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County and Fort Bend County, on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

PRIMARY RUNOFF RACES TO WATCH HARRIS COUNTY

Texas Senate District 15

When newly elected Houston Mayor John Whitmire was sworn into office at the beginning of the year, he had to vacate the Texas Senate District seat he had held since 1983. The race to replace Whitmire included incumbent Texas State Representative Jarvis Johnson, who chose not to run again for his Texas House District 139 seat, and five other candidates. After the votes were tallied, Johnson came out as the top vote-getter (36.13%) with Molly Cook (20.65%) joining him in a race to replace Whitmire in this historically Democratic-controlled district.

Texas House District 139

Because Jarvis Johnson chose not to run for reelection for Texas House District 139, this race saw five candidates vying for the open seat. In the end, Angie Thibodeaux led all challengers (33.38%), with current HCC Trustee Charlene Ward Johnson finishing second (24.01%).

Texas House District 146

This political race was by far one of the biggest surprises to many in the community, in that incumbent Texas State Representative Shawn Thierry has found herself in the fight of her political life, after coming in second (44.41%), and almost losing outright, to her Democratic challenger Lauren Ashley Simmons (49.53%). This race took an ugly turn as the election began, with Thierry sending out blistering attack pieces, none of which seemed to have had any negative effect on Simmons. With third-place finisher, Ashton P. Woods (6.07%), immediately throwing his support behind Simmons, this race will be an interesting one to watch.

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector

This five-candidate race featured four African American candidates, however, Annette Ramirez (40.64%) finished at the top of the field to replace two-term incumbent Ann Harris-Bennett, who announced last year that she would not be seeking a third term as Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector. Desiree Broadnax (17.54%) will face off against Ramirez for the

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2024 CED Committee Leadership Team at NLC Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.

Conference, where he participated in his first in-person meeting as Vice-Chair of the Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee. Hitting the ground

open seat in May.

Harris County 486th Judicial District Court

In this race for the newly created Harris County 486th Judicial District Court position, longtime attorney and Harris County First Assistant/Chief of Staff Vivian King barely avoided a runoff (49.28%) and will face Gemayel “G” Haynes (31.79%) in May.

Texas 14th District Court of Appeals, Place 3

For the Texas 14th District Court of Appeals, Place 3 position, Velda Renita Faulkner (44.39%) finished first against incumbent judge Jerry Zimmerer (24.64%).

Harris County Constable, Precinct 5

Jerome Moore (45.85%) was the top vote-getter and Jerry Rodriguez (28.12%) was second for the Harris County Constable, Precinct 5 position.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Fort Bend County 387th District Court

For the Fort Bend County 387th District Court seat, Jamie Kaye Jordan (35.17%) and Oscar Telfair, III (33.91%) are headed to runoff after an extremely close primary election involving three candidates.

Fort Bend County Constable, Precinct 3

In the race for Fort Bend Constable, Precinct 3, incumbent Constable Nabil Shike (44.29%) was forced into a runoff and will have to face challenger Marion Glenn (29.42%) in May.

Fort Bend County Democratic County Chair

In the race for Fort Bend County Democratic Chair, Fred G. Taylor will be facing Jennifer Cantu to fill the open seat that came about after Cynthia Ginyard announced she was not seeking reelection.

Here are some extremely important dates to remember for the Primary Runoff Election:

- The Last Day to Register to vote in the Primary Runoff Election is Thursday, April 4, 2024.
- The First Day of Early Voting in the Primary Runoff Election will be on Monday, April 22, 2024, and will continue through Tuesday, April 30, 2024.
- The Primary Runoff Election date is slated for May 28, 2024.



2024 CED Committee Leadership Team at NLC Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.

11 Director for NBC-LEO, representing the states of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

NLC President Sander also reappointed Councilmember Boney to the REAL Council for a one-year term. As a member of NLC’s REAL Council, Councilmember Boney plays a key role among a diverse group of local leaders with encouraging collaboration, networking, and

running, Councilmember Boney joined his fellow colleagues to receive ideas and feedback to develop the committee's agenda, strengthen the committee's overall work plan for the year, and shape NLC's public policy positions at the federal level.

"I take this position seriously, as I am able to join my colleagues in advocating before Congress and the White House administration for more resources on behalf of Missouri

City and other NLC cities, towns, and villages," said Councilmember Boney. "Like I always share with people: 'If you aren't at the table, then you're on the menu,' so being able to help lead discussions on NLC's top legislative priorities with the White House administration and with legislators on Capitol Hill, is one I don't take for granted."

While at the NLC Congressional Cities Conference, Councilmember Boney also fulfilled his roles and responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO). NBC-LEO is the largest community of African American elected officials representing the interests of African American officials in the nation and serves as a forum for communication and networking among African American municipal officials and their colleagues to share ideas and develop leadership experience.

Councilmember Boney serves as the elected Region

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a wine and beer retailer's on permit by Oishii dba 888 Oishii LLC, to be located at 3764 Richmond Ave, Houston, Harris county, Texas. Officers of said owner are Danqiu Lu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas 72 feet on an 83-foot building rooftop at the approx. vicinity of 2900 2/3 North Terminal Rd Terminal A rooftop, Houston, Harris County, TX 77032. Lat: [29-59-12.06] Long: [-95-20-59.85]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Alec, a.nimkoff@trileaf.com, 2550 S IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704. 512.519.9388.*

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – E-Procurement Systems and Related Products and Services – EP10-24

H-GAC is soliciting responses for selecting qualified manufacturers, dealers, distributors, and service providers for e-procurement systems and related services to make these types of products and services available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notice>.

Response Deadline: April 18, 2024 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Houston Independent School District Purchasing Services Department, located at 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, TX 77092, is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) via the District's electronic bidding portal. Proposers may login to view specifications and submit their responses at the following link <https://houstonisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> until 2:00 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, April 9, 2024, for the following solicitation:

RFP 24-01-06 Actuarial Services

Pre-proposal conferences via Microsoft Teams will be held in conjunction with this RFP. Information regarding dates, times, and instructions to receive a link to join the meeting can be located within the electronic bidding portal under the "Event Details" tab specific to this solicitation.

LEGAL NOTICE

Choice Partners (CP), a national purchasing cooperative and division of the Harris County Department of Education, has issued the following Request for Proposals (RFP):

•RFP 24/031TP Commercial Food Distributor

Proposals are due April 8, 2024, 2:00 PM central time.

All proposals must be submitted via the HCDE online eBid System at <https://hcdeebid.ionwave.net>. Interested proposers may go to www.choicepartners.org and/or call 713.696.8213 for more information.

tion among a diverse group of local readers with encouraging collaboration, networking, and developing resources and programs beneficial to communities that share demographics, size, or location that can be replicated across the country.

The REAL Council also met during the NLC Congressional Cities Conference.

For more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees, please visit: <https://www.nlc.org/advocacy/federal-advocacy-committees/>. For more information on NLC's constituency groups, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/cg>. For more information on NLC's member councils, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/current-initiatives/member-councils-2/>.

Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and National Newspaper Publisher Association to Present Black Press Day Celebration, March 14

Howard University's Black Press Archives Digitization Project at Moorland-Spingarn Research Center receives a major grant from Google to support archival and preservation work.

On March 14, 2024, **Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC)** and the **National Newspaper Publisher Association (NNPA)** will host a celebration in honor of Black Press Day, the celebration of the birth of the Black press in the United States. 2024 marks the 197th year of the Black Press of America, with the first Black newspaper being published in 1827 called *Freedom's Journal*. Hosted by MSRC, a research center that has been preserving the Black experience since 1914 and is home to the largest private collection of global Black Press archives, the event serves to highlight the rich history and impactful contributions of the Black Press and celebrate the significant milestones achieved. The celebration will include an overview and tour of MSRC's Black Press Archives Digitization Project, which aims to preserve and digitize a collection of over 100,000 individual newspapers by Black journalists, editors, and publishers from the United States, Africa, and the African Diaspora, donated to Howard University by the NNPA.

"The goal of Black Press Day celebrates and recognizes the significant contributions of the Black press in journalism, storytelling, and cultural representation. We want our students to see firsthand the importance of the Black press in telling our stories across centuries and across nations, and the continued importance of the Black press in the digital age," said **Dr. Benjamin Talton**, Director of the **Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University**.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO of the NNPA emphasized, "We acknowledge our long-term partnership with the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center. We are grateful that on the campus of the historic Howard University through the Center's library we continue to support the Black Press Gallery of Distinguished Publishers. This year, in particular, highlights the digital innovation and progress of the Black press archives and the Gallery of Distinguished Publishers."

Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and the National Newspaper Publisher Association have a long history of partnership, as the Black Press Archives Digitization Project began as a joint project between the two in 1973. Google recently awarded the Black Press Archives Digitization Project a **\$760,000 grant** to support and continue the Project's work in digitizing and preserving the collections of the Black Press Archives, which includes over 2,847 reels of microfilm representing more than 2,000 newspaper titles and over 100,000 individual newspaper issues. These newspapers span the United States, Africa, and the African Diaspora, demonstrating the truly global reach of the Black press. Google's grant follows a \$2M grant from the Jonathan Logan Family Foundation, which enabled the establishment of the Project.

"This grant will go a long way towards ensuring that the contributions made by the Black Press are not only well preserved and maintained, but also made accessible to anyone interested in viewing our collection, from anywhere in the world. The Black Press Archives are truly a global project, telling the stories of the Black experience across the African Diaspora, so we want to ensure that the Archives are readily accessible online," said **Brandon Nightingale**, Project Manager for the **Black Press Archives Digitization Project**.

Karen Carter Richards, Chair of the NNPA Fund remarked, "As we celebrate 197 years of the Black Press, Google's grant for the digitization of the Black Press is a commendable initiative that recognizes the importance of preserving and making accessible the historical archives of Black-owned newspapers. Digitization efforts not only ensure the preservation of valuable historical records but also make them more readily available for researchers, scholars, and the general public."

The celebration will open with a ceremonial drum performance by Sadiki Lancaster, followed by remarks from the NNPA leadership. Brandon Nightingale will provide a detailed update on the state of the Black Archives Digitization Project, after which attendees will have the opportunity to tour the gallery of Black publishers as well as the University's archival spaces, led by the MSRC's student archivists.