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**RAPPIN'**  
**Tommy Wyatt**

## The elections are not over!!

I know that we just had an election on November 6, but our work is not over. There were many races that were not decided on that day. There are several races that will have to be completed in the December 11 Run-Off election.

We first must congratulate Ms. LaTisha Anderson who will replace Dr. Ted Gordon in District 1 on the AISD Board. She was sworn in on November 26 at the board's last meeting of the year. She thanked Dr. Gordon for his service.

The at-large Place 9 on the board will feature a run off between **Carmen Tilton and Arati Singh.**

The Austin City Council still have 3 races to be decided – Places 1, 3, and 8. East Austin has a lot of concerns over who will represent them in District 1. This could be the first time in decades for the Austin City Council to be void of an African American representative. None of the African Americans received enough votes to win the seat.

Place 1 Candidates will be

**Mariana Salazar and Natasha Harper-Madison**

Place 3 candidates are **Sabino "Pio" Renteria**

**Susana Almanza**

Place 8 Candidates are **Paige Ellis**

**Frank Ward**

There is an Austin Community College Trustee Place 8 race also on the ballot.

The candidates are **Stephanie Gharakhanian and Sarah Mills.**

We have only a few days left before this election. And I am ashamed to say that I know nothing about most of the candidates and, like you, will have to put in a lot of time catching up on them. This cannot be the excuse for not voting, because whoever is elected for your district will be representing you.

## Sandra Bland Doc To Debut On HBO In December

By **Defender News Service**



**(DEFENDER NEWS)** - It's been three years since the death of **Sandra Bland** and a new HBO documentary, **Say Her Name: The Life And Death of Sandra Bland**, will examine her tragic death, revealing previously unknown details.

The Boston Globe notes that the best part of the doc "is that we get to see her face and hear her words."

Bland, 28, was arrested for a traffic violation in a small Texas town on July 10, 2015. After three days in custody, she was found hanging from a noose in her jail cell. Law officials quickly pushed the narrative that her death was a suicide, but this only sparked allegations of a racially motivated police murder and cover-up, per [kingsmenmedia.com](http://kingsmenmedia.com).

The documentary by Kate Davis and David Heilbroner was made for HBO but is getting a theatrical release ahead of its Dec. 3 debut on the pay cable service.



**Geneva Reed-Veal, left, mother of Sandra Bland, waits with her daughter Shavon Bland in the family's attorney's office in Chicago. (Photo credit: Kiichiro Sato, Associated Press)**

**Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland** follows the Bland family and legal team from the first weeks after her death as they try to find out of what really happened in that jail cell in Hempstead, Texas. The filmmakers tracked the story for two years, drawing on key documents, jail footage and interviews with those closest to the events.

Interviewees in the film include: Geneva Reed-Veal, her mother; sisters Shante Needham, Shavon Bland and Sharon Cooper; Sheriff Glenn Smith, head of the Waller County PD; Elton Mathis, DA, Hempstead, Texas; Trey Duhon, county judge, Hempstead, Texas; Hannah Bonner, activist and Waller County minister; and family attorney Cannon Lambert.

**Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland** will also be available on HBO NOW, HBO GO, HBO On Demand and partners' streaming platforms.

## Impeach the president? House Democrats saying not so fast

By **Defender News Service**



**(DEFENDER NEWS)** - Whatever happened to trying to impeach President Donald Trump?

As House Democrats begin laying out the vision for their new majority, that item is noticeably missing from the to-do list and firmly on the margins.

The agenda for now includes spending on public works projects, lowering health care costs and increasing oversight of the administration.

It's the balance that Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi is trying to strike in the new Congress between those on her party's left flank who are eager to confront the president, and her instinct to prioritize the kitchen-table promises that Democrats made to voters who elected them to office.

"We shouldn't impeach the president for political reasons and we shouldn't not impeach the president for political reasons," Pelosi recently told The Associated Press.

The California lawmaker, who hopes to lead Democrats as House speaker come January, calls **See FORCE VOTES, page 7**

## Mia Love slams Trump in concession speech

By **Defender News Service**



**(DEFENDER NEWS)** - Republican Rep. Mia Love sharply criticized President Donald Trump during a concession speech on Monday, saying Trump's vision of the world is "no real relationships, just convenient transactions."

Love conceded to Democrat Ben McAdams in their Utah congressional race, giving Democrats another pickup in the House of Representatives and bringing the party's net seat gain to 38. Love, who has represented the district since 2015, had been locked in a close race with McAdams, the mayor of Salt Lake County, since Election Day nearly three weeks ago.

Love made the comments about Trump in response to the President's post-Election Day news conference, in which he declared that Love had lost the race despite votes still being counted and attacked the congresswoman for not embracing him as a campaigner.

"Mia Love gave me no love and she lost," Trump said. "Too bad. Sorry about that, Mia."

She continued, "However, this gave me a clear vision of his world as it is. No real relationships, just convenient transactions. That is an insufficient way **See IT'S TRANSACTIONAL, page 7**

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Award-winning director recreates timeless love story. **See BEALE Page 2**



HBCU alumni dismantle racial segregation. **See CASE Page 4**



Members of Congress encourage enabling corruption. **See WATERS Page 6**

## Beto to run in 2020?

By **Defender News Service**



**(DEFENDER NEWS)** - Beto O'Rourke isn't ruling out a potential 2020 presidential run.

Asked about one at a Monday town hall in his native El Paso, the three-term Democratic congressman described vacationing last week with his family, something he said he wasn't able to do for the past 18-plus months while challenging Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz.

O'Rourke lost by about 3 points, close enough in deep-red Texas to spark speculation he could try for the White House.

He said he's focused on his family and representing his district until leaving the House on Jan. 3. But after that, he and his wife will "think about what we can do next to contribute to the best of our ability to this community."

O'Rourke then grinned at his wife, Amy, asking, "Was that OK?"

The shift is remarkably different from O'Rourke's sentiment on the day before the election three weeks ago.