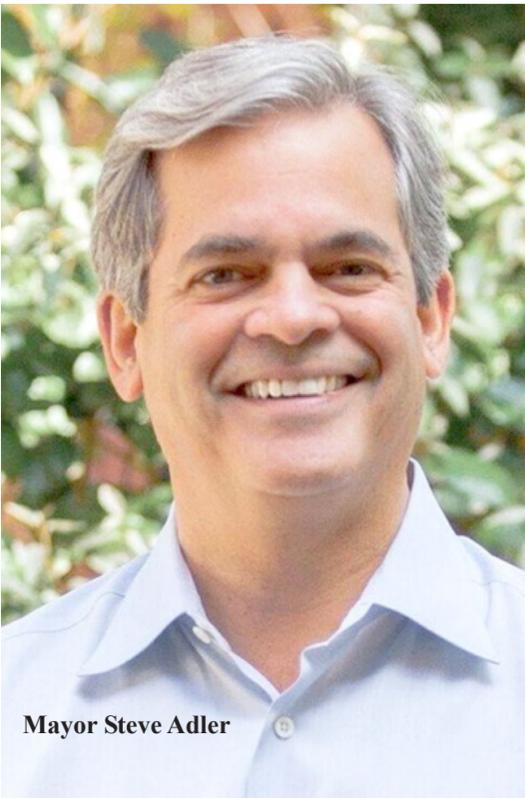


## CodeNEXT Contributes to Austin Mayoral Race

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Mayor Steve Adler

CodeNEXT has become a large-scale issue in the Austin mayoral race between incumbent Mayor Steve Adler and candidate Laura Morrison, former Austin City Council member. CodeNEXT was supposed to be the first major rewrite of Austin's land development code in thirty years. According to the Austin City Leadership, "CodeNext aimed to promote growth in more connected, sustainable and affordable ways; embodying the values and character of Austin."

Over the years, CodeNEXT was controversial due to the fact it placed large emphasizes of bringing more development to the downtown area of Austin, Texas. The initiative would not have affected Austin's Housing crisis. Consequently, concerned citizens and elected officials felt that it was bad. As a result, residents garnered signatures and eventually, a Travis County judge gave the go ahead for CodeNEXT to be placed on the ballot.

The cities initiative to revise the Land Development Code has since spilled over into the Mayoral race. Mayor Adler, who defended CodeNEXT, has recently admitted that it was a mistake. However, challenger Laura Morrison has used Adler's tie to the plan as a failure of his administration.

## Susana Almanza Announces Intentions As District 3 Councilwoman

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Recently Susana Almanza announced her candidacy for Austin City Council District three. Consequently, Almanza will be challenging the incumbent Council member Sabino "Pio" Renteria. This race could likely serve as a "rematch" of the 2014 District 3 election.

Almanza describes herself as a mother and grandmother who has been a longtime organizer and educator. Moreover, she is a native and deep-rooted resident of East Travis County. In other words, "she is not a transplant who seeks to run for public of-



Susana Almanza surrounded by campaign supporters.  
Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

rice." Almanza has been heavily invested in the East Austin community. In addition, she's a founding member and Co-Director of the local non-profit "People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Re-

sources" (PODER).

Moreover, Austin's District 3 runs from Central-East Austin to the downtown area. The district identifies with the Latino population but, has witnessed a large amount of

gentrification. Consequently, this election will focus on how to slow down the effect of gentrification. The candidates will have to find concrete solutions to resolved the congestion of Interstate 35.

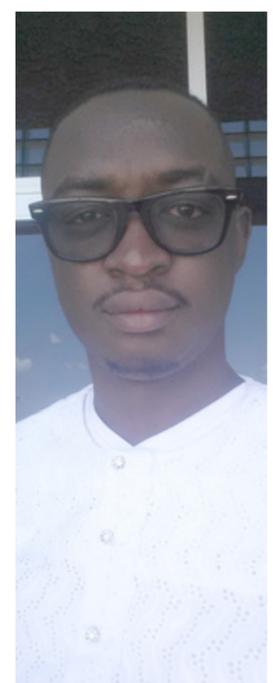
## Community Website Seeks to Improve Healthcare

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On Sunday, August 19, 2018, a body of community leaders will hold a Healthcare Outreach at the Pflugerville Library. According to Dr. Babajide "Jide" Sadiq MPH, DrPH, this event is meant to "educate the community on the pro-

cess of getting affordable healthcare." Dr. Sadiq founded the website called Gethealthydeals.com. There will be healthcare providers and health care educators at the event to consult with, in addition to a free school supply give away.

Over the past years, Dr. Sadiq has seen countless Central Texans searching for viable and affordable healthcare; however, they couldn't find any to suit their needs. According to Dr. Sadiq, "in certain communities, people have a hard time getting a good health care provider and



Dr. Babajide Sadiq

carrier. Therefore, I came up with the concept call Gethealthydeals.com, in which, people from all communities including those from the African Community, can go to one location to find both healthcare providers and also doctors at an affordable price." Simply put, "it is a one stop shop for those looking for great deals on healthcare."

According to Dr. Sadiq, "healthcare is one of the biggest industries in the U.S. and is set to increase. Therefore, it's important for residents to obtain cost-effective insurance.

## FORMER CONGRESSMAN RON DELLUMS DIES AT 82

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

Ron Dellums, the firebrand former Oakland, California mayor and founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, who vigorously fought on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised, died on Monday, July 30.

Dellums, who helped shaped politics in the Bay Area for decades, reportedly died after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 82.

Tributes celebrating Dellums political and civil rights activism poured in from colleagues and friends.

"I have known and admired Ron Dellums since I was a child," former U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice said in a statement. "He, in part, inspired my interest in public service."

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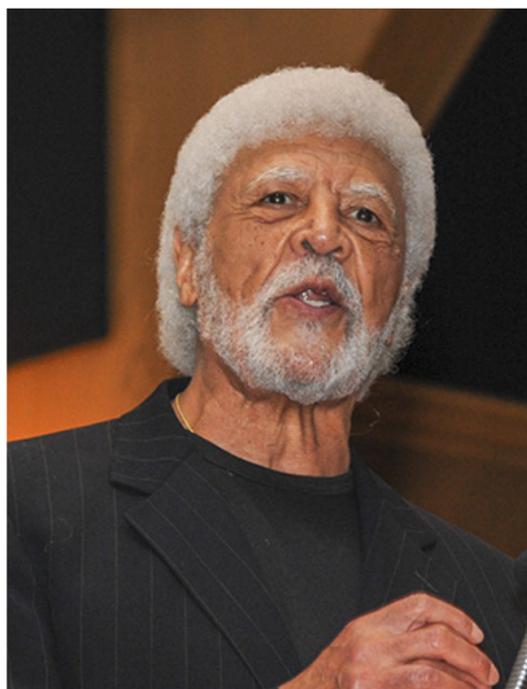
Senator Kamala Harris also expressed her condolences.

Minnesota's Democratic U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said Dellums counted as a courageous freedom fighter. He remembered Dellums for his "inspiring example, courage, humor and relentless faith in our ability to make a better world."

Born on November 24, 1935 in Oakland, Calif., Dellums served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956 after he was denied the college scholarship he had sought, according to his biography at Blackpast.org.

After service in the Marines, Dellums, with the help of the G.I Bill and an outside job, attended San Francisco State College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960.

He went on to earn a master's degree in social welfare from the Uni-



Former California Congressman Ron Dellums died on July 30, 2018. He was 82. Photo taken during a 2013 event celebrating Nelson Mandela's birthday at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

versity of California at Berkeley in 1962.

After teaching at San Francisco State University and at Berkeley, Dellums became a politician. He was elected to

the Berkeley City Council, where he quickly became known as the spokesperson for African American community affairs and for his radical political beliefs.

After only three years on the Berkeley City Council, Dellums decided to run for Congress.

With crucial campaign assistance from Coretta Scott King, the widow of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as from Berkeley's powerful anti-Vietnam War organizations, 35-year-old Dellums was elected to Congress, where he quickly emerged as one of the most radical and outspoken lawmakers in Washington.

Within weeks of his election, Dellums called for congressional investigations into alleged war crimes in Vietnam and co-founded the Congressional Black Caucus.

Two years later he began a long campaign to end the apartheid policies of South Africa and in 1986 introduced the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act, which called for sanctions

against the nation's government.

President Ronald Reagan vetoed the bill, however his veto was overridden, marking the first time a presidential veto of a foreign policy measure was overridden by Congress in the 20th Century.

In 2006, he was elected as the mayor of Oakland, succeeding former California Governor Jerry Brown. He left office in 2010.

NAACP Board Chairman Leon W. Russell said that, Dellums created space for our voices to be heard. "It is said that the current generation stands on the shoulders of giants; Ron was a giant who blazed a path to empowerment that we still walk on today," Russell said.

Funeral plans haven't been announced. Dellums is survived by his wife, Cynthia Dellums and his five children.

(Austin, TX) - Thursday, August 2nd Spelman Alumnae held a send off dinner for Class of 2018 Graduate Simone Stinnette. Simone graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Spelman College and will head back to Georgia this fall to obtain her Masters of Public Health at Emory University.

Pictured from L-R (Anita Dabney, Simone Stinnette, Jasmine Jenkins & Afton Lane).

