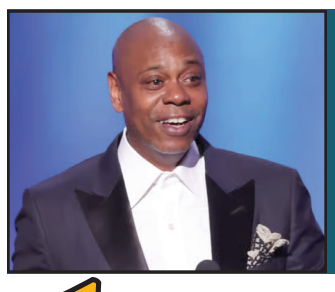


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Becerra, Legislative Leaders Put Affordability First, but Details Remain Open

By Antonio Ray Harvey
California Black Media

Gov.-elect Xavier Becerra met privately with Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on Nov. 5 before the three appeared together at a news conference at the State Capitol.

It was the first joint public appearance by the "Big Three" Democratic leaders since Becerra won the gubernatorial election two days earlier. The leaders said affordability would be a central focus of their work, including housing, health care and energy costs.

"Get used to this because I think this is what we're going to be doing. We've got a lot of jobs to do," Becerra told reporters. "The public made it clear we should focus on jobs one, two, and three. And the cost of living, one, two, and three."

Becerra added, "We're letting California families know we want them to stay, thrive here, and we want them to retire here in California."

The leaders said they would move quickly to put Proposition 1 housing bond funds to work, protect health coverage and access to care, and lower energy costs. They also discussed regulating artificial intelligence while protecting consumers and working families.

Becerra said the issues were "on the table," but the leaders had not settled on specific policies or tax strategies as they reviewed the state budget outlook.

"I spoke about affordability when I was sworn in as speaker back in June 2023, and the work continues," Rivas said. "(This election) was not about Trump, Republicans, and their policies. It's not about endorsement of Democrats. Our mandate is to do things differently. People want change."

Asked by California Black Media (CBM) how his administration would help Black Californians buy homes and keep the ones they have, Becerra said he was prepared to work with members of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

"Ready to work. What else can I tell you? Ready to work with everybody," Becerra told CBM. "Pretty much every member came up to me and pretty much every member has been known to meet with me in the state Assembly and in the state Senate."

The question comes amid a persistent gap in homeownership. A 2024 Public Policy Institute of California analysis found that 36.6% of Black households in California owned their homes, compared with 64.5% of white households. Housing affordability is a challenge statewide, the institute has reported.

During his campaign, Becerra met with Black leaders in Southern California, including at a South Los Angeles meet-and-greet. A week before the election, he held a Black Community Leaders Reception at Oakstop, a Black-owned business and community space in Oakland. Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee and Ken Maxey, president and CEO of the Urban League of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, attended, along with representatives of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) and other Black-led and Black-serving organizations.

"I've known Xavier, and I know what he will do as governor," Lee said. "He's grounded. He's steady. He listens, and he has been to Oakland and our region several times. He knows us so well. I'm happy he's here one week before the election."



Assembly Speaker Anthony Rivas, Governor-elect Xavier Becerra and Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Monique Limón answer questions from reporters during a post-election press availability at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on Nov. 5, 2026. CBM photo by Antonio Ray Harvey.



California Gov. Gavin Newsom Commutes 548 Death Sentences

While death row commutations by outgoing governors aren't new, Newsom's mass commutation now stands as the largest in American history.

Outgoing California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on Thursday that he's commuting the death sentences of all 548 people incarcerated in the state's death row.

The New York Times reports that Newsom reduced every death sentence to life without parole. This was a move Newsom had been mulling for a while, with the botched execution of Christa Pike playing a role in intensifying his desire to commute the sentences.

"State-sanctioned killing is incompatible with California's values, undermines the foundations of our legal system and diminishes each of us," Newsom wrote in an open letter to California residents. "I know we cannot execute people in our imperfect legal system and remain true to our core values, first among them justice and human decency."

While Newsom isn't the first outgoing governor to commute an entire death row, this mass commutation is the largest in American history. California hasn't executed anyone in 20 years because of a moratorium on the practice, and Governor-elect Xavier Becerra pledged to maintain it.

California has more people on death row than any other state, with Newsom's commutation canceling a fourth of the nation's death sentences. In his letter, Newsom said he struggled with the decision "not because I doubt its necessity for our state but because I know its announcement may surface excruciating memories for victims' families."

Indeed, several family members of people killed by someone on California's death row have spoken out against Newsom's decision. Marc Klaas, the father of Polly Klaas, a 12-year-old girl who was kidnapped and murdered, was angered by the commutation.

"We're talking about serial killers, spree killers, cop killers, baby killers," Klaas told The Times. "We're talking about absolutely the worst people in our society, without a doubt. And he's putting his energy into commuting these characters?"

Anne Marie Schubert, a former Sacramento district attorney, sent Newsom a letter that included pictures of people killed by those on death row and detailed descriptions of how they died. Schubert said she spoke with the families of those victims before sending the letter.

"These are people that have suffered unimaginable losses and were given some sense of finality through the justice system," Schubert said in an interview before Newsom's commutation. "That is all being reopened and rehashed."

The commutation isn't expected to go down without a challenge. Groups in favor of the death penalty are expected to file a lawsuit against the move, claiming that commutations must be made on a case-by-case basis. Shasta County District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett spoke out against the move in an interview with KRCR.

"I completely disagree with it," Bridgett told the outlet. "Gov. Gavin Newsom has chosen his own ambition, his own opinions, over what the voters have clearly said at multiple elections."

Conversely, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has come out in support of Newsom's decision.

"These commutations reflect what justice demands: an end to a racist, error-prone, and inhumane punishment that has burdened California for far too long," ACLU executive director Anthony Romero said in a statement. "By taking this step, Gov. Newsom has affirmed that the death penalty has no place in California and he showed real courage by confronting racialized injustice head-on."

As mentioned earlier, Newsom is leaving office at the end of the year and is currently mulling a campaign for president. While some have argued that this move could hurt Newsom with voters, Democratic pollster Celinda Lake argues that this will help Newsom with Democrats and Black voters who are historically against the death penalty.

Black Voters Gave Democrats Their Strongest Support in the 2026 Midterms

With Grocery Bills and Rent Driving the Vote

By OGNSC Staff

Black voters supported Democrats more firmly than any other racial or ethnic group in the Nov. 3 midterm elections, defying predictions that the party had lost this crucial voting bloc, a national survey found.

About 85 out of every 100 Black voters chose Democrats for the U.S. House, according to Henry Fernandez, CEO of the African American Research Collaborative, which conducted the 2026 midterm election voter poll with BSP Research.

"After a 2024 cycle with a lot of talk about erosion of the support of Democrats by Black voters, Black voters delivered the Democratic Party's strongest numbers once again in 2026," Fernandez said.

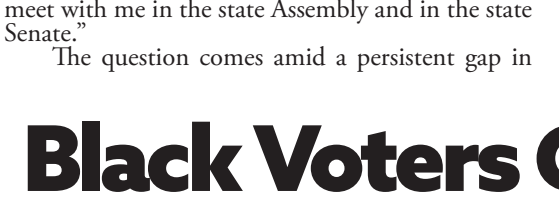
The survey included responses from more than 10,000 voters.

By comparison, about two-thirds of Latino and Asian American voters backed Democrats, as did nearly six in 10 Native American voters. White voters leaned Republican, though by a smaller amount than before.

"People of color were the backbone of the massive Democratic success," Fernandez said.

Young Black men and Trump voters

Support was strongest among older Black women. More than nine in 10 Black women ages 40 and older voted for Democrats.



2026 Midterm Election Voter Poll

Young Black men, ages 18 to 39, were the least supportive group, but even there, about seven in 10 chose Democrats.

"Work can be done to grow support among younger African Americans," Fernandez said.

The pollsters also tested the idea that President Donald Trump had won over young Black men in 2024. Across all races, about nine in 10 Trump voters stuck with Republicans this year. Only about one in 10 switched to Democrats.

Black Trump voters were different. More than one in three of them voted for Democrats this time, and so did nearly three in 10 young Black men who had backed Trump.

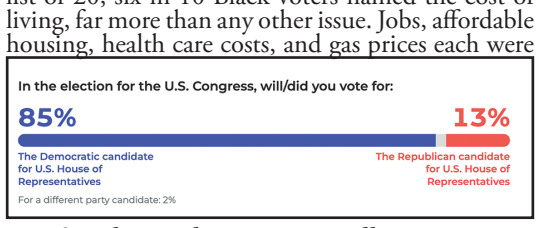
"This is a major shift, and significant work was done to achieve this," Fernandez said.

About three in four Black voters disapprove of how Trump is confronting out-of-pocket expenses such as the price of groceries, the economy, and immigration enforcement. His lowest marks came on the war with Iran, where only about one in six approved.

"There is, frankly, no issue we tested where Trump gets above a quarter of Black voters," Fernandez said.

Kitchen-table concerns

Asked to pick their top three issues from a list of 20, six in 10 Black voters named the cost of living, far more than any other issue. Jobs, affordable housing, health care costs, and gas prices each were



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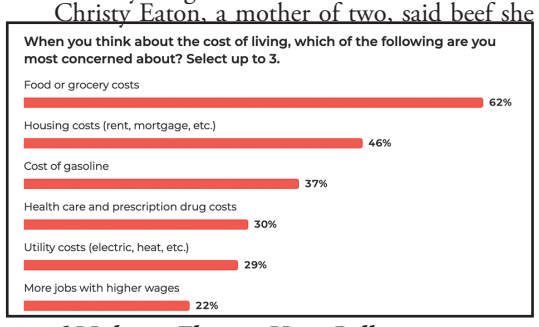
next.

"These are folks' everyday bills, and that's where Black voters are certainly feeling the squeeze," Fernandez said.

That squeeze is familiar in Bakersfield.

In May, 23ABC News reported that sisters Eva and Christy Eaton, shopping at African Boutique for a work-event dress, said paying bills leaves little room for anything else.

Christy Eaton, a mother of two, said beef she



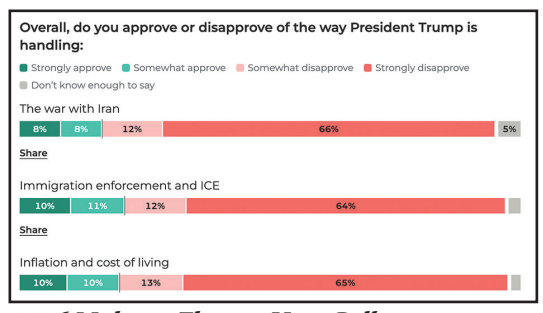
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once bought for several meals no longer stretches.

"Now you can barely feed four people with that," she told the station. A local business owner told the station that some customers must choose between feeding their children and buying hair products.

Local food banks have felt it too. In March 2025, Kelly Lowery, who runs the Community Action Partnership of Kern food bank, told 23ABC that demand had more than doubled in two years because of inflation and food costs, with visits rising from about 92,000 a month in early 2023 to more than 200,000.

The Bakersfield News Observer reported in May that about 7,000 students a month line up at Bakersfield College's Renegade Pantry, with some



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skipping class to wait. At the time, state lawmakers were considering cutting the Cal Food program, which helps stock the pantry through CAPK, from $80 million to $8 million.

Voting rights and civil rights

More than eight in 10 Black voters support passing a new Voting Rights Act. Nearly three in four worry their voting rights are under attack and that it is getting harder for people like them to vote.

Asked whether civil rights, such as free speech, equal treatment and the right to vote, are safe since Trump returned to office, more than eight in 10 Black voters said those rights are either gone or at risk. Only one in 10 said they are secure.

Fernandez said Black voters' views are similar nationwide, partly because most Black families have Southern roots. He pointed to Black candidates winning statewide offices across the South. Fernandez said fears about voting and civil rights helped drive turnout, but years of groundwork made the wins possible.

"These wins happen after real work is done on the ground, and usually after there have been a couple of losses by good candidates who did the work to build infrastructure and to make people believe it was possible," he said.

Black immigrants

A separate summer survey of immigrants, presented by Kica Matos, president of the National Immigration Law Center, found that nearly half of Black immigrants worry that a family member or close friend could be deported.

At an October rally at the Bakersfield Marriott, home care workers with SEIU Local 2015 who fear federal Medicaid cuts to their pay and the people they care for backed Democrats Randy Villegas and Xavier Becerra and vowed to hold them to their promises.

"The way that we hold people accountable is not with our fists. We do it with our ballots," union President Arnulfo de la Cruz said.

"What checked this administration was the voters," Fernandez said in closing.

Full national results are available at 2026electionpoll.us.

World & Nation

New NAACP Report Warns AI Could Deepen Health Disparities in Black Communities

Every day, Americans put about 50 million health questions to Microsoft's Copilot and Bing. More than eight in 10 physicians say they already use AI in their work and believe that proof of safety for these tools is essential. According to a new NAACP report, the emerging technology has quietly become part of how healthcare gets delivered in this country. But the nation's largest civil rights organization is warning that Black communities may be at risk of being left behind or even harmed by it.

The NAACP and the pharmaceutical company Sanofi released "AI Fluency is a Challenge on Both Sides of the Exam Room" during the AfroTech Conference 2026 in Houston. It is the third installment of the groups' ACE Your Health StoryMap series, an interactive, data-driven look at how AI, internet access and long-standing healthcare inequities are shaping the future of health in Black America.

The report warns that new technology does not instantly erase old gaps on its own.

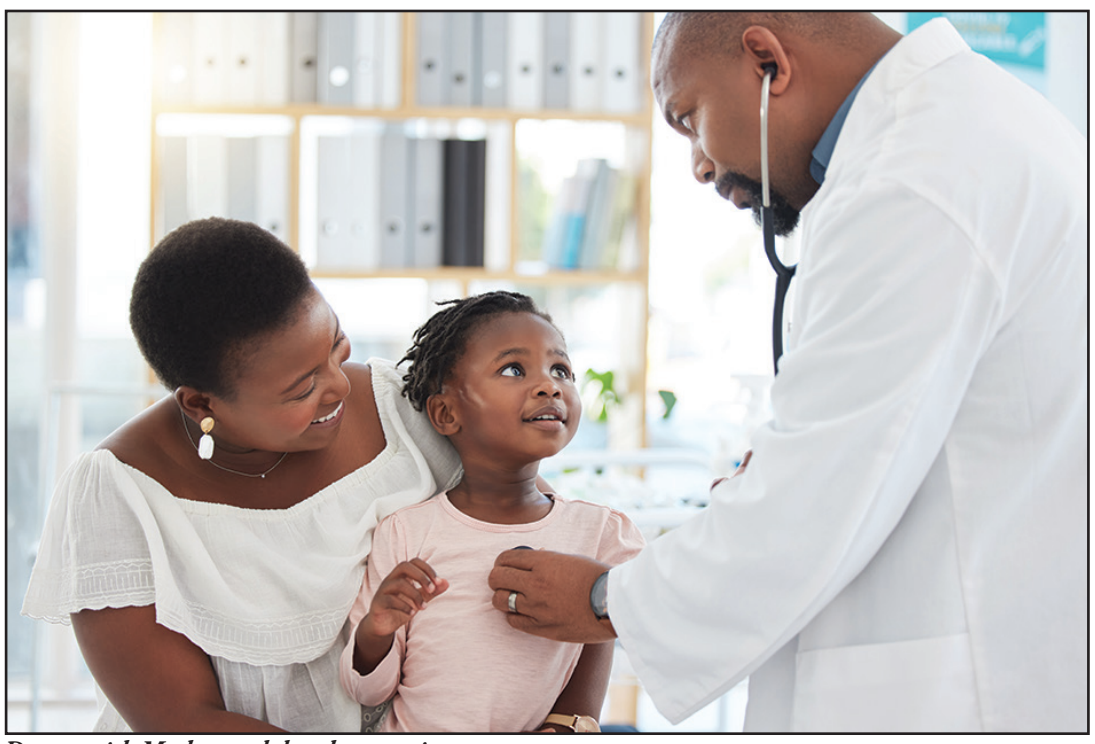
"Too many Black communities continue to face healthcare deserts, provider shortages, clinic closures, inadequate internet access, and concerns about racial bias," said Dr. Chris T. Pernell, Director of the NAACP Center for Health Equity. "If these gaps remain unaddressed, AI could inadvertently widen existing healthcare disparities instead of helping close them. Equity and fairness must be intentionally designed into the future of healthcare AI from the very beginning, not as patchwork fixes."

The numbers show why. Nineteen percent of people who use AI for health information say they turned to it because they could not afford to see a provider, according to the report. Black adults are significantly more likely than White adults to use AI for mental health advice.

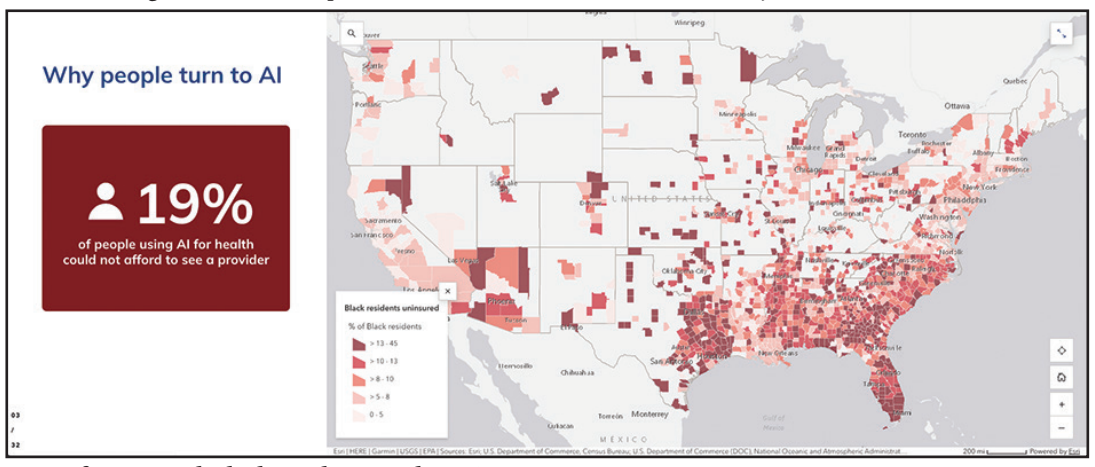
Meanwhile, the report finds, the health system many Black Americans rely on remains hard to reach. One in three Americans lives in a healthcare desert. In the Mississippi Delta, all 154,000 Black residents live more than 25 miles from a hospital rated four or five stars. About 3.8 million Black Americans live in homes without a broadband subscription, which limits their access to digital health tools and AI-enabled resources. Safety-net providers are likewise concerned about having access to these tools due to limited funding and training in their systems.

Trust may be the toughest barrier, says the NAACP. Nearly two-thirds of Black adults believe racial bias remains a major problem in healthcare, the report found, and one-third expect AI to make that bias worse.

The findings draw on the ACE Your Health initiative, national datasets and input from nearly 23,000 community members across 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The initiative launched in 2024 as a collaboration between the NAACP and Sanofi, which describes itself as an R&D driven, AI-powered biopharma company. The StoryMap follows the NAACP's AI White Paper on designing AI for health equity and its Policy Framework for Equitable Health AI.



Doctor with Mother and daughter, patient



Map of uninsured Black residents in the U.S.

"Scientific innovation is transforming healthcare in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago, but innovation must be matched by intentional efforts to expand access, build trust, and address barriers that prevent communities from fully benefiting from these advances," said Tanisha M. Sullivan, Head of External Engagement & Health Equity Strategy at Sanofi.

She added that pharmaceutical companies should do more than develop breakthrough medicines and technologies. "Pharmaceutical companies have an important role to play, not only in developing breakthrough medicines and technologies, but also in partnering with community organizations, healthcare providers, and policymakers to ensure those innovations reach the people who need them most, ensuring no community gets left behind."

The report also lays out steps communities can take, including expanding broadband adoption, building AI fluency and digital skills, strengthening community-based health education and advocating for equitable technology policies. It also invites community members to add their voices to the StoryMap.

Eight Black Women Win Georgia Statewide Offices

By The VOICE News Service
Black Press USA Wire

Georgia voters elected eight Democratic women to statewide offices Nov. 3, giving women seven of the state's eight major executive positions and a seat on its utility regulatory commission.

The winners are:

Keisha Lance Bottoms: Governor

Penny Brown Reynolds: Secretary of state

Tanya Miller: Attorney general

Keisha Sean Waites: Insurance and safety fire commissioner

Nikki Porcher: Labor commissioner

Katherine Juhan-Arnold: Agriculture commissioner

Lydia Powell: State school superintendent

Shelia Edwards: Public Service Commission, District 5.

Brown Reynolds, a lawyer and former Fulton County judge, defeated Republican Tim Fleming to become the first Black woman elected Georgia secretary of state. She succeeds Republican Brad Raffensperger, who ran unsuccessfully for governor. The office gained national attention after Donald Trump pressured Raffensperger in a January 2021 phone call to "find 11,780 votes" to overturn his Georgia defeat. Raffensperger refused. Brown Reynolds will now serve as the state's top elections official.

Miller, a state representative and former federal and county prosecutor, defeated Republican Brian Strickland to become Georgia's first Black female attorney general. Waites, a former Atlanta city councilor and state representative, unseated Republican Insurance Commissioner John King.



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In Memorium:

Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor of Essence and Ms. Magazines, Dies at 82

By By Post Staff
Oakland Post

Marcia Anna Gillespie, the first editor in chief of Essence magazine, has died. She was 82.

Born in Rockville Centre, New York, in 1944. The daughter of a church sexton/small business owner and domestic worker/caterer, Gillespie parlayed her degree in American studies from Illinois's Lake Forest College into a research job at Time-Life Books, Inc. in New York.

There she advocated for fairness and inclusion of Black life in its publications. When the owners of the standard bearer of Black life, Ebony magazine, ventured into creating a special publication for young, Black women, Gillespie was hired as managing editor in 1970, and became editor-in-chief a year later at the young age of 26.

At the time, the venture by the Johnson family – the owners of Ebony magazine and Jet – into creating a publication for young Black women met the growing revolution of self-love in the Black community.

In other words, the battle cry of the late 1960s, "Black is Beautiful," had a place to be seen and not just heard.

Thousands of young women who had already abandoned straightening combs and European aesthetics learned more ways to wear their natural hair from Afros to cornrows. Young Black designers got a place in the spotlight not just in clothing but jewelry that expressed neo-African ideals. But one of the most important impacts was the magazine's unapologetic elevation of the beauty of the dark-skinned Black female to the status she deserved.

Under Gillepie's tenure, Essence championed storytelling that celebrated Black women's identities, experiences, and contributions at a time when their voices were often overlooked in mainstream media," Essence wrote in a statement posted to Instagram

For 10 years she steered the fledgling publication before joining Ms. Magazine as a contributor in 1980 later becoming the first Black woman to edit a mainstream American magazine when she took charge in 1992.

In 1998, she helped secure the publication's future through a women-led ownership group. She stayed at Ms. In various capacities until 2001, during which time the magazine had the most diverse readership in its history.

She also mentored future Essence editor Susan L. Taylor and taught young journalists at SUNY Old Westbury.

Emmy-winning actor Sheryl Lee Ralph took to social media to honor Gillespie's life.

"Rest in peace, dear Marcia Gillespie," she wrote on Threads. "Your voice, your brilliance, and your commitment to lifting up Black women leaves a legacy that will continue to inspire me and so many others."

A professor at SUNY Old Westbury and Bennett College, she also co-authored the authorized biography "Maya Angelou: A Glorious Celebration" in 2008.

According to Wikipedia, she also served on various boards as a director or advisor, including: "…the Arthur Ashe Institute of Urban Health, the Black & Jewish Women of New York, the Violence Policy Center in Washington, D.C., Aspen Institute, …and the Studio Museum of Harlem. Gillespie is a member of the National Council of Negro Women and the American Association of Magazine Editors."

She was the recipient of several awards, including: the Lake Forest College Outstanding Alumni Award (1973), the New York Women in Communications Matrix Award (1978); a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Association of Black Journalists for print journalism (1982); a 'Top Ten Outstanding Women in Magazine Publishing' recognition by the March of Dimes.

In later years she was inducted into the American Society of Magazine Editors' Hall of Fame (2002); the NAACP President's Award (2006) and the Barbara Graves Legacy Award at the Black Enterprise Women of Power Summit in 2017.



Marcia Ann Gillespie. Facebook photo.

The conclusion for her online obituary reads: "She leaves behind a legacy written not just in the pages she edited, but in every editor, journalist, and reader who found themselves — finally — in the stories she chose to tell."

Entertainment

Toukie Smith, Trailblazing Model and Actress on '227', Dies at 74

The famed model walked for numerous fashion houses in the 1970s before transitioning into acting. A longtime partner of Robert De Niro, she is survived by their twins, Airyn and Julian.

By Brandon Caldwell

Toukie Smith, a model who walked runways for the likes of Chanel, Thierry Mugler and Hubert de Givenchy while starring alongside Marla Gibbs on the sitcom "227," has died. She was 74.

Her twins, Airyn and Julian, whom she shared with actor Robert De Niro, confirmed she died on Nov. 4 in a New York hospital after a "long, courageous battle" with multiple sclerosis, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Born Doris A. Smith in 1952, Smith adopted the stage name "Toukie" from a childhood nickname her grandmother gave her after listening to a song "about a little red fire engine with lots of energy."



"I've always had lots of energy," she told the Los Angeles Times in a 1990 profile highlighting her career. At the time, she was planning an AIDS tribute to her brother, fashion designer Willi Smith, who died from complications of the disease at the age of 39 in 1987.

"Willi always had fun with fashion," Smith said of her brother at the time. "He had a special energy and a love of keeping clothes from being too serious. He also totally designed for the masses."

Her modeling career soon took off after she graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in 1972, as she landed on the pages of Ebony, Vogue, Cosmopolitan and Seventeen. In 1978, Bloomingdale's named her its Model of the Year. However, she believed she was destined for more than fashion runways and transitioned into acting in the 1980s.

In 1987-88, she joined the cast of "Miami Vice" as Angie, a recurring character who served as the assistant to pop singer Caitlin Davies (Sheena Easton) in three episodes.

In 1989, she became a fixture on "227" opposite Marla Gibbs as Eva Rawley, an artist who moves into the Lexington Palace building where Gibbs' Mary Jenkins served as the landlord. Although Eva managed the building for a spell, she and Gibbs would share screen time for the beloved comedy for two seasons before it wrapped in 1990.

Her filmography includes roles in 1991's "Talkin' Dirty After Dark," opposite Martin Lawrence and John Witherspoon, and 1996's "The Preacher's Wife" opposite Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston and Courtney B. Vance.

Smith is the second notable member of the "227" cast to pass away this year. Hal Williams, who played the family patriarch, Lester Jenkins, died in July.

Dave Chappelle Said He Would Test Cancel Culture. His Charlie Kirk Joke May Have Done Just That

The backlash over Chappelle's performance has revived scrutiny of Tony Hinchcliffe's similar joke about Floyd and the standards applied to comedians.



By Kay Wicker

Just weeks after Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at Utah Valley University in October 2025, Dave Chappelle joked during an appearance at Saudi Arabia's Riyadh Comedy Festival that discussing the slain right-wing commentator in America could get you canceled. Well, more than a year later, the comedian appears to have just tested the theory.

"I feel f— up saying this. It's scary being a public speaker. Ever since that guy Charlie Kirk got murdered, and I shouldn't say this publicly, but I feel better," he told the crowd in footage circulating online.

He continued, "I know I shouldn't say that, but it's just a feeling. I didn't ask to feel this way," before joking about driving around in a good mood and suddenly remembering why.

Later, he added, "I'm sure Charlie Kirk is looking up at us right now, laughing so hard he can't breathe."

The latter joke may sound familiar to anyone who watched Netflix's "The Roast of Kevin Hart" in May, when comedian Tony Hinchcliffe delivered a nearly identical punchline about George Floyd, who was murdered by Minneapolis police in 2020.

As the clips continue to circulate online, drawing backlash from Kirk's widow, Erika Kirk, Elon Musk, Piers Morgan, and more, the controversy is reigniting a complex conversation about double standards in comedy and American culture and who has the right to make certain jokes.

Part of why Kirk's supporters have been particularly incensed by Chappelle's remarks is because Kirk actually publicly defended the comedian after he himself was attacked onstage in 2022. At the time, Kirk condemned Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón's decision not to pursue felony charges against the man who rushed Chappelle during a performance at the Hollywood Bowl.

"By refusing to charge the armed maniac who attacked Dave Chappelle on stage, George Gascon is sending a clear message that public acts of political violence are justifiable—and even encouraged—against anyone who dares speak out against The Regime," Kirk wrote in a post on X. "It's Sinister & Un-American."

In response to Chappelle, Morgan called the latest remarks "disgusting" and especially troubling given his own experience with violence. Meanwhile, Erika condemned comedians and commentators who treat political assassination as entertainment, without calling anyone out by name.

Now, it's true that Hinchcliffe faced backlash of his own after his joke about Floyd. During the special, he of course also joked that Floyd was looking down from the afterlife, laughing so hard he couldn't breathe, a direct reference to Floyd's final pleas as a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck. While the joke drew widespread criticism, including from Floyd's family, Hart defended Hinchcliffe's right to make it.

At the same time, the somewhat relentless jokes about Floyd's murder have also had consequences for his family. Following the roast, a spokesperson for the Gianna and George Floyd Foundation said Floyd's daughter, Gianna, had experienced bullying at school in part because modern culture doesn't take his death seriously.

Neither Floyd's murder nor Kirk's assassination is a laughing matter for their families. Yet the similarities between the two jokes invite an uncomfortable question about whether audiences are responding to the cruelty of the punchline itself or the identity of the person on the receiving end. And while appeals to stop making Floyd's death a punchline have done little to stop the jokes, public commentary about Kirk has had serious consequences for people, including Karen Attiah, a former Washington Post opinion columnist who was fired in September 2025 after posting online about not wanting to publicly mourn Kirk following his death.

While she did not celebrate his killing or make light of it, the newspaper accused her of violating its social media policies and engaging in misconduct. An independent arbitrator ruled in August that the Post lacked sufficient cause to fire her and ordered her reinstatement with back pay. However, on Sunday, Nov. 8, Attiah announced that she had reached a settlement with the newspaper and would not be returning because she no longer felt confident she would have the freedom and institutional support necessary to do her work.

Chappelle, meanwhile, has spent much of his career testing the limits of what comedians can say on stage. However, it's also worth noting that his latest remarks have reached audiences in a way he may not have intended. His Madison Square Garden performances were advertised as cellphone-free, yet here we have unauthorized recordings circulating online, separating the jokes from the rest of his routine.

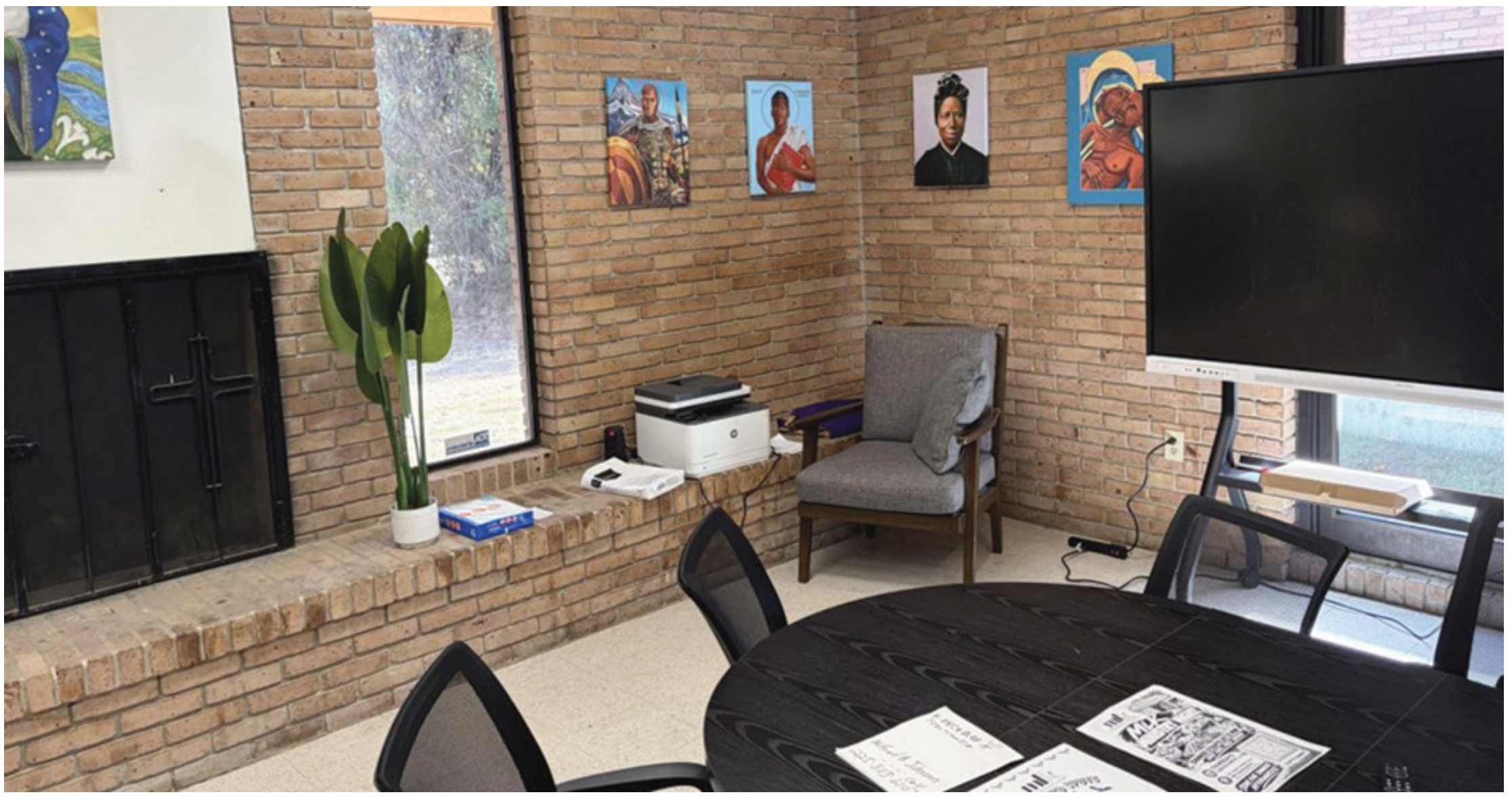
The comedian has previously spoken about how Kirk's assassination affected him, acknowledging in his December 2025 Netflix special, "The Unstoppable," that the killing frightened him as someone who makes a living speaking publicly. Whether his latest jokes were intended as a commentary on the different reactions to Kirk's and Floyd's deaths remains unclear, but at least he did offer something of a fair warning.

"Right now in America, they say that if you talk about Charlie Kirk, you'll get canceled," he said in October 2025 during the Riyadh Comedy Festival. "I don't know if that's true, but I'm gonna find out."

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Features



New Computer Lab Adds to MLK Catholic Student Center's Sense of Home

By Brianna Meeks, Staff Writer
Black Press USA Wire

Madison Holmes wanted to leave Southern University. Now, she calls the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center home.

The center's new computer lab has become one of the places where Holmes feels calm, supported and connected to campus life. Holmes said she struggled with being away from her support system in Pass Christian, Mississippi, while also managing difficult classes. At the time, transferring closer to home seemed like a better option.

She recalled going to the library one day to print a lab report and finding a long line at the printer. "I was like, 'Oh, wait. I know where I can go,'" Holmes said. "So, I came here and printed out my lab report, and then I took it to class." Her experience is one example of how the center provides students with a place to turn when they need support.

The computer lab opened in October after the project began in August 2026. An anonymous private benefactor provided funding that helped pay for the lab and other improvements throughout the building.

The Rev. Thomas F. Clark, chaplain of the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center, said the center aims to support students as they adjust to college life away from home. "You realize that when you're away from home for the first time, you're trying to make your way," Clark said.

According to Clark, students often expressed the need for additional study space. Others shared concerns about unreliable laptops or computer crashes, concerns that ultimately helped shape the decision to add a computer lab.

The lab is one of several resources available to students. The center also provides Wi-Fi, study space and approximately 50 meals every Thursday at 5 p.m. Located across from Bethune Hall, the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center has served Southern University students for decades.

According to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, Father Rawlin B. Enette advocated for a stronger Catholic presence at Southern in the late 1960s. Construction on the center began in 1969 after land was donated by a university official.

Originally known as the Newman Center, the building was later renamed the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center. Southern University art professor Frank Hayden also created religious artwork for the facility.

While the center provides practical resources, it also offers students a place to slow down, reflect and feel supported. For Holmes, Clark is part of that support system. "I do think that Father Clark is a safe space and a person I could go to," Holmes said.

That sense of availability is intentional. Clark said students sometimes stop by with personal concerns or during times of stress. They talk and, in some cases, pray together as he helps students navigate the semester.

"We just feel that we can add to that support by being available and providing a warm and friendly place," Clark said. As students navigate the challenges of college life, the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center continues to offer a place of support, community and encouragement. For Holmes, it has become a home away from home.

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Interior shots of the newly create computer lab.Based on reporting by Southern University - SouthernDIGEST.

How the Sandwich Generation Can Help Protect Aging Parents' Finances

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Planning and scam prevention tips for caregivers balancing kids and parents

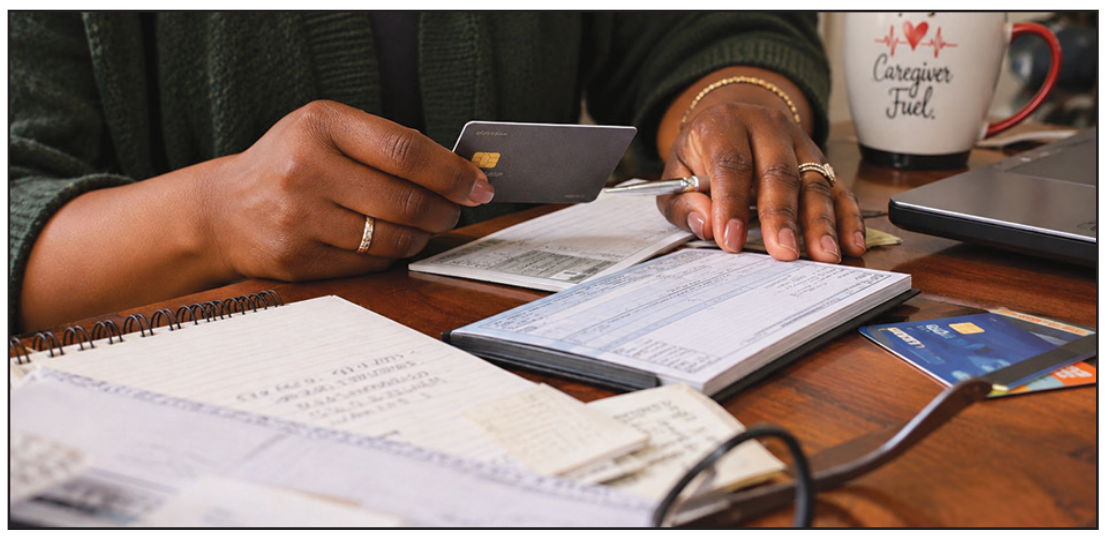
If you're raising children while also supporting an older parent, you're likely managing schedules, healthcare needs, day-to-day decisions and even finances. People in this group are often called the "sandwich generation," which now encompasses one in four adults in the U.S.

Women also often carry a disproportionate share of this responsibility: three in five family caregivers are women. Women are more likely to report physical, emotional and financial strain from caregiving, which can make it harder to protect their own well-being and long-term financial security.

For the sandwich generation, the holidays can be a natural time to talk with parents about money, including how to protect their finances from scams. November is Chase Fraud & Scam Prevention Month – designed to help people recognize common scams, avoid in-the-moment mistakes and better protect their money and personal information.

Here are some tips to keep in mind.

Check In and Make a Plan



Brianna Meeks

Finances can be incredibly personal, and many parents worry that accepting help means losing independence. Start by framing the conversation around peace of mind and organization – not control.

Check in on your finances and long-term plan, too. You'll be better equipped to care for others when your own financial foundation is secure.

Also consider helping your parents create a "financial snapshot." J.P. Morgan Wealth Management's guide for supporting aging parents outlines a few considerations:

Location of key accounts: banking, investments, retirement, credit cards, insurance

How bills and recurring expenses are paid

Whether beneficiaries are up to date

Where important documents are stored and who has access

Then ask what goals matter most in the years ahead: staying in their home, supporting family, traveling, planning for healthcare or leaving a legacy. Goals can evolve, so revisit them periodically. Planning tools can help – like J.P. Morgan Wealth Plan, a free digital money coach in the Chase Mobile® app or at chase.com.

A financial advisor can help create a plan tailored to you and your parents' needs. An estate planning attorney can document your parents' wishes, including who may act if they cannot make decisions themselves.

Understand Common Scams

Scammers often use urgency, fear, secrecy or affection to pressure people into acting quickly. Recognizing these tactics can help you and your family spot red flags sooner. Common scams include:

Investment scams: Promises of high or "guaranteed" returns with little risk.

Tech support scams: Requests for payment or remote device access.

Impersonation scams: Messages impersonating trusted organizations or loved ones, asking for money, passwords, account details or other personal information.

Romance scams: Online relationships that lead to requests for money.

Chase hosts more than 1,000 free fraud and scam prevention workshops annually, including hundreds across all lower 48 states throughout November.

Stay Proactive and Vigilant

If you or a loved one suspects a scam, slow down and stop communicating with the individual immediately. Contact your bank through a trusted channel to review recent transactions and report the incident to appropriate authorities.

Also consider a few simple steps for protection:

"Trusted Contact Person": Designate a trusted adult who may be notified about certain online wire activity.

Tech tips: Use unique passwords, multifactor authentication and account alerts, keep devices updated and monitor accounts regularly for unusual activity.

Behavior changes: Watch for secrecy around finances, unusual transactions, unexpected changes to financial documents or pressure from new acquaintances.

You're Not Alone

Caregiving is demanding, and it shouldn't be a solo effort. Build a support system – which can include family, friends and professionals such as healthcare providers, attorneys and financial advisors. A thoughtful conversation now can help your parents stay organized and protected in the future.

For free educational resources on planning for yourself and loved ones, visit chase.com/theknow

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Keisha Lance Bottoms to Govern State Where Her Great-Great-Grandfather Was Enslaved

By RTM Newsroom
Black Press USA Wire

Georgia Gov.-elect Keisha Lance Bottoms is preparing to lead the same state where her great-great-grandfather was enslaved. Sheppard Peek was listed in an 1860 inventory of a white man's possessions in Crawfordville, Georgia, with an assigned value of $1,400, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC).

On Monday (November 2), just one day before the election, Bottoms returned to Crawfordville, where she spoke with approximately 100 Black voters before visiting the grave of her great-great-grandmother, Betsy Peek. Bottoms knelt at Betsy's grave and wept, the AJC reported.

"My grandmother would tell me the story of her parents packing them up in a horse and buggy and making their way to Atlanta," Bottoms told the newspaper. "All of our stories can be told."

The following day, Bottoms made history becoming the first Black woman elected governor in the United States. Her victory also made her Georgia's first Black governor and its first female governor.

Before entering the gubernatorial race, Bottoms served as Atlanta's mayor from 2018 to 2022 and worked as a senior adviser in former President Joe Biden's administration.

She secured the Democratic nomination in May after receiving more than 50% of the primary vote, BIN previously reported.

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Political



Political Playback: California Capitol News You Might Have Missed

California State Capitol in Sacramento. CBM file photo.

By Bo Tefu
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California Legislature: Dolores Huerta Will Lie in Honor at State Capitol on Nov. 16

Dolores Huerta, the labor and civil rights leader who helped transform conditions for farmworkers and collaborated with Black activists and civil rights leaders, will lie in honor at the California State Capitol on Nov. 16, legislative leaders announced.

The public may pay respects from noon to 6 p.m. in the Capitol rotunda, Senate President pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) said.

A midday program is planned, with details to be announced.

Huerta died Oct. 28 at her Bakersfield home after battling cancer. She was 96. Her death prompted tributes from across the country.

Born in 1930 in Dawson, New Mexico, Huerta became an organizer in California's Central Valley. In 1962, she co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with César Chávez; it later became the United Farm Workers. She helped lead the Delano grape strike and nationwide grape boycott, drawing attention to farmworkers' low wages and harsh conditions.

Her organizing helped secure passage of California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which established farmworkers' right to collective bargaining. Huerta also advocated for women's equality, immigrant rights and environmental justice. Her rallying cry, "¡Sí, se puede!" — "Yes, we can" — became a movement slogan. In 2012, President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2003, she founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation to organize communities and develop local leaders.

"Dolores negotiated my grandfather's first union contract at Almaden Vineyards," Rivas said. "She brought to that bargaining table what she brought to every fight: the conviction that farmworkers deserved fair pay, dignity and a say in the conditions under which they worked."

Public memorial events are scheduled in Bakersfield. A rosary and vigil will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at IBEW Local 428 Hall, 3921 Sillect Ave., for "prayer, reflection and quiet remembrance," the Foundation said.

On Nov. 20, events at Dignity Health Arena, 1001 Truxtun Ave., will begin at 8 a.m. with a blessing by Aztec dancers, followed by an interfaith memorial service at 10 a.m. A celebration of life at 2 p.m. will include speakers from labor, public office, cultural communities and community organizing, and a live performance by Los Lobos.

Gov. Newsom: Capital Punishment is Inconsistent With California Values; Public Safety Goals

Gov. Gavin Newsom says capital punishment is inconsistent with the state's legal values and public safety goals, defending his decision to commute all 548 death sentences to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

In an open letter released Nov. 5, Newsom argued that California's death penalty system is deeply flawed and cannot ensure fair or consistent justice. He said the decision followed consultations with victims' families, survivors, public safety experts, religious and civil rights leaders, prison wardens and jurors.

"I know we cannot execute people in our imperfect legal system and remain true to our core values, first among them justice and human decency," Newsom stated.

He also criticized the fairness of the state's system, saying, "By every measure, California's system for administering the death penalty is a failure. It has not been and cannot be fairly applied and has resulted in the conviction of innocent people."



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Newsom said he considered the impact of the decision on victims' families and acknowledged that some would view the commutations as a denial of justice. However, he argued that life without parole is the most severe punishment he can lawfully impose and ethically enforce. He also expressed concern that drawing distinctions among categories of murder cases could create unequal treatment for victims and their families.

The commutations will not release any prisoners or make them eligible for parole. California's death penalty law will also remain in place, allowing prosecutors to continue seeking death sentences. However, 382 of the commutations require approval from the California Supreme Court because the prisoners were convicted of multiple felonies.

The announcement has drawn sharply divided reactions. Some victims' relatives and prosecutors criticized the decision, while others, including Jess Nichol, the stepsister of Polly Klaas – the 12-year-old Petaluma girl who was abducted and murdered in 1993 – welcomed it. Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen supported the move, citing concerns about racial bias and the unequal application of the death penalty. San Mateo County District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe opposed it.

"As Governor, I alone bear responsibility for this decision and its impact, just as I alone would bear responsibility for each execution," Newsom stated.

Assemblymember Lori Wilson Speaks Out on Mass Shooting in Her District

Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson (D-Suisun City) has spoken out following a deadly shooting at a Spirit Halloween store in Fairfield that left a pregnant woman dead and six others wounded, expressing condolences to the victims and their families while calling on the community to support one another.

In an Instagram post, Wilson said the shooting had shaken the community and acknowledged the lasting impact of gun violence on those affected.

"Our community was rocked by gun violence," Wilson stated. "Sadly, we are not alone in experiencing the devastating impact of these senseless acts of violence, but that does not make the pain or trauma any less profound."

The shooting occurred Friday, Oct. 30, inside the Spirit Halloween store at Solano Town Center. Police said seven people were shot in what investigators described as a targeted incident involving one suspect.

The woman who died was identified as 31-year-old Constance Hages, who was pregnant. Three male victims, ages 16, 19, and 32, were reported in critical condition, while a 23-year-old man was hospitalized in critical but stable condition. Two other men, ages 19 and 43, were treated and released.

Wilson thanked local first responders for their swift response and acknowledged the support of state and federal partners as the investigation continued. She also expressed sympathy for those injured and for Hages' family and loved ones.

"My heart breaks for everyone who experienced this tragedy firsthand, for those who were injured, and for the families and loved ones grieving a loss," she stated. "As a community, we must come together to support one another, surround those impacted with compassion, and prayerfully work toward healing and wholeness."

The investigation has since led to the arrest of a 17-year-old boy. Fairfield police said a school resource officer identified the suspect after reviewing surveillance footage. Authorities arrested him Monday following a SWAT operation at a home in Suisun City.

The Solano County District Attorney's Office announced that the teenager would be charged as an adult. He faces two counts of murder, three counts of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a semiautomatic weapon, and multiple firearm enhancements. Police believe another customer was the intended target of the shooting.

The investigation remains ongoing as the 17-year-old suspect faces adult charges.

As Fairfield mourns Hages and those injured recover, Wilson urged residents to support one another and help the community heal.

Bonta, 44 Other AGs Unite to Fight Bullying, Protect Kids Online

California Attorney General Rob Bonta has joined 44 other attorneys general in urging Congress to pass federal legislation that would strengthen online safety protections for children, including safeguards against cyberbullying and harmful social media features.

In a letter to congressional leaders, the bipartisan coalition reaffirmed its support for the Senate version of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) also known as S. 748 and called on the House of Representatives to pass the measure.

The attorneys general said investigations into major social media companies found that platforms used design features that encouraged addictive behavior among children while documenting the resulting mental health harms. They also cited lawsuits against companies including Meta and a recently announced $17 billion multistate settlement that requires the company to introduce additional protections for young users.

"Congress must act to ensure that our children receive the protections they deserve across all online platforms," the attorneys general stated, warning that lawmakers must also prepare for potential harms from emerging artificial intelligence products.

Bonta said federal legislation should establish minimum protections while allowing states to adopt stronger safeguards.

"Federal action is critical to keep kids safe online," Bonta said in a statement. "The Senate's KOSA legislation creates a federal floor of baseline protections states can build off of, while still allowing states like California to have stronger safeguards in place."

The Senate bill would establish a duty of care requiring social media companies to take reasonable steps to prevent and reduce harm to users under 18. It would also set minimum safety standards for social media and gaming platforms while preserving states' authority to enact and enforce stronger child protection laws.

The attorneys general raised concerns about the House version, H.R. 6484, arguing that its preemption provisions could limit states' ability to introduce or enforce laws addressing online harms.

California has already enacted legislation targeting addictive social media features and requiring warning labels on platforms used by children and teenagers. The state has also pursued legal action against major technology companies over allegations that their platforms were designed to keep young users engaged despite known risks to their mental and physical health.

To Help Save Hollywood, Gov. Newsom Proposes $1 Billion Film and Television Tax Credit

Gov. Gavin Newsom is proposing to increase California's annual film and television tax credit from $750 million to at least $1 billion, in another effort to attract productions and retain entertainment industry jobs in the state.

Announced in Hollywood, the proposed expansion would make above-the-line talent eligible for tax credits, increase funding for independent films to $100 million annually and offer additional incentives to companies that commit to producing multiple projects in California.

The plan would also extend the program through 2040 and require state approval before taking effect.

"California created the modern entertainment industry; we're the capital of entertainment and we're going to keep it here," said Newsom. "At least $1 billion in tax credits means more investment flowing into our economy and more opportunity across the industry."

The proposal follows last year's expansion, which increased the program's annual funding from $330 million to $750 million. According to the governor's office, applications increased 82% in the first year of the expanded program.

The administration also reported $8.25 billion in direct production spending, including $5.3 billion in qualified expenditures and $3.2 billion in qualified wages. The program supported more than 43,000 cast and crew jobs, while film shoot days increased 52% year over year and television shoot days rose more than 7%.

Dee Dee Myers, Newsom's senior adviser and director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), said the proposed increase would help California compete for productions and investment.

"A $1 billion California Film and TV Tax Credit would strengthen California's creative industries, support more good-paying jobs, and keep our entertainment economy growing," Myers said.

Colleen Bell, director of the California Film Commission, also backed the proposal, describing the tax credit as an important tool for attracting productions and supporting crews across the state.

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood) said last year's expansion had already helped bring jobs back to California.

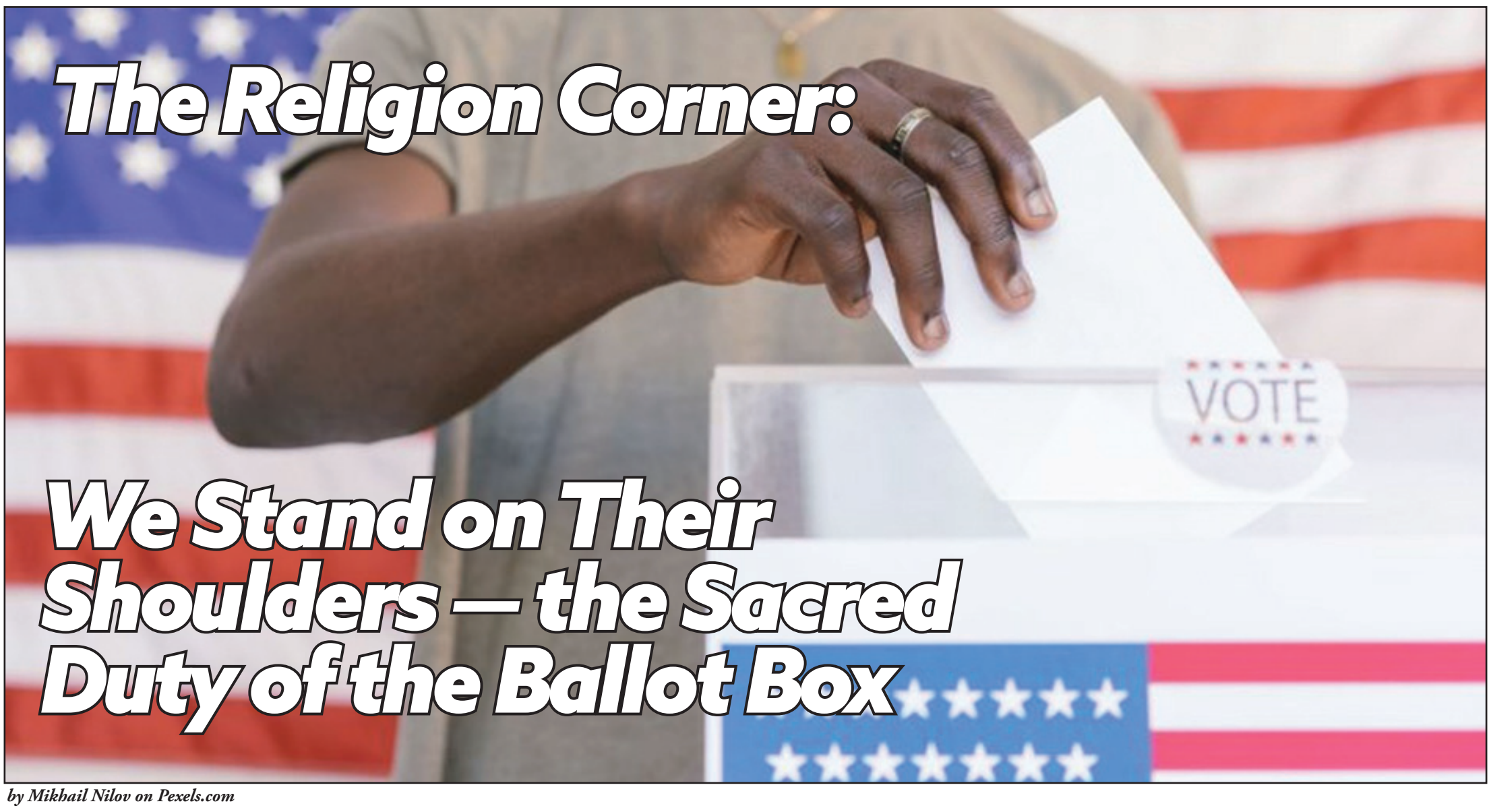
Since its launch in 2009, the program has generated more than $35.4 billion in economic activity and supported over 248,000 cast and crew jobs, according to the governor's office.

Newsom also renewed his call for Congress to pass the Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act, which would establish a federal tax credit for film and television production. He said federal support is needed alongside state incentives as competition for productions grows.

Features

The Religion Corner:

We Stand on Their Shoulders — the Sacred Duty of the Ballot Box



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By Lyndia Grant
Black Press USA Wire

As this edition of The Washington Informer hits the stands, millions of citizens have cast their ballots, made their voices heard, and begun reflecting on the election's outcome. The atmosphere this election season has been heavy. We feel the weight of history, the tension of a divided nation, and anxiety about tomorrow. In this issue, I remind Gen Z voters of the past struggles that secured this right.

I voted early, which reminded me that votingisn't a mere political calculation. For people of faith, it is a profound act of stewardship, a tool for community survival and an expression of our deepest moral values.

For Black Americans, low-income families and marginalized communities, the ballot is a sacred inheritance. The right to vote was not a gift; it was paid for in blood, sacrifice, and the determination of people whorefused toaccept second-class citizenship. We must never forget that for decades, our ancestors faced systemic terror just to register. They were met with violent police dogs, high-pressure fire hoses, mandatory literacy tests designed to make them fail, and the constant threat of white supremacist violence.

Historians estimate that dozens of documented freedom fighters were murdered during the voting rights campaigns of the 1950s and 1960s, with countless other deaths unrecorded or unpunished. Millions more endured brutal beatings and dehumanizing jail cells. The protections we rely on today were forged in the heat of protest, through the 1961 Freedom Rides, the dangerous 1964 Freedom Summer registration drives, and the brutal crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the Selma-to-Montgomery march on "Bloody Sunday" in 1965.

Today, we stand on the broad shoulders of giants who put their lives on the line so we could walk into a voting booth with our heads held high.

We remember Fannie Lou Hamer, asharecropper's daughter who was brutally beaten in a Mississippi jail for her voting rights activism and famously declared that she was "sick and tired of being sick and tired."

We remember John Lewis, who, as a student leader, had his skull fractured by police batons in Selma and spent his life protecting what he called the most powerful nonviolent tool we have."

We honor Jimmie Lee Jackson, a 26-year-old church deacon and veteran who was shotand killedby an Alabama state trooper while protecting his family during a peaceful march.

We honor Medgar Evers, the NAACP field secretary who was assassinated in his driveway for his civil rights and voter registration work.

Lastly, we honor Viola Liuzzo, a mother of five who traveled from Detroit to Alabama to shuttle Selma marchers before she was targeted and killed by Ku Klux Klan members.

When we view the ballot box through the lens of history and faith, the narrative shifts from partisan warfare to spiritual responsibility. Voting becomes a tangible way to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The policies shaped by our votes directly affect the vulnerable, the poor, and the stranger. InMicah6:8, we are asked: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"Notice the action words. We are commanded to do justice. Castinga ballot with the collectivecommunity in mind helps fulfill that requirement. Similarly, Proverbs 29:2teaches, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice."Righteousness in public policy is about fairness, equity, and protecting human dignity.

No matter what the election results show, our assignment remains unchanged. If your candidate won, your job now is to hold them accountable to justice and mercy. If your candidate lost, your job is to remain resilient, keeping your hands on the plow to protect the vulnerable and speak truth to power. Our ultimate hope does not rest in any political party or elected official.

If you have already voted, I commend you for honoring the ancestors. If you did not cast your ballot,I urge you to reflect on this election not with fear or cynicism, but as a reminder of our ongoing sacred responsibility.

For information on local election results and future voting opportunities, consult your official local election authorities. Continue to engage in the democratic process with a heart centered on love for your community, carry the names of those who died for your right to be there, and let us resolve to bind up our nation's wounds together.

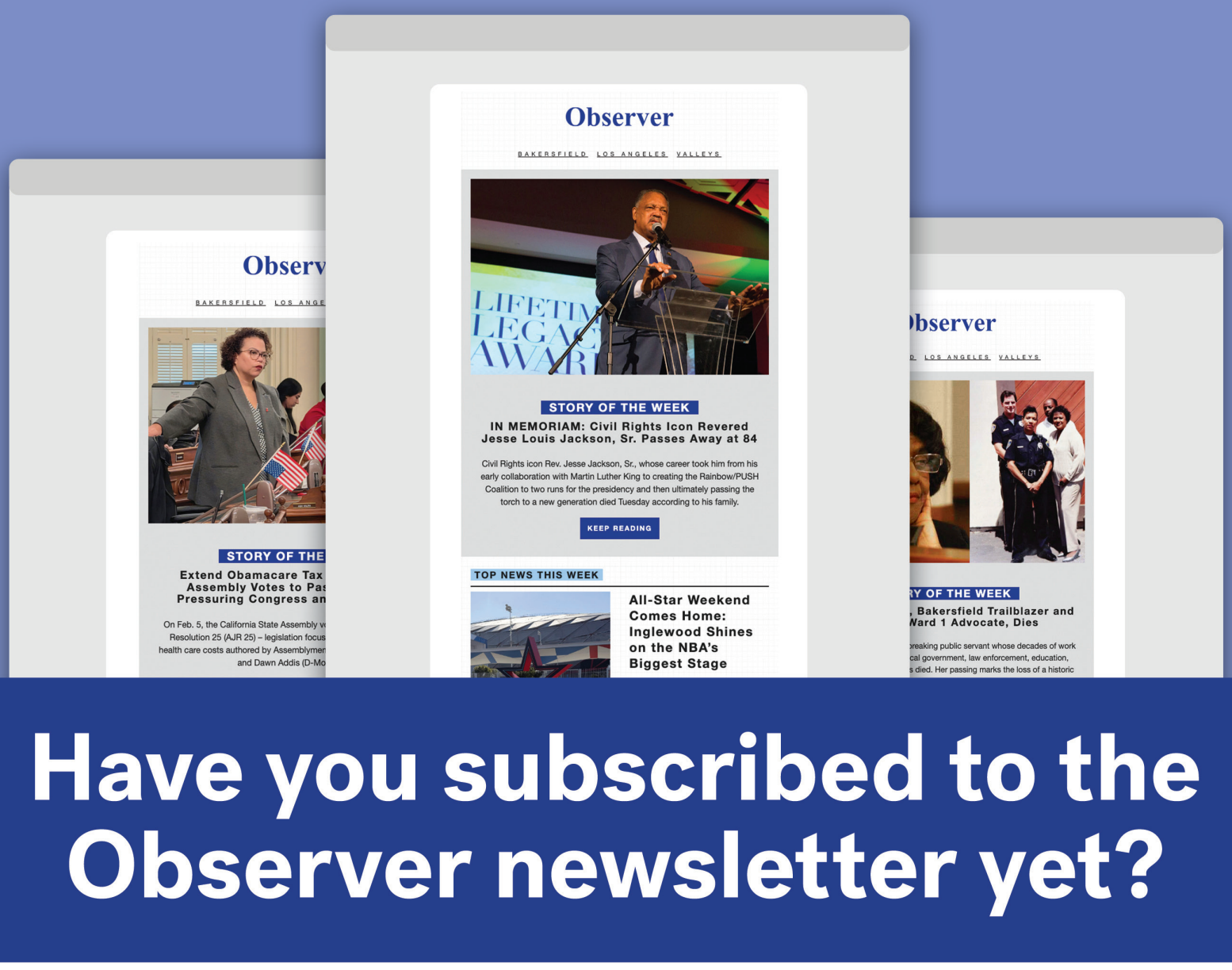
Please do not think this inhumane treatment is over. Though this column reminds readers of the past, everything is not perfect yet.

According to civil rights groups and a report by the organization JULIAN, which documentedmore than70 cases of suspected modern-daylynchings across seven Southern states between2000 and 2025, systemic violence persists. Furthermore, independent tracking by groups such as Black Lives Matter of Atlanta reportedly recorded a recent uptick between March 2025and August 2026, finding at least22 Blackindividuals dead under suspicious or unusual hanging circumstances across the country.

Each vote helps bring about the necessary change, and that change begins at the ballot box. Make that change!

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Nov 8, 2026; Inglewood, California, USA; Los Angeles Chargers linebacker Daiyan Henley (0) celebrates after an interception against the Houston Texans during the second quarter at SoFi Stadium. Mandatory Credit: Kiyoshi Mio-Imagn Images

Chargers Trade Henley to Broncos in Rare Divisional Deal

By Earl Heath
Contributing Sports Writer

As the clock counted down to the NFL trade deadline this week, the Denver Broncos pulled off a rare trade within their own division, acquiring linebacker Daiyan Henley from the Los Angeles Chargers.

Teams around the league rarely trade players to divisional opponents. In many cases, organizations prefer to send players to the other conference rather than strengthen a direct competitor. But with the Chargers struggling, the deal became a reality.

The Broncos acquired Henley in exchange for a fourth-round pick in 2027 and a fifth-round selection in 2028.

The former Crenshaw High standout has also been a positive presence in the community, making the move noteworthy beyond what he brings to the football field.

While the Broncos did not land running back Jonathan Taylor, a tight end or another piece along the offensive line, this was still a terrific move by Denver's front office.

Why the Broncos Made the Move

Henley gives Denver another experienced linebacker and an opportunity to strengthen its defense as the team looks to remain competitive in the AFC West.

Acquiring a player from a division rival also gives the Broncos an opportunity to benefit from a familiar opponent's loss while adding talent to their own roster.

For the Chargers, the trade represents a significant decision involving a player who had been part of their defensive plans.

The deal also highlights the difficult decisions NFL teams face as the trade deadline approaches. Sometimes, improving the future of a franchise means making moves that could benefit a rival.

For Denver, bringing a former Crenshaw High standout into the organization is a move that could pay dividends both on and off the field.

Rams Find Their Rhythm in Second Half, Hold Off Commanders

By Earl Heath
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The Los Angeles Rams put together a strong second-half performance to secure their third consecutive victory, holding off the Washington Commanders 20-13 before a crowd of 60,114.

Wide receiver Puka Nacua caught 14 passes from quarterback Matthew Stafford for 150 yards and a touchdown, while the Rams' defense received a major boost from the return of defensive star Myles Garrett, who recorded three sacks and forced a fumble.

The victory improved Los Angeles to 5-4, moving the Rams above .500 for the first time this season.

"I thought our guys did a great job of being able to find a way," head coach Sean McVay said. "There was a lot of opportunities that we missed offensively to make plays, extend drives, but they did enough. I love the way that Matthew responded after the turnover where he leads us down the field — had a bunch of gutsy conversions."

McVay also praised Stafford's ability to bounce back and continue trusting his receivers.

"He was awesome," McVay said. "That's one of the things that we want to be able to show as coaches, is show confidence to come right back to you. He made a bunch of plays. We needed all 14 of those catches."

Nacua delivered when the Rams needed him most. He climbed the ladder in the corner of the end zone to haul in a 7-yard touchdown reception early in the fourth quarter, breaking a 13-13 tie.

However, the victory came at a cost. Nacua suffered multiple injuries to his right leg and foot, including MCL and PCL strains and turf toe. McVay told reporters that the injuries occurred on the Rams' final offensive play against Washington, when Nacua took a hard hit on a jet sweep. He is expected to miss several weeks and could be placed on injured reserve.

"It's been something that we've been calling on our offense, to be able to execute on those critical downs," Nacua said. "Obviously, still putting the defense out there at the end in that fourth quarter is something that we want to try to avoid, but when we're getting points in the red zone, it feels a lot better. Something that we can continue to improve upon."

Garrett also provided a major lift in his return to the lineup. The All-Pro defensive end had missed seven games with a knee injury after being sidelined since the season-opening loss to the 49ers in Australia. He looked active and fresh, making his presence felt throughout the game.

Defense Closes the Door

After a sluggish first half, the Rams' offense began moving the football more consistently, with Nacua leading the way.

Meanwhile, Garrett and the defense tightened their grip on the game. Despite playing without two cornerbacks, Los Angeles forced Washington to punt or turn the ball over on five consecutive drives.

The Commanders finally broke that scoreless stretch when Nick Cross intercepted Stafford. Washington managed only nine yards on four plays before settling for a field goal.

Quarterback Jayden Daniels, a San Bernardino native, threw for 274 yards, but Washington struggled to generate enough offense. The Commanders (2-6-1) were also without Treylon Burks and lost top receiver Terry McLaurin for the season, leaving their passing attack inconsistent.

Two Washington possessions in the final minutes ended without points, including a lateral play that ended as time expired.

"Frustrating game," Commanders coach Dan Quinn said. "Once again, we have not nailed our complementary football and I'll keep saying it until we do. We're halfway through the season, and



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that all has to click. After stops, I don't think we capitalized."

Injury Concerns Could Challenge Rams

While the victory was important, Los Angeles also suffered two significant injuries.

Guard Steve Avila left the game with a hamstring injury and did not return. Avila has been enjoying the best season of his career according to Pro Football Focus metrics, posting a 75.2 overall grade. He has allowed just 12 pressures and no sacks this season.

His absence could be significant for an offensive line that has been one of the Rams' strengths.

Nacua's potential absence presents another major challenge. His 14-catch performance demonstrated just how important he has become to Stafford and the passing game.

The Rams will look to build on their three-game winning streak while monitoring the health of two key contributors. The defense's strong finish and the offense's second-half improvement provide plenty of encouragement, but keeping the roster healthy will be critical as the season moves forward.

Bruins Stay Strong Against Gophers, Remain Undefeated

By Earl Heath
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UCLA continued its impressive season, defeating Minnesota 34-20 last week behind a pair of explosive fourth-quarter touchdown passes from quarterback Ty Dieffenbach to wide receiver Aidan Mizell.

Dieffenbach connected with Mizell on two 75-yard touchdown passes as the Bruins pulled away from the Gophers. Running back Wayne "The Roadrunner" Knight added 109 rushing yards and his 15th touchdown of the season, helping UCLA improve to 9-0 overall and 6-0 in Big Ten play. The Bruins remain atop the conference standings and firmly in the College Football Playoff conversation.

Dieffenbach took over at quarterback for the injured Nico Iamaleava and delivered a career-high 303 passing yards despite completing just eight passes. Although he committed two turnovers, the senior made his opportunities count.

His two connections with Mizell, a transfer from Florida, came on consecutive one-play possessions and turned a close contest into a decisive UCLA victory.

"I told our guys, 'Don't worry about watching this four-week drama series that's going to be this new show that they're going to put out there,'" UCLA head coach Bob Chesney said. "That's not what we're here for."

The Bruins have become one of college football's biggest breakout stories under Chesney. After leading James Madison to the College Football Playoff last season, he has guided UCLA to a remarkable turnaround following its 3-9 campaign in 2025.

Chesney became the first UCLA head coach to win his first nine games in charge. The victory also extended UCLA's regular-season winning streak to 19 games dating to 2025 and marked the 100th conference victory of Chesney's head coaching career.

Minnesota (5-4, 3-3) had managed to keep the game competitive. Quarterback Drake Lindsey threw for 205 yards and a touchdown, connecting with freshman tight end George Rohl to tie the game at 17 late in the third quarter.

However, two major coverage breakdowns allowed the speedy Mizell to change the game in a matter of seconds.

"Two plays, 150 yards: That's the story of the game," Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck said.

For his performance, Dieffenbach earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors. He finished 8 of 16 passing with three touchdown passes, an interception and a lost fumble. Despite the mistakes, he provided the offensive spark UCLA needed.

The senior from Agoura Hills also connected with wide receiver Semaj Morgan for a 54-yard gain and tight end Noah Fox-Flores for a 27-yard touchdown. He found Knight for a 28-yard reception and wide receiver Brian Rowe Jr. for another 28-yard pickup.

Defense Continues to Deliver

UCLA's defense also played a major role in the victory.

Over its last seven games, the Bruins have held opponents to just 21 conversions on 101 third-down attempts, a 20.8% success rate. Minnesota managed only four conversions in 15 third-down opportunities.

Linebacker Jalen Woods recorded a career-high 11 tackles to lead the team. Defensive back Scooter Jackson grabbed his third interception of the season and fourth of his career, ranking second on the team in interceptions. Linebacker Donvayn Pellot made his first career start after appearing in 25 previous games.

The Bruins have held opponents below a 33% conversion rate on third downs in eight consecutive games, including four games in which opponents converted fewer than 20% of their attempts.

UCLA's defense also limited Minnesota to 91 rushing yards. The Bruins have held opponents below 100 rushing yards in six games this season, with all six occurring over the last seven contests.

With their undefeated record intact and a strong defensive performance backing up an explosive offense, the Bruins continue to make their case as a serious contender.

Up Next: UCLA returns to the Rose Bowl on Friday night to face Illinois.



(52) Makes tackle on 23 TJ Thomas



Aidan Mizill (1) catches one of his two 75-yard TD passes, comp photo

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Black Voters Overwhelmingly Repudiated Trump in Mid-Term Election

69% of Black voters have a very unfavorable opinion of President Donald Trump, according to new data released by BSP Research.

By Sunita Sohrabji
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About 90% of Black voters backed Democratic House candidates in 2026, compared with roughly 80% who supported Kamala Harris in 2024, according to the AP Voter post-election poll, with 61% saying they cast their vote specifically to express opposition to President Donald Trump.

Similar voting patterns emerged among Latino and Asian American voters.

Among Black men, about one in 10 voted for a Republican House candidate this year, compared with roughly one in four who supported Donald Trump in 2024, according to the AP poll. Black candidates also fared well on election night Nov. 3, creating many firsts.

A poll released Nov. 4 by BSP Research, noted that 69% of Black voters had a very unfavorable opinion of Trump; 57% also had a very unfavorable opinion of Republicans in Congress.

Black voters, along with Latinos and Asian Americans, delivered the margin of victory in many battleground states, resulting in a "Blue tsunami," which delivered a resounding Senate majority for Democrats — 53-47, and the House, 250-157. In a key race in Mississippi, which had yet to be called Nov. 9, Black Democrat Scott Colom holds a razor-thin lead against Republican incumbent Cindy Hyde-Smith.

101 years later

For DaMareo Cooper, co-executive director at the Center for Popular Democracy, the 2026 mid-term election results were a sign that the arc of the moral universe was indeed bending towards justice.

"My great-grandfather got killed trying to go vote in 1927 in Newport, Tennessee," Cooper told a post-election briefing Nov. 4, hosted by Word In Black.

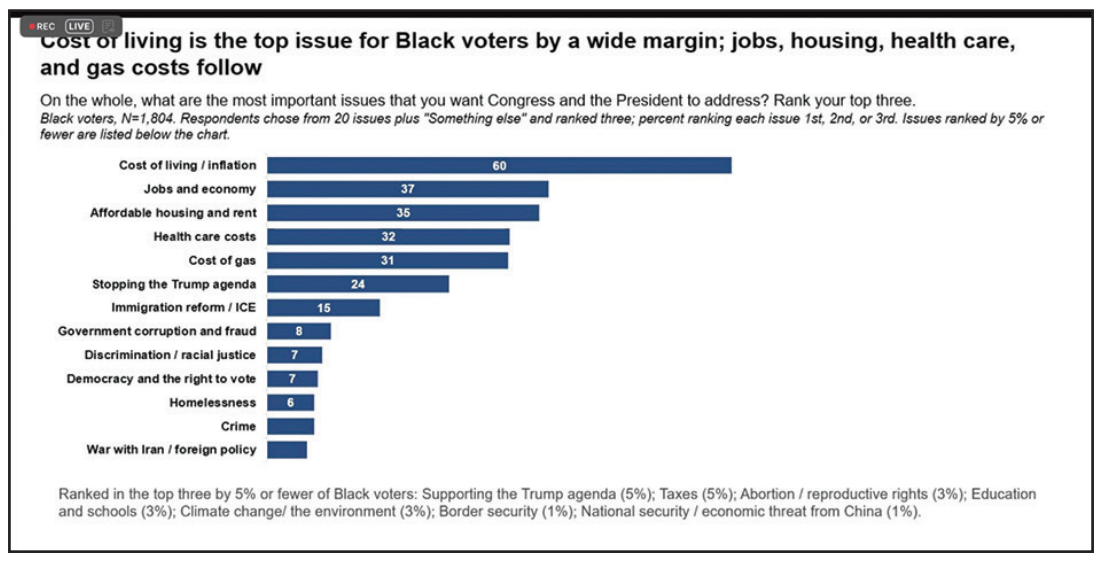
Historians have never established a comprehensive count of Black Americans killed



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for attempting to vote or register others. But documented cases over the past century note that Cooper's grandfather's tragic demise came amid several decades of attempts to suppress the Black vote.

The Center for Popular Democracy, and its partner organizations, knocked on more than 2 million doors across the US, made more than 1.5 million phone calls, and had conversations with more than 300,000 people, said Cooper. The key to building a reliable electorate is consistent engagement with voters, not just during the election cycle.



For Dr. Keisha Dickinson, an assistant professor of political science at Morgan State University, that work includes helping young Black voters understand the political process and the power of their participation.

In conversations with young people in Mississippi and Maryland, Dickinson found that many knew their ancestors had fought for voting rights but were less familiar with the offices and decisions shaping their daily lives. Some did not know the difference between a governor and a lieutenant governor, she said.

At Morgan State, students organized a march to the polls. An estimated 200 to 300 students participated, Dickinson said, with many registering and voting for the first time.

The issues that mattered

Sixty percent of Black voters said they were most concerned about inflation, and the cost of living, according to a new poll released Nov. 4 by BSP Research. Closely following were jobs and the economy, affordable housing and rent, and affordable healthcare, according to poll results. In contrast to most midterm election analysis, gas prices ranked 6th among Black voters' concerns. Universal childcare was supported by 59% of Black voters in the survey.

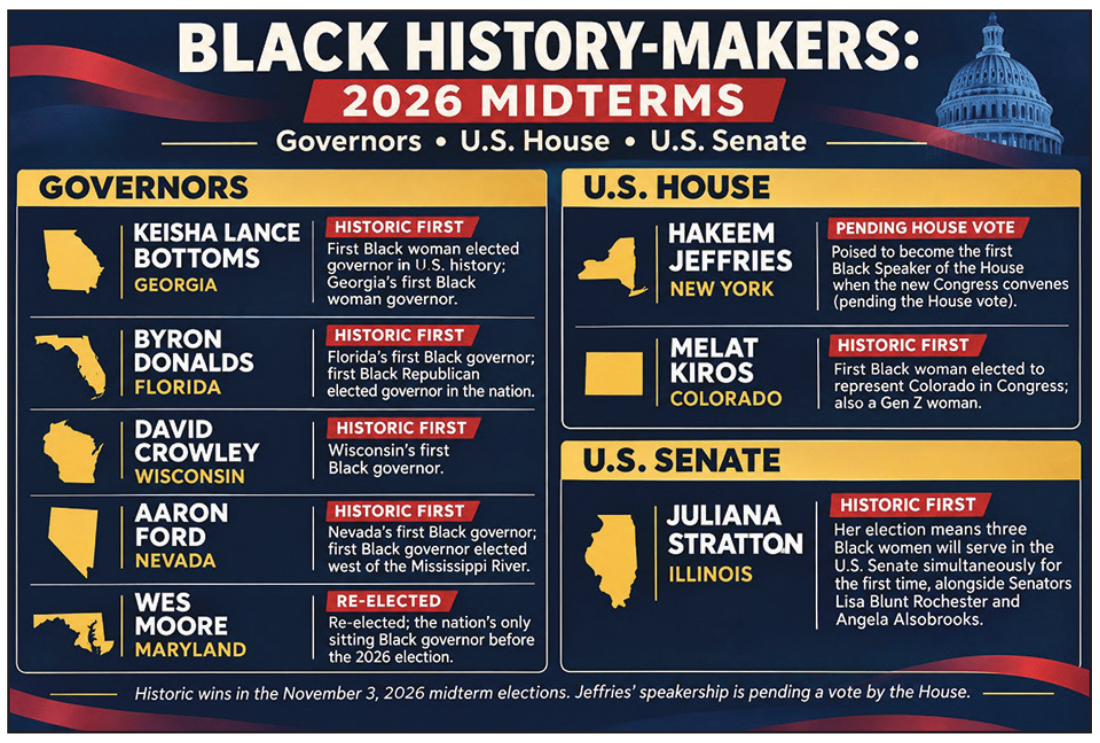
More than 73% of Black voters in the survey believe democracy is under attack, and 82% say they would support a new voting rights act.

Such fears are not unfounded: between 2020-2022, more than 19 million people were purged from voter registration rolls, according to data from US Election Assistance, and cited by the Brennan Center for Justice. In Mississippi alone, more than 230,000 voters were deactivated ahead of the mid-terms, while in South Carolina, 1.2 million voters have been marked inactive since 2022, according to data from the ACLU of South Carolina.

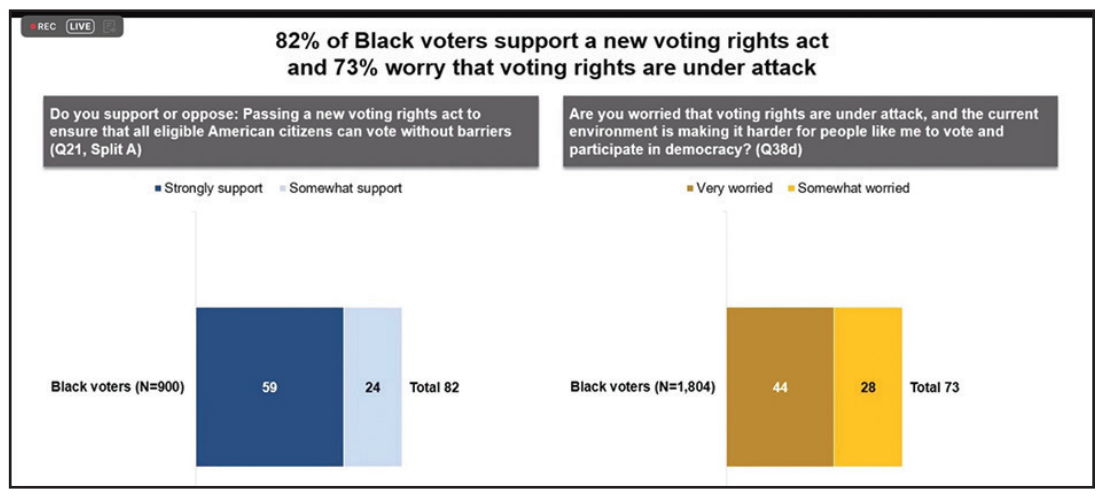
The US war with Iran and foreign policy at large did not figure as top concerns for Black voters. Full poll results can be viewed at: 2026electionpoll.us

"Democracy is back where it belongs: in the hands of the people," said Marc Philpart, executive director of the California Black Freedom Fund, at a Nov. 4 news briefing organized by Mosaic California. "The results we saw last night reflect years of organizing and working to ensure our voices are heard."

He noted that over $24 million was invested in the mid-term election cycle to get Black voters engaged in table top issues. He echoed Cooper's comments, noting that organizers must continue engagement with communities year-round.



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