

Dyana Limon-Mercado For Travis County Democrat Party Chair

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In the past month, Dyana Limon-Mercado has been campaigning to become the next chair woman of the Travis County Democratic Party. Dyana Limon Mercado has been engaged in Democratic Party politics for a very long time. Over the years, she has worked for numerous "progressive organizations." For instance, she currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director for Planned Parenthood Texas Vote.

On December 9, Dyana Limon-Mercado plans to officially file the paperwork to run to become Chairwoman of the Travis County Democratic Party. After filling she plans to officially kick off her campaign for this position at Tamales House East.



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Moreover, this would be an opportunity for her to rally her supporters and to explain the reason why she is running for office. In addition, it will be an opportunity for the campaign to motivate her supporters to get more involved with the campaign.

Moreover, the voters will be presented with

two different types of candidates with different views on how to better improve the party. Despite the different view, one of the biggest concern that faces Dyana Limon Mercado will face is how to raise more fund for the TCDP. In addition, she will have to find ways to increase voter participation.

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Pflugerville Hosted First Market Extravaganza

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Saturday, December 2, 2017, a group of African American owned businesses held a "Hand maker Extravaganza Market" in the heart of Pflugerville, Texas. Although the event was organized by DD Dupree Cosmetic, there were 3 other businesses associated to the event. Moreover, it was an opportunity for 4 African American Businesses to come together to showcase their products and services. Not only was an opportu-

nity for African American to sell their product, but also an opportunity for the greater community to get to know their product and services.

The business present varied from services and good. Moreover, the businesses involved ranged from cakes to skin care. For instance, Suga's Cakery owned by Ms. Bedford was present at this event. Over the years, Suga's Cakery has seen an increase in its share of the market. According to Ms. Bedford, "the market allowed her to get some marketing

done and also sell." Another business that was present included Dupree Cosmetic. Dupree Cosmetic sells an organic line of cosmetic, which, they believe in doing it the "right way."

Finally the coming of these 4 African American businesses included the following: Suga's Cakery; Just DD Designs; DD Dupree Cosmetic, Men & Children shows that African American Small Business owners are willing to work together. Consequently these types of events are a "win-win" for both the businesses and attendees.

6th Annual "Stuff the Bus" Food Drive Aims to Provide 150,000 Meals

Event's goal tripled after record-breaking success in 2016

(Austin, Texas) - Capital Metro, Whole Foods Market and the Central Texas Food Bank are teaming up for the sixth year to encourage the community to "Stuff the Bus." The goal of the event is to help area residents by collecting meals for individuals and families in need during the holidays. The theme is of this year's event is, "There's no place like home for the holidays." Watch this fun video about the "Stuff the Bus" food drive.

Last year, the food drive broke previous years' records, far exceeding its 50,000-meal goal. This year's goal is to provide at least 150,000 nutritious meals to those facing hunger. The donations will go to the Central Texas Food Bank, which works with nearly 250 partner agencies in 21 Central Texas counties to get food to those in need.

The event runs through the weekend of Dec. 8-10, when two Capital Metro buses will be parked at the Downtown and Domain locations all weekend, and smaller Capital Metro vehicles will be at the Arbor Trails, Gateway and Bee Cave locations on select days.

Buses will be open for donations from 10 a.m.



to 6 p.m. daily with volunteers on hand to accept food items. Monetary and product donations will also be accepted at all locations during regular store hours, and Santa Claus will be at the Domain and Downtown sites from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. Austinites not able to attend the event can still make a donation, from Dec. 1-14, at all five Austin-area Whole Foods Market locations. This year for the first time, people can also make donations online through our website, at capmetro.org/stuffthebus.

The Food Bank encourages donations of healthy, non-perishable food items, such as canned meats like: tuna, stew and chili; canned vegetables; pasta and pasta sauce; beans; healthy cereals; non-fat dry milk powder and peanut butter.

"No one should go hungry, especially during the holidays," said Derrick Chubbs, president & CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. "We're proud to partner again this year with Whole Foods and

Capital Metro to nourish hungry people and bring hope for the holidays to our neighbors in need. Together, we're hoping to provide more than 150,000 meals this year. So, come on out and help us stuff these buses!"

KIND bar, a Whole Foods vendor, is generously donating bars valued at \$10,000 to the Stuff the Bus campaign. KIND Bars will be available while supplies last to individuals who bring their donations to the Cap Metro vehicles stationed at the Whole Foods Stores during the event weekend.

During the drive, donations will be accepted at any of the following Whole Foods Market stores:

- Arbor Trails (4301 W. William Cannon Dr.)
- Bee Cave (12601 Hill Country Blvd.)
- Domain (11920 Domain Dr.)
- Downtown Austin (525 N Lamar Blvd.)
- Gateway (9607 Research Blvd.)

There will be marked Central Texas Food Bank bins at all locations over the weekend.

The public can learn more by visiting capmetro.org/StuffTheBus or by following the Stuff the Bus campaign on Twitter with the hashtag #StuffTheBus.

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