

Austin Independent School District Changes Confederate Soldiers Name on Schools

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A few weeks ago, the Austin School Board took an important vote regarding the renaming of school that bear the name Confederate soldiers on its buildings. When the resolution final came up to a vote; the resolution passed. Moreover 7 board members voted for the name change; while there were only 2 vote against the change of the names. Moreover, these two school board members who voted against the change were Julie Cowan and Ann Teich.

This vote affected numerous schools. Some of the schools that were affected include the following: Lanier, Reagan & Eastside Memorial high schools, Fulmore Middle School and the Allan Center. So far, the board doesn't have any new name for these building. While some cheered for the name changes; others were disappointed by the



Ann Teich, District 3 AISD Board of Trustees

votes.

However, the renaming of these schools were long overdue due to the fact that Confederate soldiers are not a good representative of American History. Why should a school district

honor the Confederacy when they tried to stop people of color from learning? Not only did the Confederacy tried to stop people of color from learning, but also fought to keep slavery as a "way of life."

Cedar Park City Council Race

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On May 15, 2018, the residents of Cedar Park, Texas will be going to the polls to vote for various members of their City Council. Cedar Park is located North-West of Austin, which covers both Williamson and Travis County. In the past decade, Cedar Park has seen dramatic population growth and increase. Moreover, Cedar Park and Williamson County is considered to be one of the fastest area in the United States. According to the 2016 United States census, there are about 68,000 people living in Cedar Park.

One of the candidate running in the upcoming Cedar Park City Council race is Shellie Hayes-McMahalon. Moreover, she is running on numerous issues. Some



Shellie Hayes-McMahon

of the issues ranges from healthcare to infrastructure. According to Shellie, "Our city resources need to support our citizens needs. Our citizens need a options that are easily accessible, funded and non-judgmental. Income-based healthcare is doable and needed in Cedar Park."

Since Cedar Park is a growing city, then she also focused on

transportation and infrastructure. According to Shellie, "We need to review options for more mass transit stations (stops). Servicing the population that do not have access to the Lakeline and Leander stations are paramount. Just recently, she was endorsed by the Cedar Park Firefighter Association. Moreover, it brings her race to the "forefront."

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Sheryl Cole for Texas House District 46 Holds Fundraiser



Pictured left to right: Craig Moore and Sheryl Cole. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

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Friday, April 6, 2018, Sheryl Cole held a fundraising event in the heart of Austin. Sheryl Cole held the fundraiser due to the fact that she is in the runoff election of the Texas House District 46. In the general election, there were numerous candidates, such as, the incumbent Dukes; Manor ISD board Member Ana Cortez and Chito Velal. However, she managed to get into the run off with Chito Vela due to the fact that none of the candidates received fifty percent of the vote.

Sheryl Cole is not a newcomer to local city and county politics. She was first elected on the Austin Independence School board and eventually was elected to the Austin City Council. On the Austin City Council, Sheryl Cole distinguished herself due to the fact that she was a skilled deal maker. On the Austin City Council, Sheryl Cole rose to Mayor Pro term which gave her opportunity to shape legislation. Then she un-successfully ran for Austin Mayor.

Moreover, Texas HD 46 covers Central or downtown and East Austin, Manor, and parts of Pflugerville. Over the years, Texas House District 46 has seen some gentrification but still remains the "historic" location for African Americans. In addition, numerous African immigrants have chosen to live in Texas House District 46. According to Diaspora Vote, "the African Diaspora will play a significant role in the upcoming runoff race."



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