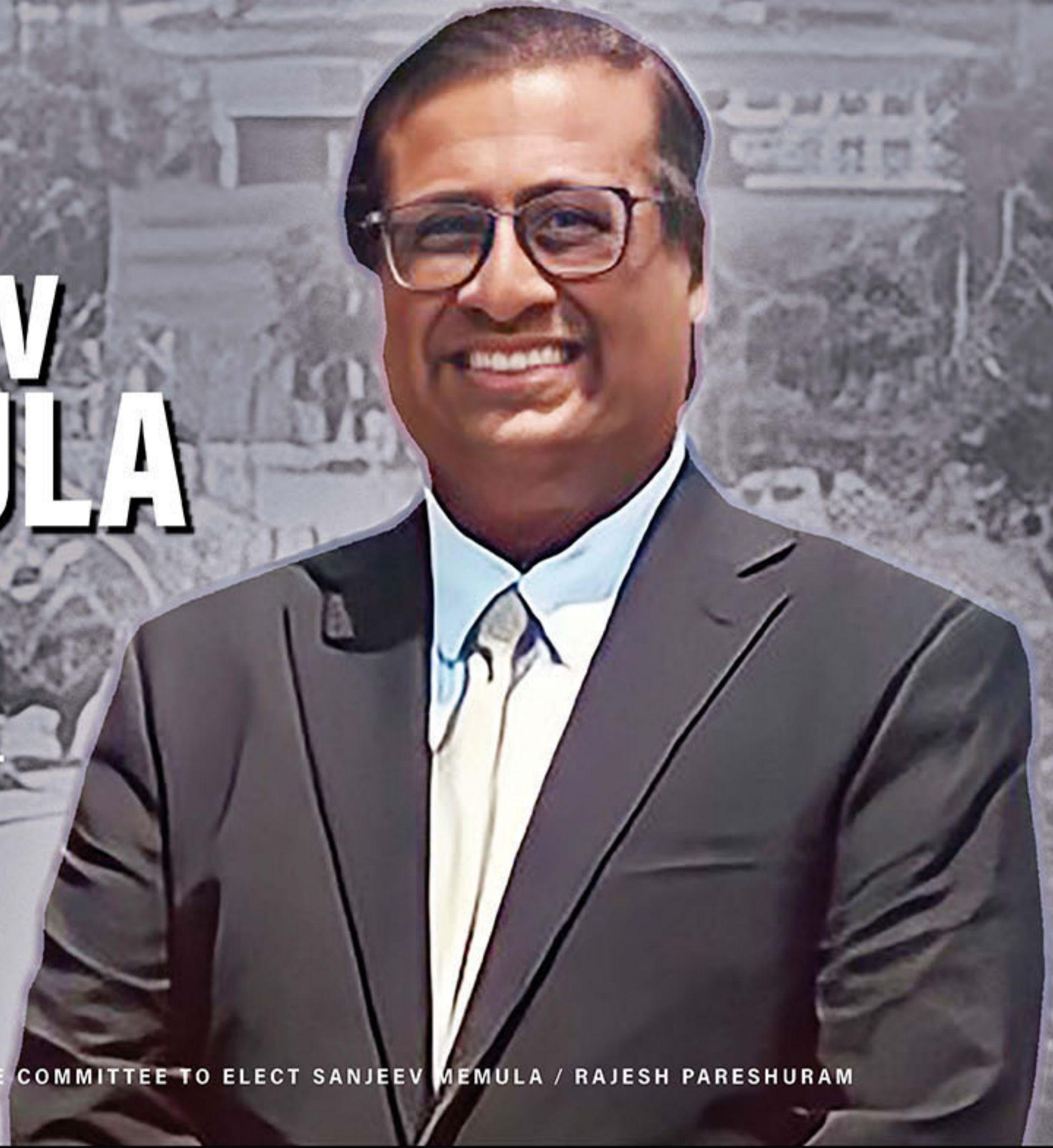


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General Sessions Division 1

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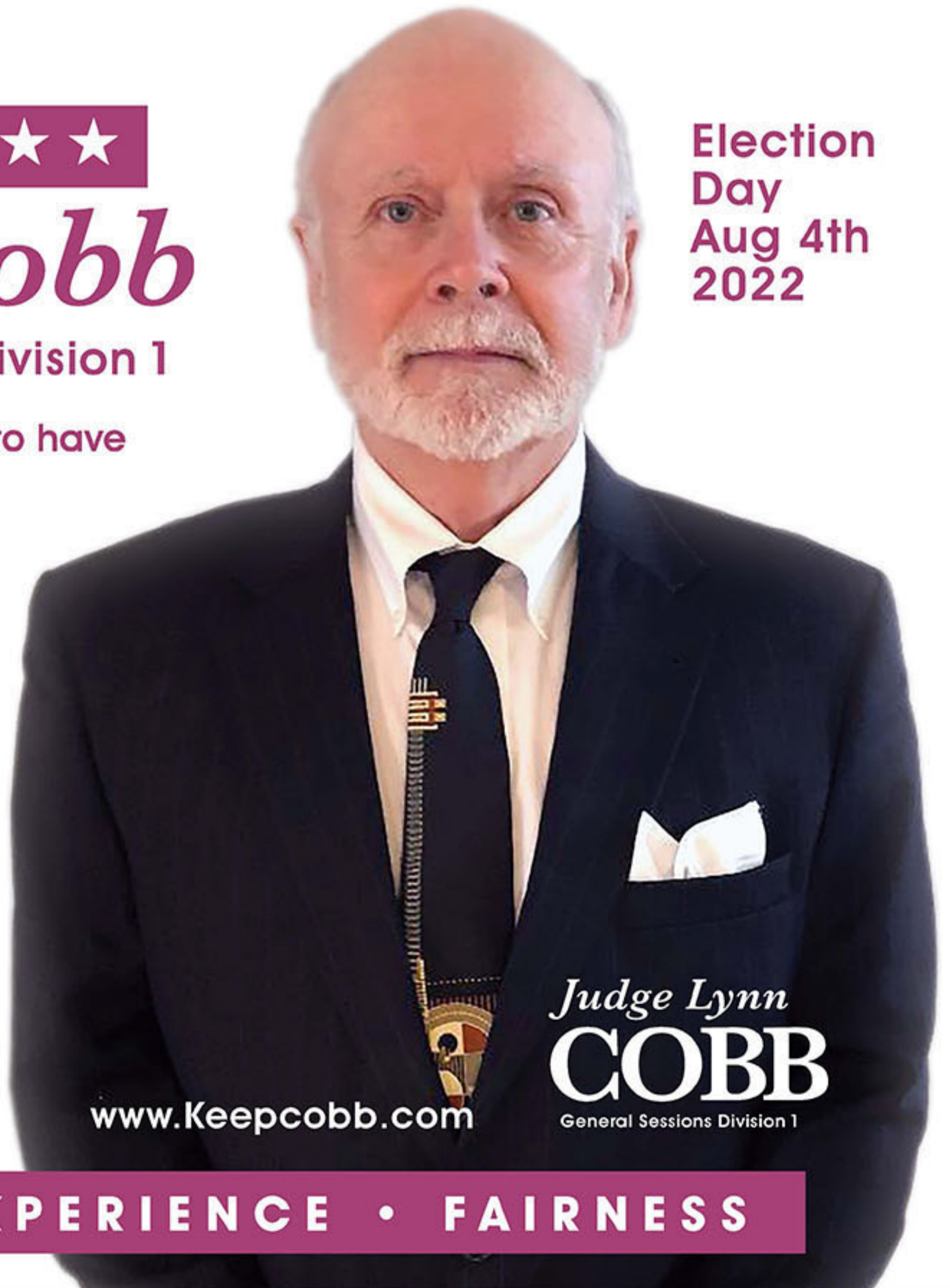
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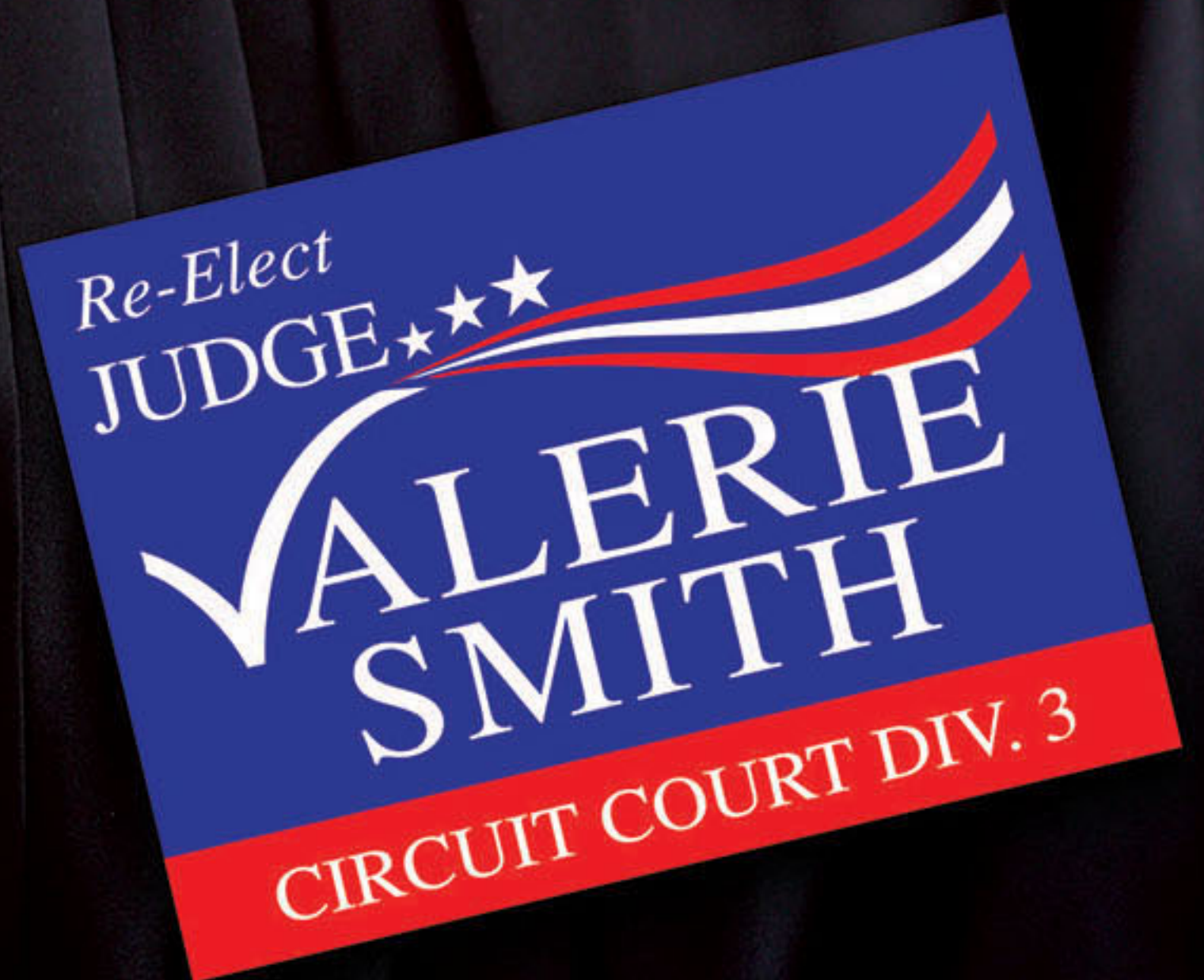
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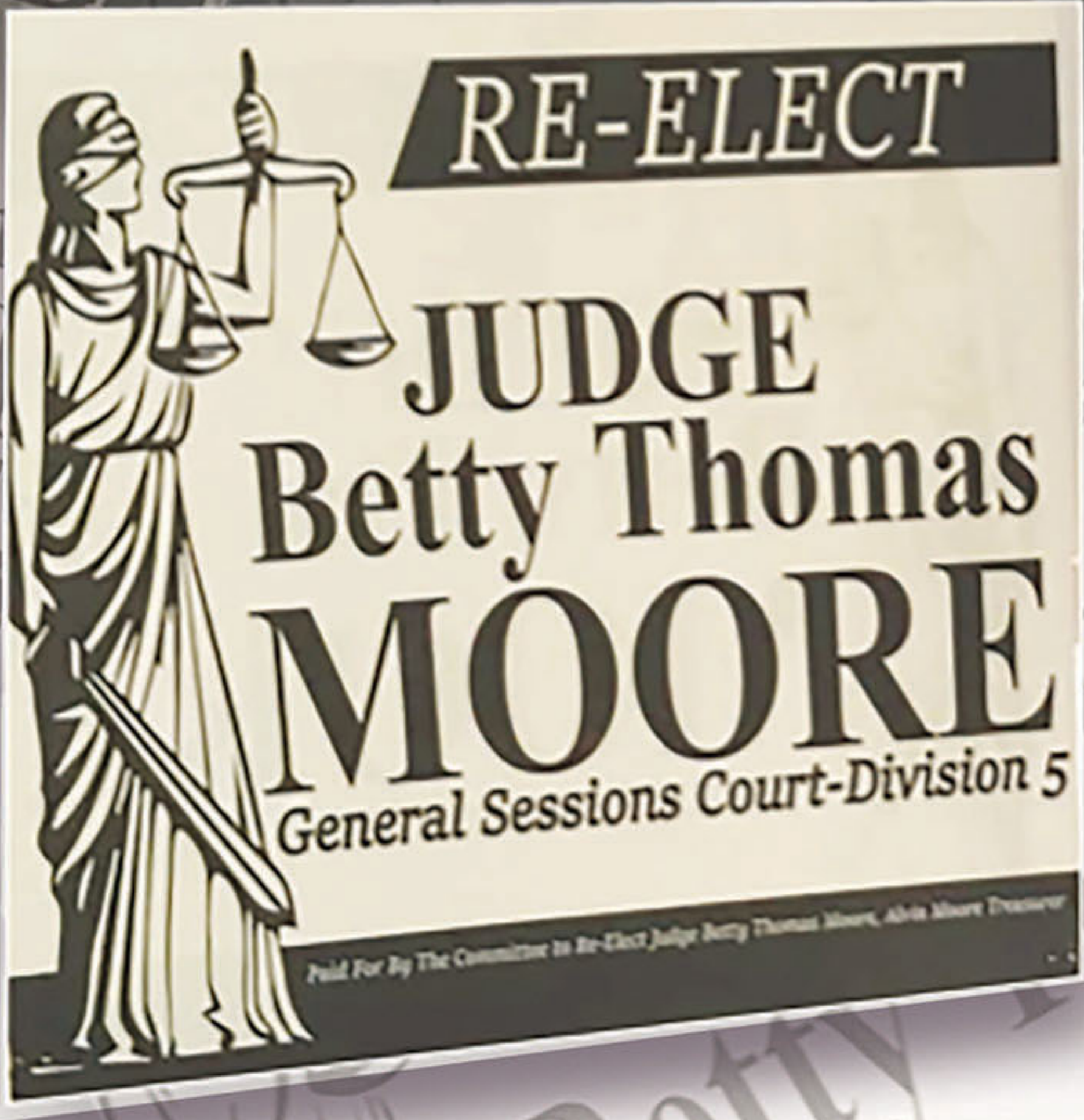
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