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President Biden didn't just drop out quietly; he shook up the entire presidential race by officially endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris—his running mate from 2020—as his successor for the presidency.

**VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS BECOMES NOMINEE**

The day after President Biden's endorsement, Vice President Harris' campaign announced that she had gotten commitments from the requisite number of Democratic Party delegates to be considered the presumptive Democratic Party nominee. She officially became the Democratic Party nominee in early August, after the Democratic Party announced that roughly 99 percent of the participating delegates voted to select her as the Democratic Party nominee.

This was a historic selection in a few instances.

First, Harris became the first African American woman, and the first South Asian American woman to be selected as the Democratic Party nominee for president of the United States. Additionally, Harris became the first Democratic Party nominee to ever be nominated without ever actually campaigning in the Democratic primary since former Vice President Hubert Humphrey did it to secure the Democratic Party nomination for president in 1968.

Harris went on to select Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her vice-presidential running mate.

Harris galvanized many voters once she became the Democratic Party nominee, which led to record-breaking fundraising and voter turnout.

**"TEFLON" DONALD TRUMP**

As stated earlier, Donald Trump was running for re-election for a second, non-consecutive term, after losing to President Biden in 2020. After receiving the Republican nomination at the 2024 Republican National Convention, he continued on the campaign trail with his running mate, U.S. Senator JD Vance from Ohio.

The irony of Trump becoming the Republican Party nominee, despite the numerous legal and controversial scandals he was involved in, should be a part of a major case study.

Trump was able to pursue his quest to hold the highest seat in the land, while dealing with being indicted and convicted of crimes. He could be likened to former American mafia boss, John Gotti, of the infamous Gambino crime family in New York City, who was given the nickname, "The Teflon Don," after he had three high-profile criminal trials that resulted in acquittals.

The *Forward Times* published an article entitled *ELECTION 2024: NO TURNING BACK* where the numerous criminal and controversial acts of Trump were highlighted.

The most damning criminal activity, saw a New York jury find Trump guilty this past May, on 34 counts of falsification of business records in the first degree. It was uncovered that Trump sought to conceal his illegal scheme to corrupt the 2016 election, after being found to have fraudulently disguised money used to pay off porn star Stormy Daniels, as corporate legal expenses, which is a felony in New York.

It was also revealed that Trump was the fire-starter behind the despicable and infamous acts on January 6, 2021, as this disrespect and onslaught on the U.S. Capitol led to the death of officers and other mayhem. All of this was done as Trump sought to discredit the presidential election victory of Joe Biden in 2020, by spreading lies and false information that he lost due to widespread voter fraud. He also strongly encouraged and put immense pressure on then-Vice President Mike Pence to throw out the legitimate election results from 2020 and continued to spread the lies of election fraud even through this 2024 presidential election.

Trump was also charged with trying to influence Republican state leaders to use their positions to overturn the election results in selected states that Biden won, including the state of Georgia, where he contacted Georgia Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and told him to find the votes he needed to overcome Biden's victory in the state.

Trump was also found guilty of sexually abusing E. Jean Carroll and then defaming her by claiming she made it up. Carroll was awarded \$5 million at the time, and then a second jury awarded Carroll \$83.3 million more in damages, because they believe Trump damaged her reputation by

calling her a liar after she accused him of sexual assault.

Trump was the first president to ever be impeached twice—first on December 18, 2019, and then the second time on January 13, 2021, one week before his term expired.

His conviction didn't stop him from running for president and the U.S. Supreme Court gave him immunity on the crimes he was proven to have committed while president.

Unprecedented!

On top of the many other cases pending against Trump, his campaign made countless false statements, provided misleading information, spread lies, made fear-mongering remarks, and spewed racist and sexist commentary while on the campaign trail. Despite this, he is the person the Republican Party chose as its leader and as someone they wanted to lead America into the future.

**VOTING MATTERS**

As is often mentioned when it comes to voting—Elections Matter!

African Americans were heavily solicited during this presidential election and were needed like never before to ensure the future of our country was in good hands.

The results of the recent presidential should motivate African Americans to mobilize and ensure there is an agenda that benefits the African American community, regardless of who is elected as the president and who is in charge.

History has proven, time and time again, that the African American community has risen to the occasion during challenging times and situations.

The African American community must recognize the power of their vote, finances, talent, intelligence, historical significance, elders, youth, and collective unity. It's crucial to properly educate all members of the community on the importance of politics, public policy, and voting. Doing so will ensure that no one is confused or unaware of the issues that may impact them, like those we saw and heard during this election cycle.

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**HELP WANTED**

We are seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented House Cleaner. The ideal candidate will be responsible for maintaining cleanliness and sanitation. Need to be available M-F, 8am - 3 pm/4 pm. Pay is \$30 per hr. Interested applicants should email [puzelac@frontier.com](mailto:puzelac@frontier.com) to discuss further.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – Airport Runway Snow Removal Equipment and Related Services – AR03-25**

H-GAC is soliciting responses for selecting qualified manufacturers, distributors, installers and service providers of Airport Runway Snow Removal Equipment and Related Services to make these types of products available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notices> or [ESBD \(txsmartbuy.com\)](https://www.esbdtxsmartbuy.com).

Response Deadline: December 12, 2024 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Choice Partners (CP)**, a division of Harris County Department of Education (HCDE), is a national cooperative that will be accepting proposals in response to the following Request for Proposals (RFP). Interested proposers may go to [www.choicepartners.org](http://www.choicepartners.org) and register to download the solicitation or call **877-696-2122**.

- **RFP #25/011MR Request for Proposals for Grease Traps, Venthood Cleaning, and Related Services are due by Tuesday, November 22nd, 2024 @ 2:00 PM CT**
- **RFP #25/012MF Request for Financial Software, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP Systems), and Related Services are due by Tuesday, November 22nd, 2024 @ 2:00 PM CT**

**All proposals must be submitted via the HCDE online eBid System at the following link: <https://hcdeebid.ionwave.net>.**

Proposals will be opened via Zoom; Information regarding dates, times, and a link to join the meeting is located within the eBid System under the "Activities" tab specific to the solicitation.

**HELP WANTED**

**Environmental Specialist (Houston, TX)**

Performs field & administrative services as directed by the Project Manager, incl'd'g, but not limited to Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), soil investigations, on-site exposure monitoring, on-site prjct oversight, on-site ACM sample analysis, prjct data entry & regulatory compliance. Conduct field activities associated w/ soil/groundwater investigations & remediation prjcts. Perform chemical analysis to test soil for sulfate, sulfide, chloride, Ph, resistivity & cement content of soil-cement mixtures. Coordinates & maintains a safe work envrnmnt & supports corporate & organizational safety goals aligned w/ AASHTO, OSHA, & MSHA inspections for the office. Review & implmnt envrnmntal & geotechnical technical stndrds, guidelines, policies, & formal regulations that meet all appropriate prjct reqrmtnts. Obtain permits & approvals for prjcts & prepare impact statements & assessments. Req's a Master's degree in Envrmnt Technlgy & Sustainability. Mail resume to PACS Construction Laboratories & Testing Services Inc. at 8464 North Sam Houston Pkwy W, Houston, TX 77064



Black Entrepreneurs Week (BEW) pitch competition

**4th Annual Black Entrepreneurs Week Celebrates and Empowers Local Black-Owned Businesses**

By: **Forward Times Newswire**

*Equilibrty Community Impact Foundation joins forces with Chase, Dell, and others to uplift local Black-owned businesses and community capital initiatives*

The **Equilibrty Community Impact Foundation (ECIF)** proudly presents the 4th annual Black Entrepreneurs Week (BEW), taking place November 30 - December 7, 2024. This cornerstone event is dedicated to empowering and uplifting Black entrepreneurs across the Houston area with a dynamic series of online and in-person events, interactive workshops, networking events, culinary experiences, and live performances. BEW is an 8-day community-wide festival that celebrates Black-owned businesses, connects local entrepreneurs to the Houston ecosystem, and provides opportunities for attendees to get started on their generational wealth-building journeys.



The 4th Annual Black Entrepreneurs Week (BEW) takes place November 30 - December 7, 2024, celebrating and empowering Black entrepreneurs in the Houston area.

This year, BEW is excited to offer more opportunities for entrepreneurs to grow and succeed, including: the Black Wealth Summit, BEW Founders Day, and the Black Collective VIP holiday event. In addition to these marquee events, BEW will feature the first ever BEW Hack-A-Thon, BEW Investor's Roundtable, technology activations, small business and startup pitch competitions, inspirational speaker sessions, and panel discussions led by industry experts. Attendees will gain valuable insights, access to capital opportunities, and mentors dedicated to meeting them where they are.



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"Black entrepreneurs are a vital part of the Houston economy, and Black Entrepreneurs Week is a celebration of their resilience, innovation, and contributions," said Phillip Yates, CEO at Equilibrty Community Impact Foundation. "Our goal is to create a platform that convenes capital and fosters economic growth for everyone that resides in the Houston ecosystem."

Black Entrepreneurs Week will spotlight various locations throughout Houston that offer essential resources and support to startups, including co-working spaces, incubators, accelerators, and mentorship programs. By showcasing these dynamic hubs, the event aims to connect entrepreneurs with the tools and networks necessary for success.

As Kisha Porch, Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase, eloquently states: "We are going to take this demographic in Houston from financial literacy to financial health to financial wealth. Because at the end of the day, we deserve what everyone else has and the ability to sustain it."