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**Jackson State University Supports Breast Cancer Awareness.
Congratulations to The Mississippi Link on your 27th Anniversary.**



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Williams

By Levell Williams
Former Intern

My experience of interning at *The Mississippi Link* Newspaper can be best described in one word: “growth.” When I arrived as a student intern at the *Link*,

all of the paper’s professionals treated me with kindness and dignity. On a daily basis, they held me to a high standard, and they never doubted my ability to reach it. While their kindness inspired personal growth, their

instruction and patience allowed me to hone my journalistic skills.

Prior to arriving at the *Link*, I was acquainted with the crafts of journalism; however, upon concluding my internship, I had gained a new intimacy with

the art of print communication. On all levels of construction – layout, editing, scheduling – I learned the significance of a newspaper.

Finally, I grew from the historic value of the *Link*. As one of

the state’s most significant black newspapers, the *Link* inspired in me an appreciation for the legacy that is being maintained and forged everyday. I am honored to be a product of *The Mississippi Link*.

My MS Link internship

Happy Anniversary Mississippi Link

By Evelia Jones-Gonzales
Subscriber

It’s that time again, when we all think about what we are thankful for and cherish. These days are also unusually challenging for many of us, as well. It’s being called THE PANDEMIC/ COVID-19.

I will also share that almost every day, I encounter someone who tells me how lucky I am to be in California away from those other places that don’t have it so well. What they don’t know is that Mississippi is my home and the place of my heart with the finest people, land, foods, schools, music, arts and stories found anywhere. Thee I love, wherever I may go...



Jones-Gonzales

Nothing brings me closer to you, Mississippi, the place of my heart, then *The Mississippi Link* newspaper. Its stories celebrate the heroes, scholars, doctors, lawyers, teachers, artist, politicians, clerks and clergy,

as well as the essential workers, without whom we couldn’t or even survive. I even get to see what “the lost and fallen” are doing. No land is without them and Mississippi is no honest exception.

Jackie Hampton and The Mississippi Linkers, you’re the best. You’re true essential workers, who bring us the stories and accountability.

Happy Anniversary in 2020. Many more to come. May your subscriptions increase manifold. May your successes be multiplied and rewarded.

If it’s true that there’s no place like home, then I’m so glad that at least I’m still able to receive *The Mississippi Link*.

My time spent as a student intern

By Morgan Bridgeman
Former Intern

My time spent being a student intern at *The Mississippi Link* was the highlight of the year. At the beginning of the summer, because of COVID-19, I did not know what I was going to do, however; this opportunity came and I am so glad that I took it.

Being able to write articles week after week has given me the ability to hone my craft and opened my eyes to career possibilities. This internship sparked



Bridgeman

a confidence in me that I will have for the rest of my college

years and beyond.

I started the internship as a shy writer, and I ended the internship as someone who feels confident to share my writings with the world.

I would like to thank *The Mississippi Link* for believing in me and helping me believe in myself a little more.

Congratulations to *The Mississippi Link* for 27 years. I hope you continue to serve the community for many more years to come.

Congrats from a subscriber

By Edward Charles Bailey
Subscriber



Bailey

Congratulations *Mississippi Link* for 27 years of publishing.”

I became a subscriber in January of 2020 and each week I enjoy reading the entire paper. I look forward to receiving each edition of *The Mississippi Link* because it covers national, politics, state, government and local news; but even more important

to me are the human interest stories on community issues, health, education and opinion. The articles are comprehensive and well written. I am so happy that I became a subscriber this year.

Bailey is a relatively new subscriber. He is a proud alumni of Tougaloo College and a member of the graduating class of 1967.

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A Voice for The People

From the Copy Editor's Desk

By Minnie Garrett
Copy Editor

Sitting in this seat as the very first issue came off the press 27 years ago, I believe these years are a prelude to the next 30 years that lie ahead. Chances are the techniques and delivery of the news print will evolve as the world evolves, but as long as we are open for business, our honest reporting of local news and opinions will remain the same.

As a weekly publication, we approach each week with optimism and hope to report news of a thriving community with leaders who work for the best interest of our people.

Thank you for reading your copy and ask that you consider sharing the news with your neighbors with a gift of a yearly subscription.

Thank you for your encouragement and for keeping an eye out for that inadvertent erratum.

Wishing health and safety for you and your family during this COVID-19 pandemic.



Garrett

Breast Cancer Night Ride

Black Girls Do Bike • Jackson's Cycling Team • Downtown Jackson, MS • October 17, 2020

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Carletta Williams is a proud 27-year Breast Cancer Survivor. She was diagnosed when she was 34 years old after finding a lump in her breast. Her doctor said she had five years to live. She said her faith kicked in and responded "This is God's fight." She is grateful to her family and friends who stood by her during her journey. She said, "Always put God first, trust Him with all your heart and pray. God is able." Today, she goes about her day doing whatever she can to help others. She runs errands for family and friends and drives them to the store whenever they need assistance.



Painting Byram Pink

Swinging Bridge Market • Byram, MS • October 25, 2020

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- Civil/Criminal Filings of Circuit and County Court
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Verify/Update your Registration Today

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3154 Desktop Computers

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m. (Local Prevailing Time) November 16, 2020, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., November 09, 2020) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on November 16, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in ordertoparticipateinthereverseauction. Foranyquestion-concerningthereverseauctionprocessorhowtoregister, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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**Office of Transportation
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual Goal
Fiscal Years 2021-2023**

In accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26, the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation has created a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. It is the policy of the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation to create a level playing field on which DBEs can complete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts, as defined in Part 26. In accordance to the required process and the latest Census Data, the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation proposes an annual overall DBE participation goal of 2.50 percent (2.50%). The City of Jackson/Office of Transportation will also impose project goals where applicable. The proposed overall goal and its rationale are available for inspection from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, in the Office of Transportation for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice. Comments on the proposed annual goal will be accepted by the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation and USDOT's Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Division for 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments directed to the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation should be directed to: Christine Welch, Deputy Director of Office of Transportation, 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39204, phone number 601-960-1909, email cwelch@jacksonms.gov.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 10:00a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 10:00a.m. on NOVEMBER 3, 2020. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

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**OB CURTIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT MEMBRANE FILTER ENCLOSURE
BUILDING STRUCTURE PROJECT
SRF LOAN# DWI-L250008-02
CONTRACT #3
Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of OB CURTIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT MEMBRANE FILTER ENCLOSURE BUILDING STRUCTURE PROJECT, SRF LOAN NO. DWI-L250008-02. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within (200) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Yika Hoover with the office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1856. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in

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Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3151 Child Nutrition Warehouse Food Products

Bid 3152 Child Nutrition Warehouse Paper & Stock Supplies

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) November 10, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing Bettie Jones at bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

38517—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Dairy Products- Group IV

38518—111020— 12, Month Supply of Foods- Frozen/Chilled- Group IA- (Breads & Desserts)

39028—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods — Fresh Produce- Group V- (Fruits/Vegetables)

38542—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods— Frozen/Chilled- Group IC- (Meats/ Meat Products)

38596—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods— Frozen/Chilled- Group IB- (Fruits/Vegetables

39331—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods—Baby Food

39343—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIA- (Breads, Cereals, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39346—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIB- (Breads, Cereals, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39348—111020—12, Month Supply of Foods- Condiments- Group III

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com,bids are also available at www.centralbidding.com or for assist call 225-810-4814

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, and Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

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Destiney Williams; Purchasing Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533 or 1025

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consideration for an award.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

This contract is funded in whole or in part by funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 214 (H.R. 3547); therefore, this project must comply with the American Iron and Steel Requirements of the Act.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) loan program from the State of Mississippi. Neither the State of Mississippi, the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, the MS Department of Health, the MS Commission on Environmental Quality, nor any of their employees, is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annoted, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with Appendix D of the DWSIRLF Program Regulations.

The PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- Office of the Consulting Engineer: Cornerstone Engineering LLC, located at 710 Northside Drive, Suite A, Clinton, MS 39056, call Mauricka McKenzie, P.E., Project Engineer at 601-473-2403 office. One copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured from the Consulting Engineer, upon payment of \$300, none of which is refundable.

- Office of the MSDH/DWSIRLF Program: located at 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Suite U232, Jackson MS 39215, call Harry Gong, P.E., Project Manager at 601-576-7518.

- Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

- Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP)

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ZONING CASE NO. 4108

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Kayla Rodriguez has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a commercial child care center in a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District for property located at 4417 O'Bannon Dr., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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93684-111020 RFP 36 –Month Maintenance & Repair of City Towers

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Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street, Suite B-01
Jackson, MS 39201
Contact: LaTisha Landing 601-359-3448

The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held onsite November 12, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. local time, at the membrane facility, 100 OB Curtis Drive, Ridgeland, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Dr. Charles Williams, P.E.
Interim Director/City Engineer
Department of Public Works

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, November 11, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
A. OLD BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2020-21, REQUESTED BY: THEO AND JESSICA DAVIS TO ADD A STORAGE BUILDING AND REPLACE THE EXISTING FENCE AT 1828 LINDEN PL. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

B. NEW BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2020-29, REQUESTED BY: SEAN AND VICKI MCGUINNESS TO REBUILD COLONIAL REVIVAL FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE AT 1605 DEVINE ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

2. CASE NO. 2020-30, REQUESTED BY: BARRY W. HOWARD TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING AND BUILD FENCE AROUND THE PROPERTY AT 703 NORTH LAMAR ST. LOCATED IN THE FARISH HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

II. OTHER

1. CASE NO. 2020-10-01, REQUESTED BY: DAVID VAUGHAN TO BRING THE NEWLY REPLACED FRONT DOORS OF THE BUILDING INTO COMPLIANCE AT 815, 817, 819 OAKWOOD ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

III. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 4, 2020.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4107

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Carl D. Bass has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of Parcel 430-65 from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District with a Use Permit to operate a drive thru restaurant in a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel #430-65

Being situated Lot three 3, of Northview Addition, Part 3, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in plat Book 3 at Page 66 thereof, reference to which is hereby made, which is described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 3 and run thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West, 60.0 feet along the North line of the said Lot 3 to the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South O degrees 02 Minutes 20 seconds West, 150.0 feet along a line which is parallel with the East line of the said Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds East, 60. feet along a line which is parallel with the said North Line of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; Thence South O degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds West, 99.225 feet along the said East Line of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West, 145.35 feet along a line which is parallel with the said North fine of Lot 3 to an Iron Pin; Thence North O degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds East, 249.225 feet along the West line of the said Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of the said Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds East, 85.35 feet along the North line of the said Lot3 to the Point OF BEGINNING, containing 0.625 acres, more or less.

It is Grantors' intention to convey and Grantor do hereby convey all their right, title and Interest in Lot 3 Northview Addition, Part 3, less and except all that property conveyed to M.L. and Tommie Lee McCormick in Book 448 at page 251 and to Harmon W. Broom in Book 672 at page 234.

Parcel #430-64

That part of Lot three (3) of NORTHVIEW ADDITION, Part 3, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in plat Book 3 at Page 66 thereof, reference to which is Hereby made, which is described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 3 of NORTHVIEW ADDITION, Part 3, and run thence westerly along the north line of said Lot 3 for a distance of sixty (60) feet to a point, thence southerly and parallel to the line of said Lot 3 for a distance of One Hundred Fifty (150) feet to a point: thence easterly and parallel to the north line of said Lot 3 for a distance of sixty (60) feet to a point on the East line of said Lot 3, which said point is measured one hundred fifty (150) feet Southerly along east line of said Lot 3 from the point of beginning: thence run Northerly along the east line of said Lot 3 for a distance of One Hundred Fifty Feet (150) to the point of beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

FAST ACT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Project No. STP-0250-00(054)LPA/108164-701000

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson will receive bids for the construction of the FAST ACT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT STREET PROJECT Federal-Aid Project No. STP-0250-00(054)LPA/108164-701000, no later than 3:30 P.M., Local Prevailing Time, December 1, 2020, in the City Clerk's Office located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

In general, the work to be accomplished using the pay items and corresponding specifications set forth in this contract is to rebuild ADA compliant sidewalks and accessible ramps along Gallatin Street at South Street, President Street (Tombigbee St to Mississippi St), Lamar Street (Fortification Street to Fairbanks Street), Marshall Street/Webster Street Loop, Old Canton Road (Ridgewood Road to Canton Heights Drive), and County Line Road (Ridgewood Road to Ollie's Driveway). In addition, the improvements will include installing new or relocating existing pedestrian signals, poles, push buttons, and wiring at designated locations and constructing retaining walls along County Line Road.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

Contract time shall be 188 working days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. Liquidated Damages will be assessed in accordance with the Schedule of Deductions table in Section 108.07 of the 2017 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises (DBE/WBE) will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Bidder satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements as prescribed by the Contract Documents.

The attention of the bidders is directed to the Contract Documents governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates have been determined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581, Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The Proposal and Contract Documents in their entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the City Clerk, prior to the hour and date above designated. Each Bidder must also deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his bid, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the date of the actual bid opening, without the City of Jackson's consent. The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and performance bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. Bidder shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017", together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications. The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids.

The plans, contract documents and special provision, and proposal forms are on file for public inspection at the following locations:

- City of Jackson Engineering Division, 200 S. President Street Suite 424, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.
- Myriad Engineering Solutions, LLC, 460 Briarwood Drive, Suite 400, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206.

Copies of the Contract Documents, Contract Drawings and Contract Specifications may be procured through the following:
• All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Myriad Engineering Solutions, LLC, 460 Briarwood Drive, Suite 400, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206 upon payment of \$150.00 for each set, which will not be refunded.
• All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained through Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com, upon payment for each set, which will not be refunded. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The award of a Contract, if made, will be to the lowest and responsible qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed herein and in the Contract Documents. The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

Charles Williams, P.E., Ph.D., Interim Director
Department of Public Works
City of Jackson

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3153 Mobile Device Storage and Charging Carts

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m. (Local Prevailing Time) November 11, 2020, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., November 06, 2020) local time to be given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on November 11, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4106

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Jonathan C. Trisler has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District to I-1 (Light) Industrial District to allow for landscaping company business at Part of Parcel 071G-36A-001/00.00, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A tract of land containing 6.349 acres (276,554 square feet), more or less, being a portion of Lot 5, Block 47, of Highland Colony Subdivision as per plat of map thereof as found in Plat Cabinet A/3 and also being a portion of the Adalberto Valdez property as described in Deed Book 3661 at page 858 as both are recorded in the Office of Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi; LESS AND EXCEPT any highway and road right of way. More particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found nail at the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 47 of Highland Colony Subdivision as recorded in Plat Cabinet A/3, Madison County, Mississippi; from said Point of Beginning thence run along the West Boundary line of Lot 5 and the East line of a 40 foot wide platted road right of way North 00 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance 531.94 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (set) at a point where the West boundary of Lot 5 intersects the north right-of-way line of an electric power transmission line; thence run along said electric power transmission line right-of-way North 89 degrees 46 minutes 32 seconds East for a distance of 417.97 feet to a point where said electric power transmission line intersects the Southwestern right-of-way line of Interstate No. 55 as shown on Federal Aid Project No. I-55-2(24)103 provided by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) office located in Jackson, Mississippi: thence run along said Southwestern MDOT right-of-way South 17 degrees 41 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance of 591.23 feet to a 6: mag nail in a gravel drive (set) at a point where said right-of-way line intersects the South line of said Lot 5; thence run along the South boundary of said Lot 5 and the North line of a 40 foot wide platted rad right of way North 87 degrees 09 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 597.45 feet to the Point of Beginning

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 20th day of October 2020.

Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed RFPs are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the RFP must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

99046-111720--- Armed Security Guard Service

Bids are now available at www.jacksonms.gov and www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of RFP specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1851. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any RFP submitted. RFP awards will be made to the lowest and best company submitting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the RFP proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the RFP review.

Destiney Williams, Purchasing Manager
destineyww@city.jackson.ms.us
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533

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Notice of Sale

Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

2012 Ford MGT 1ZVBP8FF3C5252229
Registered to Elliot Ronald
Ally Financial, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: November 13, 2020
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Get up, get out and vote

By James B. Ewers Jr.
*President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio*



It is now our time to vote. This election in the minds of many will go down in our history books as the election that saved the soul of our democracy.

Former President Barack Obama said, “This is the most important election of our lifetime.”

He gave a riveting and pulsating speech Wednesday at a drive-in rally in Philadelphia for the Biden-Harris ticket. He talked about a variety of topics as he lathered up Mr. T in his lies and incompetence.

We as the American people know there has been no comprehensive federal response to COVID-19. Now over 225,000 people have passed away because of this health crisis. He has lacked the moral courage to get something done. Obama said, “Trump can’t even take the basic steps to protect himself.”

The current president loathes wearing a mask and chastises those that do.

As we grow older, our health problems increase. We suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. That is just a fact of life, especially if you are black like me.

So pre-existing conditions follow us around every day. The Republican Party

and Mr. T do not care about pre-existing conditions or us. In fact, it has been their goal from day 1 to take away the Affordable Healthcare Act. However, they do not have a replacement plan.

Obama said, “The GOP health plan has been coming in 2 weeks for 10 years.”

The USA is being booed and mocked world-wide. We have morphed into being bullies, unfriendly and unreliable. Only Trump and the trumpeteers believe that we as a country are strong. The strong arm of disdain that America has become will not sustain itself.

America is torn at the seams and we have the wrong tailor. The patchwork that has occurred over the past four years has faded and has holes in it.

Yes, America, we have holes in our democracy. Decency has been denounced and communication and civility have been cut off.

We are suffocating in our disappointment and disillusionment.

How long? I believe not long. Millions of Americans have already voted by way of early voting and mail-in ballots. In my opinion, we the people have already voted for change and for a new day.

The lines to the polls are long, but we do not mind the wait. The mail-in ballot process is confusing, yet we are not deterred. We know what is at stake so put up the hurdles and we will jump over

them. Create the detours and we will go around them.

The day, Tuesday, November 3, is fast approaching. It will be a day like no other. Democracy will be on trail and we are the jury.

The prosecution played by Mr. T, Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham want to take what belongs to us. On the other side are Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. They are our defense. They want us to keep what belongs to us.

Biden and Harris want us to keep our healthcare. They want to create jobs with a living wage and for all citizens to be treated with dignity and respect.

Our country has a clear choice on November 3. We can stay in shame or move into fame. The polls say we will have a new president and vice president. However, we cannot depend upon poll numbers.

Remember what happened in the last election. We paid too much attention to polls.

This time we must vote and encourage our friends and neighbors to vote as well. There are less than eight days before we cast our ballots. Let us send Mr. T home and out of the White House. His lease is up. His rent is past due.

In 2008, then presidential candidate Obama asked a crowd in Virginia, “Are you fired up? Are you ready to go?”

In 2020, we are fired up and we are ready to go and vote.

Tell Pharaoh

By Dr. I.D. Thompson
Gospel Minister and Leadership Specialist



Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, “This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.” Exodus 9:1

The LORD had seen enough. For 430 years He had watched His people suffer under slavery, oppression, racism, brutality, discrimination and disenfranchisement. Pharaoh was corrupt and had surrounded himself with corrupt people to carry out his dirty work. God had seen His people suffer long enough and He decided to do something about it. And so, He called Moses, and said to him, “Moses, go and tell Pharaoh that I said to let My people go, so that they may worship me.”

Eventhough Moses hesitated and tried to talk God out of His plan, God persisted and Moses relented. Moses did what God asked him to do, and as they say, the rest is history.

Well here we are, in another “let my people go” moment and God is calling on all of His “Moses people” to tell Pharaoh to let His people go. Wanna be a hero? This is your time. Wanna do something significant? This is your season. Wanna go down in history? This is your chapter. Wanna honor the LORD? Go to the polls and send a message, tell Pharaoh that God said, “Let My people go. That 400 years

is long enough.” Let the White Nationalists and Republicans know that we’re not going back to their “good ole days,” that we’re going to keep on marching up freedom’s way.

Listen, none of us is perfect and neither was Moses, but God saw some good in Him and He sees the good in you. And we can all do something to help send the message to Pharaoh that God’s truth is marching on. Listen, if you missed out on the Civil Rights movement or the Underground Railroad or a Black Lives Matters march or a Stop the Violence rally, this can be your “make a difference moment.”

My brothers and sisters, you can’t sit this one out. We know what’s best for us and we know right from wrong. And think about this, we could be voting for the next black president of the United States. If you’ve already voted, commit to influencing at least one other unlikely person to vote; or volunteer or donate. Do something. Its freedom time. Time to stand up, speak up and march into the land that God promised us.

Don’t you wanna see what God promised us? Stop complaining, stop grumbling, stop mumbling, and stop worshiping these American idols. And, please stop listening to religious leaders that will not stand up for Jesus. Lastly, this vote is for our children and our ancestors. Let freedom ring.

Let’s pray: Lord, give us the faith and power to show Pharaoh that his days are numbered and a change has come. Amen.

Voter suppression tactics and long lines fail to quell resolve of black voters

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent



The lines are long, but black voters are demonstrating their will to vote.

In Texas, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina and Indiana, African Americans’ resiliency and resolve have never been as severely tested.

They have gone to great lengths to overcome voter suppression, discouragement, misinformation, gerrymandering and so many other obstacles to participate in America’s elections.

In Fort Bend County, Texas, a check-in machine glitch shut down at least four precincts, and a court ruling that significantly limited ballot locations didn’t stop many African Americans from traveling long distances and overcoming even longer wait times to vote.

In Georgia, NPR reported that the clogged polling locations in metro Atlanta reflected an underlying pattern: the number of places to vote has shrunk statewide, with little recourse.

“Although the reduction in polling places has taken place across racial lines, it has primarily caused long lines in nonwhite neighborhoods where voter registration has surged and more residents cast ballots in person on Election Day. The pruning of polling places started long before the pandemic, which has discouraged people from voting in person,” the report noted.

In Virginia, a glitch shut down polls and forced officials to push back deadlines to cast early votes.

Also, General Registrar Donna Patterson told reporters that the long lines in Virginia Beach had been like that each day since

early voting began about one month ago. Add to that number the 55,000 mail-in ballots the registrar received to that point.

Patterson noted that the state might have the highest voter turnout ever.

In North Carolina, about 163,000 votes were cast in person across North Carolina Saturday, bringing the total to 828,456 in the state – more than double the number of people in North Carolina who went to the polls at this time in the 2016 election.

“Texas has been under siege confronting voter suppression from multiple fronts from our Governor Greg Abbott to the state higher courts,” noted Sonny Mesiah Jiles, the publisher, and CEO of The Houston Defender Media Group, DefenderNetwork.com.

“It is unbelievable or ridiculous for a county with 2.4 million registered voters to have one location to drop off mail-in ballots,” Jiles remarked.

“Despite their efforts, Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins, a smart young millennial, has been strategic and innovative with drive-thru voting, doubling the early voting locations and the historical move of 24-hour voting. But aside from voting access, we need to beware not to be bamboozled listening to the polls and just go and vote like our life depends on it, because it does.”

Numerous voter suppression tactics have been used in Texas and throughout the nation, added Patrick Washington, CEO, and co-publisher of the Dallas Weekly.

“Like the late-night ruling, from a 5th Circuit Court via a three judge panel, all of whom appointed by President Trump to uphold Governor Abbot’s mandate to limit one ballot drop box for millions of voters in Dallas

county,” Washington observed.

However, he continued:

“Despite this deliberate, detrimental move, the night before early voting in Texas, I am pleased to see that the very voters that may have been affected in Dallas counties came to the polls big.

“I witnessed many volunteers at the Martin Luther King Center assisting the elderly with chairs and water during the long wait and assisting first-time voters by explaining the sample ballots. To know that ballot records are being broken in counties all over Texas doesn’t shock me. Unfortunately, a lot of tragic events due to racism and police brutality have occurred during Trump’s time in office.

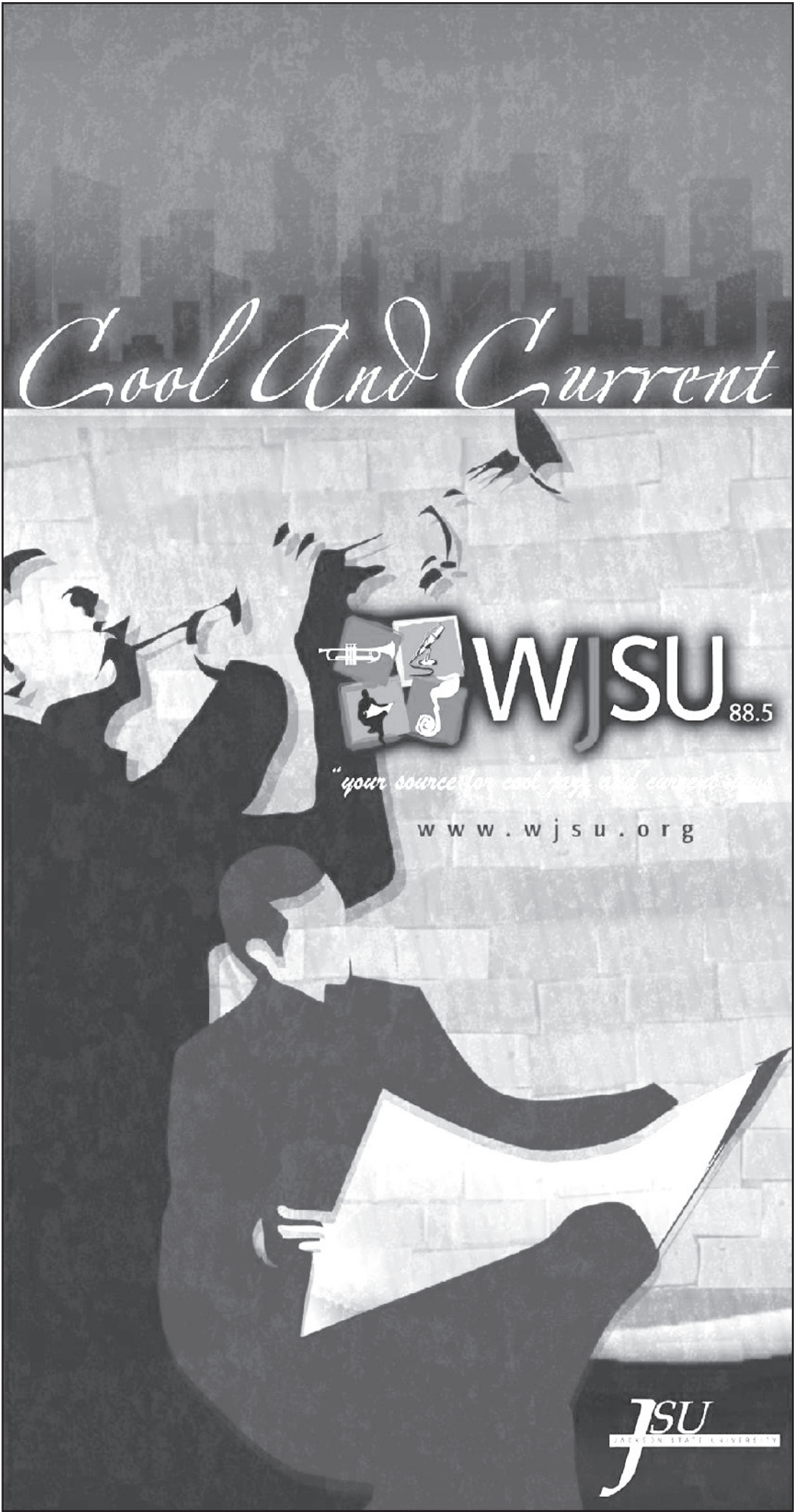
“People are tired. People can’t see family and friends like they used to. In some cases, people are unemployed, angry, scared or maybe all of the above. So, in any case, people have the time to exercise their civic duty and vote.”

Even in states like Indiana, voter suppression efforts haven’t stopped black people from lining up at the polls.

“Indiana has some incredibly restrictive voter laws, and currently we only have one early voting site in all of Indianapolis,” stated Robert Shegog, CEO at the *Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper* and *Indiana Minority Business Magazine*.

“A few more opened Oct. 24, but significantly more are needed given the size of the city. However, it is very refreshing to see so many people voting early. This has been a trend in Indianapolis for over ten years now, and the numbers keep increasing,” Shegog noted.

“I am incredibly proud of the numbers, and local experts are optimistic that they will continue to increase through Nov. 3.”



Mississippi's largest banks support adopting a new official state flag

Mississippi Link Newswire

We have a chance to start a new era for the state of Mississippi, one with unification and

inclusion for our residents and economic growth across our communities. Mississippians will have an opportunity to vote

to approve a proposed state flag in November, and the state's largest banks fully support the adoption of a new official flag.

Our state flag should reflect Mississippi's unique characteristics, be a source of pride and represent all its residents' cultures and viewpoints. The proposed flag's design includes the Magnolia blossom – our state's flower, representing Mississippi's hospitality, sense of hope and rebirth, and forward progression. It also features stars – a circle of 20, signifying Mississippi as the 20th state of America, and a gold five-point star at the top, representing the Native American tribes who were the indigenous people of the land that would become Mississippi. The blue in the main field is similar to the blue of the American flag,

reflecting vigilance, justice and perseverance, while the bands of red represent hardiness and valor, and the gold lines and the gold stamen of the flag acknowledge the rich cultural history of Mississippi.

We realize changing the official state flag has been a difficult process, so we commend both the Mississippi Legislature for voting to retire the previous flag and the commission for reviewing nearly 3,000 submitted designs and finalizing a new design.

The proposed flag is an important symbol for moving our state forward. Mississippi's business community believes it

will improve our state's image and positively impact corporate recruiting. It will be a significant step in shedding the false perception that Mississippi isn't as forward-thinking as the rest of the country.

Our state is blessed with an extraordinary quality of life, abundant natural resources, and has every opportunity to be a thriving economic engine.

Voting for the new flag on Nov. 3 will open additional economic opportunities, enhance job creation, help attract a diverse and talented workforce, and improve quality of life fairly and inclusively for generations to come.

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Obama endorses Espy in Mississippi; Trump backs Hyde-Smith



Espy

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

A Democrat trying to unseat a Republican U.S. senator in Mississippi said Wednesday that he has received his “biggest endorsement yet,” from former President Barack Obama.

“Mike Espy has a great chance to win this election for the Senate and keep Mississippi moving forward,” Obama said in a radio ad and the text of a fundraising appeal.

Espy was U.S. agriculture

secretary under President Bill Clinton, after serving six years in Congress from a rural Mississippi district. He is challenging Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith in a rematch of a 2018 special election.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday afternoon tweeted his support for Hyde-Smith, saying she “delivers” for the state.

Hyde-Smith is a former state agriculture commissioner who was appointed to serve temporarily in the Senate in the spring

of 2018 when longtime Republican Sen. Thad Cochran retired because of poor health. A special election was held in November 2018 to fill the final two years of the six-year term Cochran started, and Hyde-Smith defeated Espy in a runoff.

Hyde-Smith is the first woman to represent Mississippi in either chamber of Congress. Espy, an attorney, made history in 1986 as the state's first black congressman since the Reconstruction, and Clinton chose him as U.S. agriculture secretary in 1993. He is trying to become Mississippi's first black U.S. senator since the Reconstruction.


Trump stumped for Hyde-Smith in Mississippi in 2018 and she campaigns as a loyal supporter of Trump and his policies.

The Democratic presidential nominee, former Vice President Joe Biden, endorsed Espy last month. In the fundraising appeal Wednesday, Obama mentioned Mississippi retiring the last state flag in the U.S. that included the Confederate battle emblem. Legislators made the change in June amid the context of widespread protests over racial injustice after a black man was killed in Minneapolis police custody.

“You were finally able to change the flag. Now, you can change your senator, too,” Obama said. “Mike Espy for senate and Joe Biden for president. It's your time to be heard.”


Republicans hold all statewide offices in Mississippi and voters in the state last elected a Democrat to the U.S. Senate in 1982, when John C. Stennis won his final term. Stennis left office in early 1989, after serving more than 41 years.

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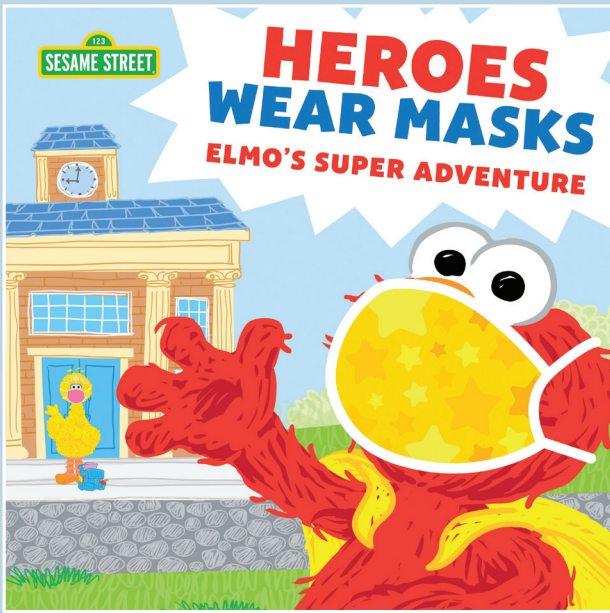
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BOOK REVIEW: HEROES WEAR MASKS: ELMO'S SUPER ADVENTURE

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Peek-a-boo!
You played that game back when you were too little to even remember. Hide your eyes, move your hands, and BOO! These days, though, it's a different kind of game with different rules. In "Heroes Wear Masks: Elmo's Super Adventure" by Lillian Jane, pictures by Ernie Kwait, there's no BOO! to it.

The minute Elmo woke up this morning, he was "super excited... and super nervous." He

put his hands over his tummy and took a slow, deep breath. Today was the day he went to school and there was lots to remember.

He washed up and ate a good breakfast while Mommy let Elmo know what might happen at school. He might have his temperature taken, but it won't hurt. He'll need to wear his mask, to keep his mouth and nose covered. He'll want to remember not to touch his mouth or eyes or nose after he's washed up. And he'll have to stay a safe

distance from his friends in school and on the playground.

That's a lot to remember. One more deep breath. That makes Elmo feel better.

He had a fancy new face mask to wear, and that was exciting. Masks should be clean and just the right size – not too big, not too small. Elmo doesn't have to wear his mask at home while he plays inside. He wears it whenever he goes anywhere else, though. He wears his mask in school, on the bus, walking around, on the playground, in

gym class, and at the grocery store. And he won't be alone when he does it: Elmo's classmates will be wearing masks. His teachers will have them, too. Mommy says that Super Grover even wears a mask, and that makes Elmo want to wear his everywhere.

Just before he gets on the bus, Elmo gives Mommy a hug and kiss and that's okay; with his friends, he can only wave. And when he gets home, he'll wash his hands and tell Mommy about his exciting day.

As an adult, it can be hard to wrap your head around the "new normal" of masking wherever you go. Your child may seem more resilient and willing to mask up everywhere – or they may need this book.

"Heroes Wear Masks" is everything you expect a Sesame Street-based book to be: simple but gently persuasive, slightly repetitive, instructional without seeming so, and full of characters your kids already love. Author Lillian Jane takes the big deal out of mask-wearing, in-

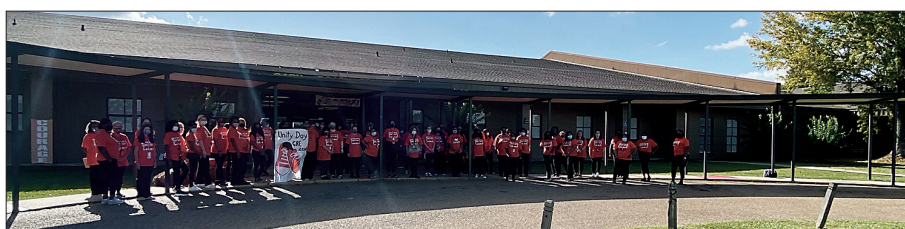
stead making it seem like a privilege your child will want. For a parent who's tired of fighting the issue, that's a benefit; another plus is that hand-washing is likewise stressed in this story and it's also done without fuss.

While 3-year-olds can surely enjoy the Elmo they adore, this is really a better book for kids ages 4 to 7, especially if school is an on-again, off-again thing in your area. Hide your nose, hide your mouth, and "Heroes Wear Masks" is a book you'll want to peek at.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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Unity Day Highlights



Hinds County Schools celebrate Unity Day 2020 to take a stand against bullying

On October 21st the Hinds County Schools celebrated Unity Day across the district by taking a stand against bullying in schools and classrooms. "National Unity Day is a time to unite in kindness, acceptance and inclusion according to the national Bullying Prevention Center."



Throughout the day, students in Pre-K through high school learned about the signs of bullying and how it can be prevented. "We want them to know what bullying is and what bullying is not," said Superintendent of Hinds County Schools, Dr. Delesicia Martin. She also stated that "One of our most important responsibilities, as school leaders, is creating an environment where students feel safe and supported by their teachers as well as their peers. When students are worried about being bullied, they have more negative emotions and that makes it harder for their brain to process information and learn. Unity Day is a wonderful opportunity for everyone connected to our schools to get together to support our district culture and healthy school climate we all strive to achieve."

Thank you to our community, parents, faculty and staff for your supports!

October is National Principals Month - 2020

Message from the Superintendent's Desk

National Principals Month runs through the month of October and we believe we have the best principals in the Hinds County School District. From the hours they put in, to the smiles they share with students and staff, they are amazing.

Our schools across the county are led by strong leaders who inspire our students, educators and families. Amid COVID-19, our school leaders have helped their school communities navigate through challenge and uncertainty. During these difficult times, each one of our principals have unceasingly represented our core values in this time of need by organizing food and technology distribution sites, leading the swift transition to distance learning for some, hybrid scheduling for others and bridging families with our schools. Simply put, our principals drive our mission, support our teachers and build our communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our principals and their incredible teams. We are thankful for your leadership, ideas, and vision.

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Daffonie Moore, Assistant Principal

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Toby Price, Assistant Principal

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Ashley White, Assistant Principal

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Roshonda Clark, Assistant Principal

Raymond High School

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