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Donald Trump President-Elect

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Stunned, shocked, dismayed, fearful and afraid—those are just some of the words some people are using to describe the outcome of the Tuesday, November 8, 2016 General Election. While in our heads, a lot of voters were saying, “We’re voting for Hillary Clinton even though we’re not in love with her, she’s the lesser of two evils, some of that same astute group of voters, were preparing for the worst, just in case.

The man who wants to make nice with Vladimir Putin, the man who says he loves war, the man who has indicated time and time again that he’s a racist and doesn’t like Blacks, Hispanics, gay and lesbian people, handicapped people, Muslims, overweight people and so on, will become this nation’s 45th President on January 20, 2017.

Shaking in your boots yet?

Lots of people for the last two months leading up to Election day said, “I’m so over this election. I’m sick of all the hateful political TV commercials. I can’t wait for Election day to be over. We heard that over and over and over again. Well the election is over and Donald Trump, the millionaire

billionaire won hands down, along the way turning Pennsylvania from a blue state, (Democrats) into a red state, for (Republicans).

On Election day as I did work for the Allegheny West Foundation, my colleague and I went from polling place to polling place, handing out flyers about a job fair we’re hosting Thursday, November 17th at Zion Baptist Church. What greeted us at many a polling place we drove to, were lines of people waiting to cast their votes. It’s not that often in North Philadelphia in particular, where you see polling with long lines, (at least not since President Barack Obama won his first race for the White House eight years ago) But November 8th, long lines were reported in Frankford and Kensington and in West Philadelphia, Mount Airy, Chestnut Hill, Germantown and yes in North Philadelphia too.

At the end of the day however, some of us get the sense that while a lot of people were saying out loud, “Hillary has my vote”, quietly and in the privacy of their polling booth with curtains closed, they did what they really wanted to do, and that was to cast their vote for Republican, Donald

Trump.

This election cycle that we’ve just come



Donald John Trump

through has been one of the ugliest I can recall in my voting lifetime. Never before have I seen such nasty presidential commercials. If I had to watch one more

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Commerce Director Harold Epps Visits N. 22nd St.



Commerce Director Harold Epps (right) chatting with former world boxing champion Charles Brewer, now co-owner of Jazzy Shears Hair Studio on N. 22nd St. photo by Thera

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The first year of Harold Epps being in the position of Commerce Director for the city of Philadelphia is quickly coming to a close and with it, he carries a new and clear impression of what the majority of Philadelphia business corridors look like and what they need.

Harold Epps has been on the job as the Commerce Director

for the city of Philadelphia since January 12, 2016. Hand-picked by Mayor Jim Kenney and keeping his word, the Mayor made sure to get the best person possible to help drive Commerce forward in Philly.

Harold Epps had just completed visiting his 21st business corridor in Philly, when guess who was next on the list? The North 22nd Street Business Corridor. Here’s just some of

what Harold Epps said during a roundtable discussion August 12, 2016, with about fifteen of the business owners from N. 22nd Street, several community stakeholders and a handful of top level staff from the Commerce Department:

“Over my 40 year career, I’ve successfully run companies in Wisconsin, Indiana and here in Philadelphia, PWRT.

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Do not believe “the hype”! North 22nd Street is ‘OPEN for Business’!

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second political TV ad with Hillary and her supporters telling the truth about Donald Trump, with him mocking a disabled person, etc., I was going to toss up what I ate the night before. On the other hand, if I had to listen to one more Donald Trump ad where he disrespected and mocked Hillary Clinton and all women, surly I would pass out.

The election is now history and we have to move forward. Trump says he started a "Movement," with this election. Here's a part of what he said as he claimed victory: "Thank you very much. I've just received a call from Secretary Clinton. She congratulated us. It is about us. On our victory, and I congratulated her and her family on a very, very hard-fought campaign I mean she fought very hard.

Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time, and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country. I mean that very sincerely. Now it is time for America to bind the wounds of division, have to get together, to all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation I say it is time for us to come together as one united people. It's time. I pledge to every citizen of our land that I will be president for all of

Americans, and this is so important to me.

For those who have chosen not to support me in the past, of which there were a few people, I'm reaching out to you for your guidance and your help so that we can work together and unify our great country. As I've said from the beginning, ours was not a campaign but rather an incredible and great movement, made up of millions of hard-working men and women who love their country and want a better, brighter future for themselves and for their family.

It's a movement comprised of Americans from all races, religions, backgrounds and beliefs, which want and expect our government to serve the people, and serve the people it will. Working together we will begin the urgent task of rebuilding our nation and renewing the American dream. I've spent my entire life in business, looking at the untapped potential in projects and in people all over the world.

That is now what I want to do for our country. Tremendous potential. I've gotten to know our country so well. Tremendous potential. It is going to be a beautiful thing. Every single American will have the opportunity to realize his or her fullest potential. The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer. We are going to fix our inner cities and rebuild

our highways, bridges, tunnels, airports, schools, hospitals. We're going to rebuild our infrastructure, which will become, by the way, second to none, and we will put millions of our people to work as we rebuild it.

We will also finally take care of our great veterans who have been so loyal, and I've gotten to know so many over this 18-month journey. The time I've spent with them during this campaign has been among my greatest honors. Our veterans are incredible people. We will embark upon a project of national growth and renewal. I will harness the creative talents of our people and we will call upon the best and brightest to leverage their tremendous talent for the benefit of all. It is going to happen. We have a great economic plan.

Sounds good Mr. Trump, and time will tell what he's able to do as the 45th President of the United States. Donald Trump will be sworn in on January 20, 2017. One of the very important issues on his calendar as the next President will be to decide who he will choose, (who will have to be confirmed) as the next person to fill the vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court. Imagine that: Donald Trump will have the power to reshape the Supreme Court for a generation. God help us all.

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The Feds, State and City all have vested interests in making sure that we provide clean, safe and well-lit business corridors and districts. It's our job to work with you, (business owners, community leaders and stakeholders), to come up with a strategic plan to have the best neighborhoods we can. We have 80 business corridors that we help. We have to make decisions about where the money goes".

Epps added, "This is a great time to be in Philadelphia if you are a business person". He said the basic plans for the future of Philadelphia are very bright. "We have to have inclusion in all areas. Some of you may want to expand your businesses.

The city is going to continue to grow. We encourage you to be vigilant about N. 22nd Street.

It's great for us to expand our businesses, but it seems like people are also interested in going to other places to open businesses. How can we get people to embrace coming to 22nd Street? He said there's 17% to 18% vacancies along business corridors across the city, and he stresses we have to do something about that".

A business leader with over 40 years of corporate experience in providing high performance products and solutions for complex and compliance driven industries, Harold Epps, as Director of Commerce, oversees and implements policies to help

both small businesses and major corporations in Philadelphia thrive.

The City of Philadelphia Commerce Department coordinates activities along neighborhood commercial corridors with small businesses and entrepreneurs, major real estate development projects, large-scale business attraction and retention efforts, as well as efforts to increase minority-owned business contracting opportunities.

After the round table discussion August 12th, Mr. Epps did a walking tour along much of the business corridor, stopping to chat here and there along the way, meeting some of the premiere long standing business owners, as well as some of the newer business owners along North 22nd Street.

Meanwhile Congratulations

are in order for Congressman Dwight Evans, who stepped into his job the very day after the election. You see, he ran twice on November 8th; first to fill the unexpired term of former Congressman Chaka Fattah, and he was also running to officially take that

seat in January of 2017 for a two year term. Congrats also go out to State Senator-Elect Sharif Street, Esq. He'll make us proud. He does have some mighty big shoes to step into form the legacy of the late State Senator Roxanne H. Jones, to the awesome State Senator Shirley Kitchen. Sharif is

prepared to do the job. And congratulations to all the other political winners from the election of November 8th.

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This Job Fair is being sponsored by The North 22nd Street Business Association in conjunction with the Allegheny West Foundation and the Allegheny West Foundation NAC and is being supported by the office of City Councilwoman Cindy Bass.

A Resume Writing Workshop will take place at the Panati Rec Center, 3101 N. 22nd Street Wed. Nov. 16th, 2pm-3pm. Must RSVP your attendance! Call 215-226-0130!!!

Questions? Call Ms. Garner or Ms. Martin at AWF at 215-226-0130

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Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs:

The Barbering program involves all aspects of hair and skin care for people of all ethnic backgrounds. The program is

designed so that students, after 1,250 hours, are prepared to take the State Board of Pennsylvania Barbering Licensing Examination. This program even has a special barbering website.

The Business Technology program prepares students for the processes involved in the business environment, including management, entrepreneurship, and finance. Students will learn skills for promotion and selling as well.

The Commercial and Advertising Arts program is a course in applied visual arts that prepares students to use artistic techniques to communicate information and ideas to business and consumer audiences. Commercial art traditionally includes designing advertisements and other displays. Advanced study focuses on the use of computer assisted graphic design skills.

The Cosmetology program prepares students with 1,250 hours of instruction designed to prepare students for the State Board of Pennsylvania Cosmetology

Licensing Examination.

The aim of our Cosmetology program is to develop an awareness and appreciation of, and skills related to, the beauty industry, while opportunities to develop employable skills are explored.

The Culinary Arts program provides a strong foundation, in theory and practice, in baking, catering, food service, and restaurant management. Students have an opportunity to develop skills at our in-house restaurant and catering program. Also, students will have the opportunity to participate in several catering scholarship programs.

The Fashion Design program prepares students to develop a foundation in industrial sewing, garment construction, flat pattern making, draping, fashion show producing, and management. The program includes modeling and a historical exploration of fashion as well. Selected collections, designed and produced by students, are chosen to be part of the annual Murrell Dobbins Fashion Show.

Crime Report From 39th Police District

39th Police District Crime Watch

Once again the Shopping and Holiday Season are upon us and more than ever it's time to pay attention as you walk and move about in the community, along business corridors, in the daylight and at night and even as you walk through your own neighborhood. Pay attention at all times and try to be safety-smart.



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According to the website www.thetrace.org less the 10% of stolen firearm are recovered. Don't let your firearm get into a criminals hand to be used against an innocent person and definitely not used against a Child.

Unfortunately the week of October 23rd - October 28th was not a good time

along North 22nd Street what with two murders inside businesses along the corridor. The first shooting that ended up as a murder took place inside Burger Lane, a new business that just recently opened on North 22nd Street at 2805 N. 22nd Street .

Meanwhile just a few short days later, a 47 year old man was killed inside Boost Mobile in the 2900 block of North 22nd

Street during the process of an attempted robbery. No arrest has been made in this case. An investigation remains underway.

Prior to these two very recent killings, the North 22nd Street Business Corridor has been relatively quiet, without any major crimes, robberies or burglaries going down.

In this area of the Allegheny West community the majority of the repeat kinds of crimes are car thefts, house break-ins for burglaries and thefts of electronic devices, handbags and wallets.

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RAH Civic Association On Hand for Groundbreaking of New Apartment Complex



RAH Civic Association Dedicated Paradise Wall Mural Over the Summer 2016

The Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park Civic Association, (RAH) was on hand for the ground breaking of a new apartment complex coming to 34th and Commissioner Street in the Paradise section of Allegheny West in North Philadelphia. A community that has been well kept over the years by dedicated long time homeowners, like in other neighborhoods, find themselves having to pay attention to outsiders who come in with big ideas for development.

Rosalie Cooper, the President of the RAH Civic Association noted that, "Building and economic development can be a very good thing for a community, however, we as residents who care— just need to be sure to interview developers and others when they want to come into our community and start building. We want to know who you are and what is your plan. We want to see architectural renderings of your vision and we want you to be prepared to come before our community during our regularly scheduled RAH meetings and take questions from our residents. That's how we do things in our neighborhood. "

East River Bank is handling the financing for this project at 34th and Commissioners Street, which will be a 3 story apartment building with six apartments featuring one and two bedrooms. There will be a pool on the roof of the building and they'll offer off-street parking at 34th and Commissioner Street. Rental of the apartments once the building is completed, will be handled by Keller Williams Realty.



Pictured here, l to r: Congressional candidate Dwight Evans, Jane Golden from Mural Arts program, Mr. Blue, RAH Civic Association member, Mark Green,

38th Ward Leader, Councilman At Large Bill Greenlee and unidentified gentleman on end

A Slice of Paradise

by Thera Martin Milling

On Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 11am, there was an official unveiling of the new wall mural called, "Paradise", which depicts a flower garden and birds and a peaceful scene of vegetation. On hand for the unveiling were Jane Golden, the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, Democratic Candidate for Congress Dwight Evans, City Councilman William Greenlee, Ward Leader Mark Green, Rosalie Cooper, President of the RAH Civic Association and a host of residents from the Paradise neighborhood.

We all need to find a slice of paradise, even in the craziness of the world in which we live. Congrats to the RAH Civic Association for doing just that.

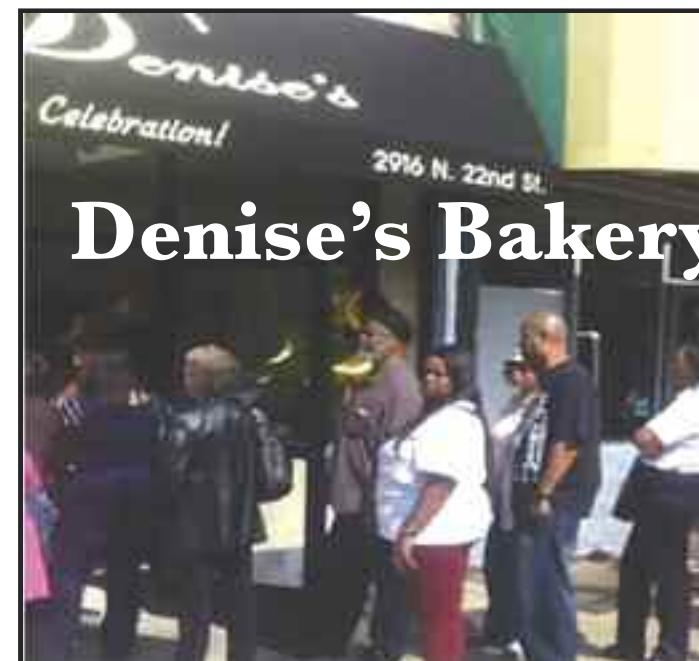


Denise's Bakery owner, Denise Gause being interviewed by Lauren Johnson of Fox-29

West Allegheny Ave

The construction work taking place along North 22nd Street is more than 70% complete at time of this newspaper deadline. The projected date of completion is December 20, 2016. From 22nd and West Lehigh Avenue down to 22nd and West Allegheny Avenue new sidewalks and new curbs are being installed. Trees have been planted in the 2700 block of N. 22nd Street on one side of the street, however where we have houses, neighbors opted not to have trees. New lighting and more trash cans are coming along with new SEPTA Shelters strategically placed along the corridor.

For the most part, business owners have given positive reports about the Construction



Welcome back to Denise's Bakery on North 22nd Street. After being closed for a little over 12 months, one of the bright shining stars of North 22nd Street reopened in May. The most amazing thing was that every day, 6 days a week, the first 4 weeks that Denise Gause reopened, there were lines of happy and excited customers who waited patiently in lines that went well past Pacific Fish and Seafood as they waited to get their hands on some of her sweet delights. Congratulations to Denise Gause and her family on their well-deserved success.



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team who won the bid from the city to do the Street-Scape project, (De Paul & Son Construction), however there's also been reports of concerns from some of our small business owners who say the project has all but killed foot traffic, (customers) from coming into their businesses. Bottom line, in order to revitalize the corridor, the work has to be done and business owners are doing their best to hold on and stand strong through the process.

North 22nd Street is open for business and looking for customers, even with the on-going construction work. Bear with us and still come shop til you drop along North 22nd Street. Count us in for your holiday shopping!



A number of elected officials and high titled folk from City Hall made sure to be on hand, including 8th District City Councilwoman Cindy Bass, 4th District City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. and PA State Representative Dwight Evans, to name a few.

Every media outlet in Philadelphia came by over the first few days when she reopened to tell the story. With the kind of publicity that Denise's Bakery gets, Lord knows she doesn't have to advertise in this lil' community newspaper. But she does and we thank you for that Mrs. Gause. Welcome back!

Tioga United's 20th Anniversary



Pictured left to right, (up front), Ron Hinton, Jr., Kimberly Tucker Hinton, both award recipients at Tioga United's 20th Anniversary Celebration along w/Bill Anderson of FOX-29 New

On Sunday, October 23, 2016, Tioga United, another very important part of the Allegheny West Community, observed their 20th Anniversary of working to uplift their neighborhood. Under the strong and visionary leadership of Verna Tyner, Tioga United recently opened up their own office to better serve the area of North Philadelphia where they've made a positive impact. It all started with Tioga United leadership hosting some successful summer festivals that they dubbed Unity Day. From there, they morphed into a powerful community non-profit that strives to always make Tioga better. Hats off to Verna Tyner and all the leadership and members of Tioga United and happy 20th Anniversary. Keep up the great work. Ron Hinton, Jr. and Kimberly Tucker Hinton are just two of a list of some 20 award recipients who were honored at Ramano's Caters October 23, 2016.

Now Is The Time To Land A Job That Could Change Your 2017

By Kiesha Garner

The **North 22nd Street Business Association**, in conjunction with the **Allegheny West Foundation** and the **Allegheny West Foundation Neighborhood Action Committee**, (NAC), along with the office of City Councilwoman **Cindy Bass**, are partnering to host a **Job Fair at Zion Baptist Church** at the corner of Broad and Venango on **Thursday, November 17, 2016**. The **Job Fair** will take place from **10am – 2pm** and job seekers are urged to arrive early and to dress to impress.

While some people report that they never got a job because they attended a job fair, there are other people who have met with

success at job fairs, getting hired on the spot. The organizers of this job fair taking place November 17th say they are determined to have some employers on hand, who are actually offering job opportunities that they need to fill within a matter of weeks, after the job fair. Admittedly there will also be some employers who participate who will not be hiring until the early part of 2017, but if you are eager for example, to be a **Philadelphia Police Officer** or a **Philadelphia Fire Fighter** or a job with the city or with the state, they have their own processes for how they hire people, usually starting with an aptitude exam. Those kinds of job opportunities may take months

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before you may get a phone call that you've been hired. We remind all job seekers that patience and a good attitude can pay off at the end of the ordeal.

Here are a few quick tips on doing well at a Job Fair:

- Come early. Do not wait until 1pm to decide to show up for a job fair that ends at 2pm.
- Dress nicely and neatly.
- Do not come in chewing gum and with headsets in your ears.
- Do not bring your children to a job fair.
- Try to bring at least (10) resumes with you.
- Smile and be patient.
- Have good eye contact with your possible employer.
- Thank them for spending a few minutes with you and ask for their business card if their handing them out, (so you can send a thank you note afterwards).
- Thank them before you leave their table.
- If they have you fill out an application on the spot, fill it out

neatly.

- If they tell you they are not accepting resumes and that you need to actually apply for the jobs on line, do not get upset, still say thank you, and if you really want the job, go apply for the job online, but do not display a bad attitude.

Some of the employers who are confirmed to participate include: Temple University, PA Career Links, Lilley Boys, LLC, Connection Training Services, (CTS), Opportunities Industrialization Centers, (O.I.C.), Precious Babies Learning Academies, Inc., The Sultan Jihad Ahmad Community Foundation, Sheet Metal Workers Union, City of Philadelphia Police Department and a host of others.

Finally, the day before the **Job Fair on Thursday, November 17th, on Wednesday, November 16th**, there will be a mini "How to Prepare Your Resume" workshop at the **Panati Recreation Center**, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. You must RSVP in advance for this workshop by calling **Allegheny West Foundation** at 215-226-0130.

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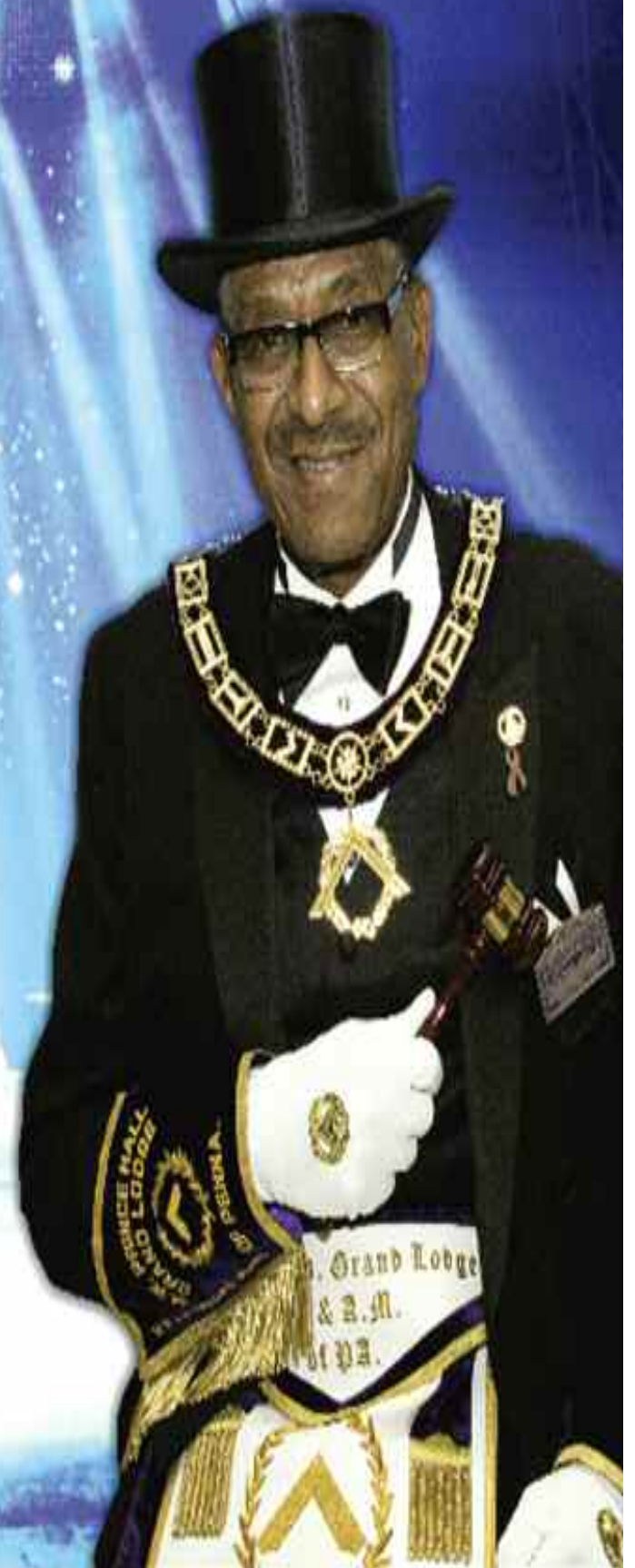
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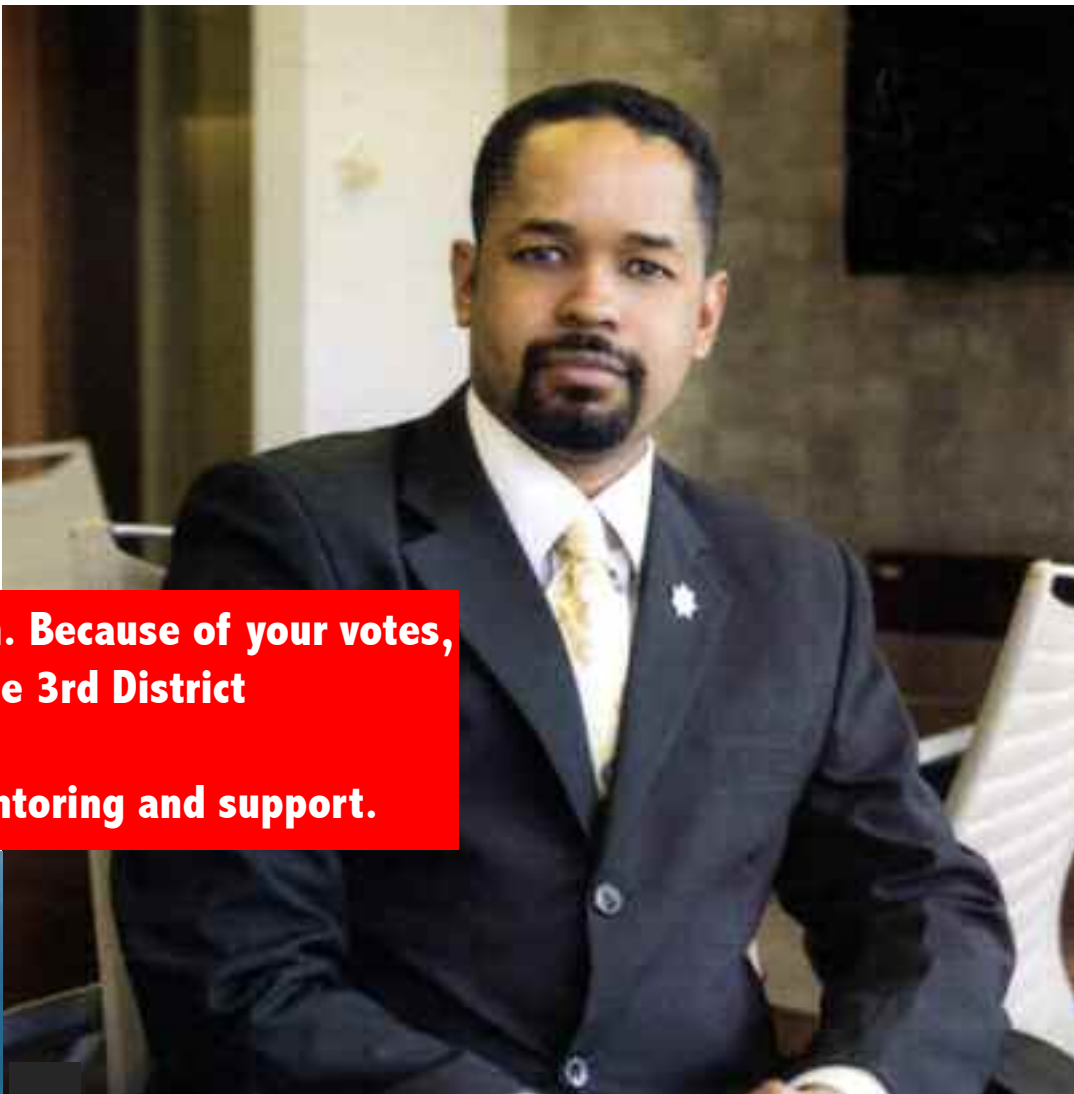
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