

# Black Women In Business Celebrated Five Years of Inspiration

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(AUSTIN, TX) - On November 17th, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Austin Black Women In Business held their five-year extravaganza celebrating years of success. The event was populated by businesses that not only emerge from Austin, but many surrounding cities. The event was also highlighted by an outstanding fashion display / show, featuring designers, and models.

Black Women In Business is a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization,

that is committed to enriching lives, families and communities by providing tools for personal growth, productivity and profit.

Rose Smith is the Founder & CEO of R.O.S.E.S (Reaching Out Supporting Every Sister); which is an organization that educates and empowers all women. It was created in 2010. The organization proceeded "Black Women In Business".

Mrs. Smith is also the Founder & CEO of Black Women In Business. The headquarters

was established in 2014, and located in Austin, Texas, which now, has chapters in over five Texas cities including Dallas and Killeen.

Mrs. Smith is a Motivational Speaker, Author, Publisher and Business Coach who specializes in leadership, team building, marketing and turning passion into profit. "You Matter," is Rose Smith's motto.

The Organization also hosts "Black Men In Business".

Yolanda McKelvey is the Austin Chapter President, Tameika Tho-

mas is VP of Membership, and Linda Coleman is Treasurer.

The mission of Black Women In Business is to unite, educate and inspire businesswomen to excel in leadership and entrepreneurship, with "A Movement" dedicated to a journey of self-confidence, sisterhood and success.

If you have a desire to succeed with your business dreams, they urge you to contact them, and participate in the many workshops, and seminars.

## Front Porch Gathering to Focus on Disproportionate Disciplinary Action in Schools

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(CENTRAL TEXAS) - Recent reports from both Austin and Pflugerville Independent School Districts reveal disproportionate disciplinary actions affecting Black and Latinx students in grades K-12. This observed systemic criminalization of students is troubling and problematic, serving to

disrupt the academic success and mental health of students and sometimes, family connection.

Join the Center for Community Engagement and its partners at a Front Porch Gathering on December 4, 2018, at the Turner Roberts Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m. for a session on Dispro-

portionate Disciplinary Action in Schools. We invite students, parents and community leaders to help us build a guidebook that identifies tools to navigate discriminatory practices and assemble resources to support Black and Latinx students in Central Texas and ensure their success.

Food will be provided by Lucille's Catering. This event is free and open to the public. The Community Engagement Center is part of the University of Texas at Austin's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.

For more information, please call 512-471-9183.

## World AIDS Day



(NATIONAL/WORLD) - December 1, 2018 is World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day began 30 years ago on December 1, 1988 when world health ministries called for a spirit of social tolerance and greater awareness of HIV internationally. This day continues to be an important way to celebrate the extraordinary advances we have made in the battle against HIV, and to remind Austin residents and people everywhere that HIV has not gone away and that much more is yet to be done. We want to show recognition and solidarity with those living with HIV within our community and across the world.

As part of World AIDS Day, these events are being hosted across Austin:

- **Austin City Council World AIDS Day Proclamation, November 29, 5pm-7pm, Austin City Hall, 301 W 2nd St. Organized by the HIV Planning Council.**
- **Center for Health Empowerment (CHE) World AIDS Day Open House, December 1, 9am-1pm, 4534 West Gate Blvd, Suite 106. Organized by the Center for Health Empowerment.**
- **Get Tested! Free HIV/STI Testing, December 1, 10am-6pm, Walgreens, 1144 Airport Blvd. Organized by Austin Public Health.**
- **AIDS Services of Austin Red Party and Health Promotions Ribbon Cutting, December 1, 8pm-1am, 1023 Springdale Rd., Building 14. Organized by AIDS Services of Austin.**

The City of Austin has a vital interest in preventing new HIV transmissions and improving the lives of those living with and affected by HIV. In the Austin area, there were 288 new HIV cases in 2017, and of the estimated 7,676 people living with HIV in the Austin area, it is estimated that over 1,400 are unaware of their status.

In response to the HIV crisis, local entities such as the HIV Planning Council, Fast Track Cities Initiative, City of Austin, and Travis County, are committed to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 and ensuring the best care for the Austin community.

For more information, please contact Hailey de Anda at [Hailey.deanda@austintexas.gov](mailto:Hailey.deanda@austintexas.gov) or [HIVPlanningCouncil@austintexas.gov](mailto:HIVPlanningCouncil@austintexas.gov).

## After Opposing Pelosi, Black Democrats Reluctantly Support Her

By Defender News Service



Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.), expressed support for Nancy Pelosi as speaker.

(DEFENDER NEWS) - After making noise about new political leadership, Black Democrats in the House of Representatives were falling in line behind House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The stark reality was that the California Democrat wields political power that carries a lot of weight.

Democrats planned to vote Wednesday behind closed doors to nominate a speaker before a formal vote on the floor in January.

Connecticut's Rep.-elect Jahana Hayes had a change of heart about Pelosi. Hayes announced on Tuesday that she now supports Pelosi's bid to win the top post in the House when the new Democratic-led Congress takes over in January.

"I came into Washington with an open mind. I said I want to hear all the information, and I want to cast a vote that's best for the people in my state. No one has asked me for a vote other than Nancy Pelosi. ... at this point, I think it's unreasonable for anyone to expect a

vote when they haven't even asked, so I am prepared to support Nancy Pelosi in caucus tomorrow when votes are cast," Hayes said Tuesday on MSNBC.

Pelosi, who last served as House speaker in 2010 before the GOP swept Democrats out of power, was poised to retake the post. She needs 218 votes from the 435 House members to become speaker again. Opposition from within the party has faded away.

Hayes, who made history on Election Day to become Connecticut's first Black woman to serve in Congress, vowed during her campaign not to vote for Pelosi. That was before Pelosi donated to her campaign, according to the CT Mirror.

Several senior Black leaders in the House, including Georgia's Rep. John Lewis and South Carolina's Jim Clyburn, were also steadfast in their support of Pelosi.

Some Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) members made some noise about a lead-

ership change before the 2018 midterm elections when the Democrats won control of the House. CBC chairman Rep. Cedric Richmond of Louisiana called for an African-American lawmaker to hold one of the top two leadership positions.

Ohio's Rep. Marcia Fudge, a CBC member, hinted after the election this month that she might challenge Pelosi. But that never materialized, partially because Pelosi's power to persuade was on display: She promised to restore a House panel on voting and place Fudge as its chair, according to the Washington Post.

It's also no secret that those who oppose Pelosi and fail could face retribution, including withholding her immense fundraising support and blocking the ambitions of her political enemies. One way of doing that is through her power to assign committee posts, like Fudge's. But on the flip side, any opponent of Pelosi could easily wind up on a House committee of little to no consequence.