

Chantal Eldridge Sworn As Travis County Judge

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

After a failed bid in 2014, Chantal Eldridge decided to run once more for Judge. In 2018 she ran for the 331st District Court, in which, she challenged a "sitting judge." Numerous political experts believed Eldridge would face an



Chantal Eldridge sworn in as Judge with Lesley. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

uphill battle for this Democratic Party primary race. Despite the fact; she endured and was elected Judge on election day.

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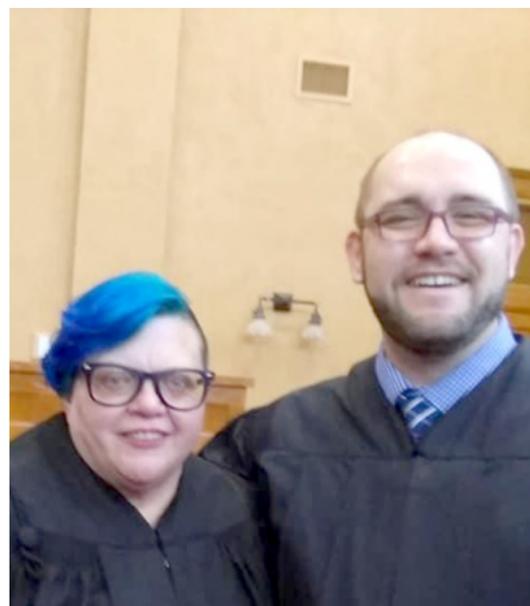
331st District Court is one of the eight Travis County criminal courts. This district court is a criminal court that oversees felony crimes and certain misde-

meanor crimes. This court oversees felony crime such as murder. Furthermore, Chantal is one of the few attorneys who has managed to jump defense to become Judge. On the other hand, the majority of judges tend to come from the prosecution office.

Finally, Chantal Eldridge has a very long experience in the judicial system. According to Chantal "Since 1989, I have been an attorney. For about 20 years, I have practiced predominately as a criminal defense attorney." Moreover, Chantal has been passionate about finding ways to stop the revolving door with those defendants who have mental health issues. Consequently, the mental health issue will be a part of her docket.

Williamson County Democrats Win Two JP Seats

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Pictured left to right are: Kate and KT being sworn as Williamson County Judges. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

As a part of the Blue Wave, two Williamson county Democrat candidates were elected to the Justice of the Peace Judge bench. Over the years, Williamson County has been trending as a "purple" county.

After the election, KT Musselman and Stacy Hackenberg were sworn in as Justice of Peace Judges. Musselman was declared as JP 1; while Hackenberg was sworn in as JP 3. Moreover, their election point to the fact that the political face of Williamson County is changing. Furthermore, they managed to win places like Georgetown, Taylor, La Grange and certain parts of Round Rock, Texas.

Finally, the Justice of the Peace handles both civil and criminal cases. For instance, they handle the following: small claim court, justice court, and administrative hearings. These are lawsuits over debts, evictions, car accidents, unlawful towing and property. These two victories give Democrats a stronger foothold in Williamson County. Now it is on the party to build on it.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters Statement on Proposal to Weaken Enforcement at the Consumer Bureau

by NNPA Newswire

WASHINGTON — Today, following a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Consumer Bureau) proposal to weaken its "no-action letter" policy and reduce enforcement, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services, made the following statement:

"I am very concerned by the Consumer Bureau proposal, issued in the last days of Mick Mulvaney's leadership, to significantly loosen its "no-action letter" policy in a way that could let bad actors that abuse consumers off the hook entirely from enforcement action by the agency. This is yet another step to weaken the Consumer Bureau and curtail its enforcement tools.

"While it is important for our financial regulators to encourage responsible innovation, this is a deeply irresponsible overreach that instead encourages and abets consumer abuses by putting certain financial institutions in an enforcement-free-zone.

"Trump and his appointees have done everything in their power to undermine the Consumer Bureau. Mick Mulvaney, who Trump installed to serve as Acting Director of the agency, dropped lawsuits and investigations into abusive payday lenders, took away the Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity's enforcement powers, fired the members of the agency's Consumer Advisory Board, scaled back enforcement actions against bad actors, sought to slash the agency's budget, and apparently made it his mission to help out bad actors. That is why I have introduced legislation, the Consumers First Act (H.R. 6972), to reverse harmful changes the Trump Administration has imposed on the Consumer Bureau by restoring the agency's supervisory and enforcement powers and increasing the transparency and accountability needed for the agency to carry out its important mission.

"I am committed to holding the Trump Administration accountable and ensuring that the Consumer Bureau can resume its important work protecting American consumers."

African Business Network Host Jajajo Cleaning Services

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On January 5, 2019, the African Business Network of Central Texas held their first meeting. It was an opportunity for their members to focus on the upcoming events. Jajajo, owner of Jajolo Cleaning Service gave a presentation about his business. According to Jajajo, the Cleaning service is one of the first African owned business that's insured bonded, which, services the entire Central Texas area. Not only do they clean homes but also businesses. Furthermore,



Jajajo and Eric attending the African Business Network. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

he encouraged African business owner to invest in technology and increase their marketing reach.

Moreover, Jajajo mentioned that he started his business to fill the void in the mar-

ket of quality cleaning services. Consequently, he sees the increase of African owned business vital to his company's survival and development. "It is time for the African Community to get organized and sup-

port locally owned businesses," stated Jajajo. He strongly believes that it is time for these entrepreneurs to invest in marketing and customer service, which, would increase visibility.

Finally, the ABN of Central Texas thinks 2019 will make it or break it for numerous professions. According to the ABN, "a business like Jajajo Cleaning service has managed to become mainstream due to their great customer service and reliability. However, an increase in selling through local newspapers will also help boost the business."

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson's Statement on Swearing-In Day

by NNPA Newswire

Washington, D.C.— Congresswoman Wilson issued the following statement on the start of the 116th Congress: "It has truly been both an honor and a privilege to represent District 24 in Congress for four terms, but as I begin my fifth term today, I am particularly excited to be for the first time a member of the majority party. I very much look forward to discovering how much more accessible resources for my district will be and hope there will be many opportunities to cut through red tape and

various levels of bureaucracy more easily.

"American voters sent a powerful message last November when they gave Democrats control of the House. I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure that they never regret putting their faith in us.

"Now that we control the gavel and the agenda, Americans can count on Democrats to fight relentlessly on their behalf on a broad range of issues that impact their daily lives. 'For the People' is so much more than a hashtag. It's a promise."



Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson is a fourth-term Congresswoman from Florida representing parts of Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of

dropping out of school. Congresswoman Wilson is a fourth-term Congresswoman from Florida representing parts of Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of

dropping out of school. Congresswoman Wilson also founded and chairs the Florida Ports Caucus, a bipartisan taskforce that coordinates federal action in support of Florida's harbors and waterways. The Florida lawmaker sits on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and the Workforce Committee.

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