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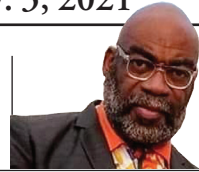
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Early voting begins Oct. 30 for the Nov. 13 elections



BATON ROUGE, La. — Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin is reminding voters that early voting for the Nov. 13 election begins Saturday, Oct. 30, and continues through Saturday, Nov. 6, excluding Sunday, Oct. 31. Citizens who want to early vote may do so in person at their parish Registrar of Voters office or at other designated locations.



Kyle Ardoin

■ **12 PARISHES** will vote in local races and on propositions and Constitutional Amendments: Bossier, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lafourche, Morehouse, Orleans, Ouachita, St. Landry, St. Tammany, Vernon, and Washington.

■ **7 PARISHES** will vote in local races and on Constitutional Amendments: Ascension, Avoyelles, Caddo, Catahoula, Iberia, Rapides, and Richland.

■ **24 PARISHES** will vote on local propositions and Constitutional Amendments: Acadia, Allen, Assumption, Beauregard, Bienville, Claiborne, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Plaquemines, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, West Carroll, and West Feliciana.

■ **21 PARISHES** will only vote on Constitutional Amendments: Caldwell, Cameron, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, LaSalle, Livingston, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Red

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Louisiana statewide mask mandate lifted, except in K-12 schools



Gov. Edwards announced that he's lifting the statewide mask mandate at an Oct. 26, 2021 press conference. (Photo by Rachel Mipro/Louisiana Illuminator)

"Today, I am cautiously optimistic and very relieved that the worst of this fourth surge of COVID is clearly behind us..."

BATON ROUGE, La. — Gov. John Bel Edwards announced he will lift Louisiana's statewide mask mandate in all settings except for K-12 schools, after sustained improvement across the state in terms of new cases, test positivity and hospitalizations. The Governor's updated

order allows school districts to opt out of the mask mandate as long as they continue to follow the existing quarantine guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to better separate exposed students and faculty members from others and avoid outbreaks on campus.

CDC guidance still says everyone 2 years of age or older who is not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places. And if you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area with high transmission. People who have a health condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are



"Now is not the time to let down our guard," Mayor Broome said in a statement. "We must continue to work together to end this pandemic."

fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider. At this time, in light of the Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

"Today, I am cautiously optimistic and very relieved that the worst of this fourth surge of COVID is clearly behind us, which is a direct result of the people of Louisiana who stepped up to the plate when we needed them to and put their masks back on, got vaccinated, and took extra precautions to stay safe. That's why we are

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Mayor Cantrell: Mask mandate lifting for city of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor LaToya Cantrell has announced that the city of New Orleans will suspend its mask mandate for most public spaces effective Friday, Oct. 29.

The news comes after Gov. John Bel Edwards announced the statewide mask mandate would be lifting as well. The mask mandate will reportedly remain in place for all K-12 schools and healthcare facilities throughout Orleans Parish.

Masks will also be required for use of public transportation following federal guidelines for all residents over two years old.

COVID-19 mitigation measures implemented for certain businesses requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for entry announced in August will reportedly remain in place but will be adjusted to include proof of either a PCR or antigen test for all indoor activities.

The New Orleans Health Department (NOHD) encourages residents to continue to wear masks in public indoor spaces especially when social distancing is not possible as



Mayor LaToya Cantrell

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Private memorial service for Colin Powell, nation's first black Secretary

The private memorial service for Colin Powell will be held at the Washington National Cathedral. Peggy Cifrino, a spokesperson for Powell, shared details in a statement. The homecoming celebration will take place at noon on Friday, November 5. All guests must have a ticket to attend the event. Safety protocols will be in place to protect the well-being of all attendees. The public can view the service via livestream on The National Cathedral's website.

"There will be very limited seating and it will be by invitation only," Cifrino said, according to a statement provided to The Associated Press.

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Search for a new president-chancellor of the Southern University system starts Nov. 10

BY: JC CANICOSA
Louisiana Illuminator

Southern University's search committee for a new president-chancellor will begin "actively recruiting the very best people that we can find" next month, a representative of the firm that works with universities on searches for executive positions, told the Southern University system Board of Supervisors Friday.

The committee will then virtually interview semifinalists for the position in early January and pick at least three finalists. Then, the board "will determine

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Southern University President-Chancellor Ray Belton takes a picture with the Board of Supervisors after announcing his retirement. (JC Canicosa/Louisiana Illuminator)



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Mostly Sunny
High 77°

TUE. 10/26
Sunny
High 77°

WED. 10/27
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LOCAL & STATE

East Baton Rouge Parish Set to Approve Federally Funded Flood Prevention Plan

Accompanies other flood protection projects secured by Graves in the Capital Region



Congressman Garret Graves

the Capital Region and other areas such as the \$255 million for the East Baton Rouge Flood Control Project, \$400 million for the Comite Diversion

Project and \$50 million for Livingston Parish drainage projects. With federal funding available, we've been bringing folks together to develop regional solutions and kick plans into gear. We will keep utilizing federal funding opportunities, information from constituents, and ideas from discussions to move us toward solutions faster. Our families, homes and businesses deserve safety and true flood protection," Graves said.

Viist <https://garretgraves.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/graves-statement-second-bayou-manchac-agreement> reached to read more about efforts to bring together state and local partners to deliver regional solutions and recent funding announced for Louisiana flood protection projects.

“We appreciate the parish setting aside \$20 million in federal funding to keep our storm basins clear of debris and improve drainage. This complements parts of the estimated \$5.6 billion of record funding we secured for south Louisiana flood improvement projects to benefit

such as registration deadlines, election dates, polling locations, and hours. GeauxBot is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting voterportal.sos.la.gov or by selecting Elections and Voting on sos.la.gov.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, polling commissions will be supplied with personal protective equipment and will regularly sanitize designated areas and wipe down voting machines between each voter. Hand sanitizer will be provided to voters and masks are recommended, although not required.

In addition to a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana Special ID or a generally recognized ID with picture and signature, voters may use a digital license via LA Wallet.

For more information, contact the Elections Division at 800.883.2805 or elections@sos.la.gov.

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“This is a very compact search,” McDavis said. “We think that we can be very successful in recruiting. We've done a lot of research already.”

Southern President-Chancellor Ray Belton announced in July that he will retire in the fall of 2022.

Belton has served in the role for seven years, and before that served as chancellor for Southern University Shreveport for 14 years. He also has worked in faculty and administration at Southern for over 34 years.

The members of the committee are:

- Tim Barfield, president of CSRS Inc.
- Alfred Harrell, CEO of the Southern University System Foundation

- Gayle Benson, owner of the New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans
- Sandra Brown, dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health at Southern University and A&M College
- Nzhada Harris, president of the Student Bar Association at Southern University Law Center
- Lee Jackson, chairman and CEO of Jackson Offshore Operations LLC
- Irving Matthews, president of The Matthews Automotive Group
- Cynthia Ramirez, professor and president of the faculty senate at Southern University at New Orleans
- LaQuitta Thomas, national president of the Southern University Alumni Federation
- Warner Thomas, president and CEO of Ochsner Health
- Tiffany Varner, director of nursing at Southern University at Shreveport

FEMA opens community disaster assistance site at Southern



Hurricane Ida survivors will be able to meet with FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance specialists Southern University in Baton Rouge through Thursday, Oct. 28. FEMA began servicing some residents at the site during Homecoming week.

The site is located in the John B. Cade Library. Hours Monday-Thursday are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residents can get help with their FEMA applications and ask questions about their cases, find housing and rental assistance, get referrals to agencies that may offer other assistance, and more.

Residents may also apply for FEMA Assistance or check the status of an application online or apply/check the status of an application by phone at 1-800-621-3362.

To visit a Disaster Recovery Center open in Louisiana, survivors can check FEMA.gov/DRC. All centers will follow COVID-19 precautions. Masks will be required by both FEMA specialists and survivors. For the latest information visit fema.gov/disaster/4611. Follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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City-Parish finalizing first pass for Hurricane Ida debris removal program



Baton Rouge, La. — Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome announced today that City-Parish debris removal crews are finalizing their first comprehensive pass in collecting storm debris generated by Hurricane Ida, with more than 800,000 cubic yards of debris collected to-date.

Debris removal crews will soon shift to their second or, in a few areas, their third and final pass. More than 40 debris removal trucks and haulers are currently active in East Baton Rouge Parish, focusing heavily on the southern part of the parish and in neighborhoods most significantly impacted by the storm. During this second pass, City-Parish environmental specialists and debris monitors will continue assessing

damages on every street in impacted areas and directing trucks to collect debris removal piles.

City-Parish officials are urging residents who have not moved their storm debris curbside to do so as soon as possible as crews continue and complete their work.

Residents should organize their storm debris into piles — separate from trash or garbage piles — to help crews efficiently collect their debris. Debris removal crews cannot collect storm debris that is mixed with other household trash or types of eligible debris.

For more information and to track the street-level status of the various passes crews are making throughout the parish, visit brla.gov/idadedebris.

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River, St. Helena, St. James, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Webster, West Baton Rouge, and Winn.

Secretary Ardoin is also pleased to announce a new, temporary early voting site in New Orleans. The new, temporary site will be at the LSU Health Sciences Center, located at 433 Bolivar Street at the corner of Gravier and Bolivar. The site features ample free parking for voters. More information on this site is forthcoming.

Voters are encouraged to utilize Louisiana's free, award-winning smartphone app, GeauxVote Mobile, to locate parish early voting locations, Election Day voting site, or view their sample ballot. GeauxBot, the virtual voter assistant, is also available to access pertinent election informa-

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New early voting site announced



BATON ROUGE, La. — Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin is announcing a new, temporary early voting site in New Orleans. The new, temporary site will be at the LSU Health Sciences Center, located at 433 Bolivar Street at the corner of Gravier and Bolivar. The site features ample free parking for voters.

“Due to the lingering effects of COVID-19, and in an effort to provide for adequate social distancing for New Orleans voters, we are temporarily holding early voting at the LSU Health Sciences Center in addition to our other early voting sites,” Secretary Ardoin said. “I thank the staff at LSU HSC and Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters Dr. Sandra Wilson for their help in securing this site, and for working with our team so closely.”

Early voting runs 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., from October 30 through November 6 for the November 13 primary election, and from November 27 through December 4 for the December 11 general election. Both early voting periods will exclude Sundays.

For more information, contact our Elections Division at 800.883.2805 or elections@sos.la.gov.

Local Advocates Gear Up for SCOTUS Abortion Hearings

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Statement from the Louisiana Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (LCRF) on 10/22 orders, an 11/1 hearing and 12/1 arguments in requests before the United States Supreme Court regarding state laws limiting access to abortion — and one case in which a request has been made to overturn Roe v. Wade:

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The majority of voters across the country who support the right to seek an abortion were already gearing up for arguments at the Supreme Court in December, but on Friday they announced they would hear not one, but two challenges to Texas SB 8, a law that takes away access to most abortions in the state by banning abortion after six weeks — well before viability — and allows private citizens to sue anyone who helps someone to get an abortion. Advocates had urged the court to weigh in on this harmful policy and they refused, so the law went into effect on September 1st.

For nearly two months, SB 8 has forced Texans to either travel hundreds of miles out of state to access their constitutional right to abortion, or carry a pregnancy to term against their will. Health centers in the states neighboring Texas, including Louisiana, are being inundated with patients who can no longer access abortion in their home state. After years of laws targeting and restricting abortion providers, Louisiana only has three clinics left. This additional influx of patients has put tremendous pressure on them. This sadly comes as no surprise. We've always said that banning abortion doesn't stop the need for it, and patients who have the means to do so are desperately fleeing the state.

Every day that SB 8 is in place is one more day of cruelty. Texas health providers and advocates have been working hard to meet the needs of local patients while continuing to push for the court to take action! Last Friday, the Supreme Court announced that they will hear oral arguments on Monday, November 1st for two different cases challenging the Texas law, blatantly unconstitutional law to remain in place. We urge the court to halt enforcement as they consider the requests.

Councilman Vincent inspire friends and neighbors to keep Baker beautiful with Friendly Neighbor Keeper Initiative



Councilman, Dr. Vincent's vision was and still is to inspire our friends and neighbors to participate in a collective effort to clean up and conserve the City of Baker.

Dr. Vincent created the Friendly Neighbor Keeper initiative on May, 10 2016 as a way to unite community groups, schools, businesses, and local government to carry out activities that address our local environmental issues.

The vision was and still is to inspire our friends and neighbors to participate in a collective effort to clean up and conserve the City of Baker.

Having a well-kept, clean neighborhood benefits the entire community in a variety of ways — whether it is making the City look nice or working actively to help prevent disruptions to the ecosystem. This is important to us all because litter can potentially become harmful to children and animals by attracting rodents and insects which can carry disease. Litter can collect and will pollute and block waterways as well as harm wildlife. All kinds of litter, regardless of if it is food, paper, etc., which is left in roadways, ditches, yards, parking lots and

common areas affects us all negatively.

Additionally, litter costs everyone money. It is estimated that litter cleanup costs in the United States total more than \$11.5 billion each year. When others are littering, or illegally dumping garbage the entire community is being forced to pay for that clean-up. Those costs translate not only to added municipal costs in garbage pick-up but also increased costs to businesses that have to add the cleanup in their overhead costs.

As communities seek to grow, it is important to be aware that an estimated thirty-six percent of business development officials say that litter impacts a company's decision to locate in a community. Therefore, litter can stifle needed business growth which adds jobs. This hurts the whole community and can be directly related to adverse impacts in areas such as school development and improvement and a community's ability to provide new services

for its residents.

Overall, it takes everyone to help, both by not littering and participating in programs like Dr. Vincent's Friendly Neighbor Keeper Initiative. This program is a great opportunity for you to join other neighbors and friends, just once a month, and actively engage in helping your community and improving your environment. Ultimately, when you work with others it makes addressing these issues feel less overwhelming and helps build relationships within the community.

You can join Councilman Dr. Vincent every third Saturday, and every day, by taking just a little time to take care of your neighborhood and clean up the trash. It is, after all, up to each of us to save our own world and make it a place where future generations can live and prosper.

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recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

“The indoor mask mandate that was in place over the past several months helped us reduce the surge in cases we saw due to the Deltavariant,” said Dr. Jennifer Avegno, Director of NOHD. “Even though the numbers are currently low, we must remind our residents that this pandemic is not over and remains dangerous for all that may

come in contact with the virus.”

The mask mandate was reinstated to slow the spread of the virus on July 30 following the devastating surge of new COVID-19 Delta variant cases and hospitalizations statewide.

Currently, the city of New Orleans reports that 60.3 percent of the total population is fully vaccinated, and 75.6 percent of the eligible population is fully vaccinated.

For more information regarding COVID-19 updates, restrictions, and vaccination calendar visit <https://ready.nola.gov/home/>.

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able to lift the statewide mask mandate,” said Gov. Edwards. “While the K-12 mask mandate will be in place, school districts can opt out if they follow the existing, evidence-based CDC quarantine guidance. This new order does offer a way for local leaders to end the school mask mandate, if they so choose. Let me be clear — Louisiana has been a leader in bringing students safely back into the classroom. And they have done that by following public health guidance including on masking and quarantine. Public health experts and I encourage schools to stay that course. But because case numbers are going down and have reached a new baseline I do believe it's an appropriate time to give schools more autonomy. It's not lost on me that while Louisiana has seen 18 children die of COVID, half of those deaths came in the last three months, as the much more

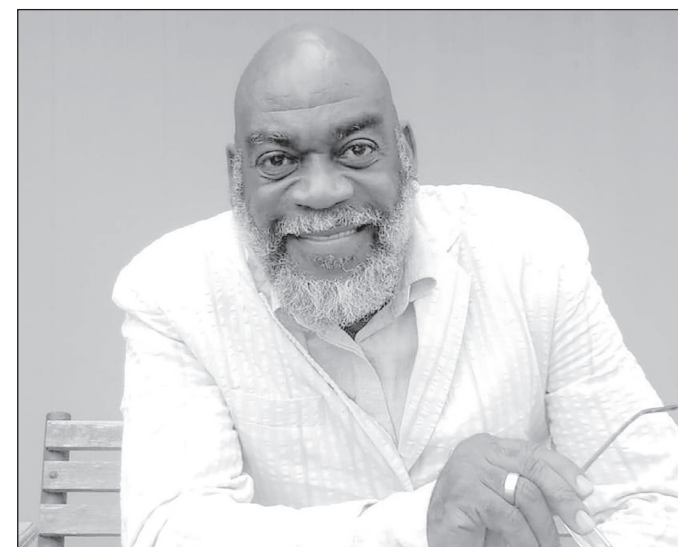
contagious Delta variant surged throughout our state.”

Masks will still be mandated by federal regulation, including on mass transit and in health care facilities. They will not be mandated in most places, including government buildings, college and university campuses and businesses. School districts may opt out of the mask mandate if they choose to, but only if they continue to adhere to CDC quarantine guidance.

“We are encouraged about our current COVID trends, but remain mindful of our profound loss as a result of the last surge and cognizant that we will remain vulnerable to an equally damaging surge unless more of our friends, family and neighbors choose to get vaccinated,” said State Health Officer Dr. Joseph Kanter.

Local governments and private businesses may choose to continue to require and enforce mask requirements under the Governor's order, which goes into effect on Wednesday, October 27.

Kerwin Fealing “The Voice” Now On VTV NETWORK



“A Soft Place To Fall” With Kerwin “The Voice” Fealing

BATON ROUGE, La. — A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men. This is a passage of scripture that has been shared with me for much of my adult life. I wasn't sure what it all meant, but I know now. I know that the “gift” is my voice and that God gave me this amazing voice for a reason, that I now understand. Main reason is to speak to my people, they will listen. So, as you know gospel radio is more than a job for me it is an actual calling. During this 30-year journey in radio there has always been a longing, a desire to do more, and television seemed to be the obvious “more.”

I made several attempts at pursuing television all to no avail. Those failed attempts were caused by different things, broken promises, lack of funding, and the list goes on. But the main reason was they were not God orchestrated. Well this time it's for sure. I was recently contacted by Jerry the President and CEO of VTV network, with an opportunity to produce my own television show. VTV is an independent black owned and operated streaming network available on Roku & Amazon Fire. www.vtv.com

Without going into the details that followed (you will be able to hear the whole story on “A Soft

Place To Fall” (that's the name of the show) Let's just say that God did it again. For the Bible declares that my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in Glory. I am also a firm believer that God never gives a vision without provision. And now VTV Network proudly presents “A Soft Place To Fall” With Kerwin “The Voice” Fealing

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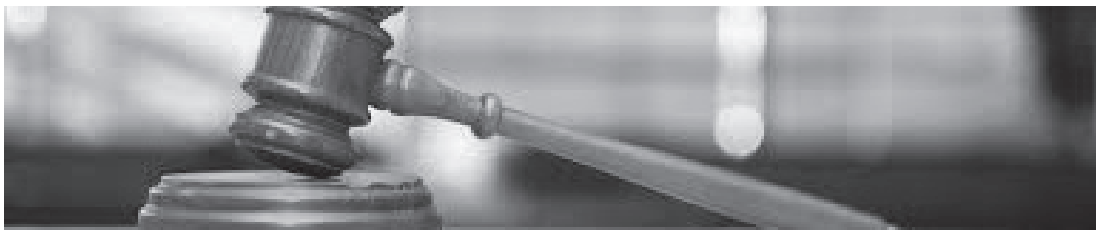
By Creflo Dollar

If you've ever watched any television crime shows and heard the judge ask the person taking the witness stand if they promised to be truthful, you most likely remember the familiar phrase that was uttered. At first glance it's always good to dig and uncover the truth of a matter; however, from a biblical standpoint, what was once true under the Law of Moses isn't necessarily true anymore under grace. The world may tell us half-truths about Jesus Christ and religion may mislead us with lies. Thankfully, carefully studying the Bible through the lens of grace reveals what's actually true now.

Knowing the truth about something affects how we live our entire lives. It can change the context from a hopeless struggle to a joyful cel-



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bration. In the Old Testament before Jesus came, mankind was expected to follow a long list of rules to avoid punishment from God (Exodus 20:3-17). Violating any rule, even unintentionally, resulted in God's wrath. "For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain" (Isaiah 26:21).

This was the truth under the old covenant of the law, which is what most churches still teach. Therefore, most Christians still operate with this mindset. However, the finished work of Jesus changed all that; God doesn't want us to be afraid of Him. He has gone from being our judge to being our Father. "See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what

we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him" (1 John 3:1, NLT).

This marks a significant shift in mindset that most churches haven't caught up with; therefore there's a good chance that many of us are being taught law-based doctrine that no longer applies. Jesus has ended the covenant of the law and replaced it with the covenant of grace. "If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. But when God found fault with the people, he said: 'The day is coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah...' When God speaks of a 'new' covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear"

(Hebrews 8:7, 8, 13, NLT). What this means for us is that we no longer have to work hard and perform perfectly to please God; He's already pleased with us when we accept His Son as our Lord and Savior.

We don't have to rely on our self-efforts to do the right thing; under grace we now have the help of the Holy Spirit, who wasn't available under the law. He reminds us that God isn't angry with us anymore. "God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again" (John 3:17, MSG). Under the present covenant we don't get the punishment our shortcomings deserve, but forgiveness, mercy, and undeserved favor instead. Knowing the truth as is it now makes us free.

The Incomparable CeCe Winans Wins Gospel Artist of the Year!

CeCe Winans adds four new trophies to her Dove Awards Collection: Gospel Artists of the Year, Gospel Album of the Year, Gospel Worship Song of the Year, and Inspirational Recorded Song of the Year.

The incomparable CeCe Winans continues to blaze the trail in the music industry with heartfelt and empowering songs. Winans' chart-topping album, Believe For It won big at the 52nd Annual Dove Awards that was taped at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena in Nashville, TN and aired Friday, October 22nd on Trinity Broadcast Network at 8:00 p.m. ET and 10:00 p.m. ET and was simulcast on SiriusXM The Message.

The beloved singer, songwriter walked away with four major wins increasing her count to 26 Dove Awards overall. The 2021 wins including: Gospel Artist of the Year, Gospel Album of the Year, Believe For It (PureSprings Gospel/ Fair Trade); Gospel Worship Recorded Song of the Year, "Believe For It" (CeCe Winans, Kyle Lee, Mitch Wong & Dwan Hill) and Inspirational Recorded Song of the Year,



CeCe Winans

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" with Carrie Underwood are a testament to the success of Winans' first live recording. The collection of 12 worship songs speaks to the hearts of Winans' global fan-base and it's their loyal support that keeps the music alive and relevant.

Winans' response to taking home four Dove Awards, "Wow!"

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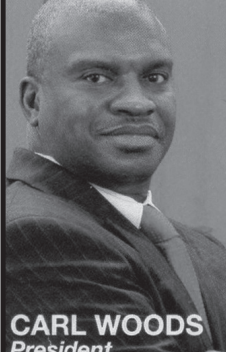
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Federation files motion on behalf of Black farmers, to intervene in lawsuit, which blocks \$4 billion debt relief in rescue plan

Greene County Democrat

East Point, GA — After decades of longstanding racism in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) loan programs, Black farmers stand to lose their farms, land and livelihoods after a temporary injunction halted an estimated \$4 billion in debt relief passed by Congress as part of the American Rescue Act. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Public Counsel, and pro bono counsel Winston & Strawn LLP, filed an intervention motion on behalf of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (the Federation). The motion was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Miller v. Vilsack.

Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan, signed into law on March 11, 2021, was designed to provide debt relief to Black farmers, and other farmers of color, who have long suffered at the hands of the USDA's harmful discrimination. The USDA's long documented and acknowledged racist policies of denying and delaying loans prevented Black farmers from operating successful farm businesses, forcing foreclosures and continuing the shameful legacy of Black land loss in the United States.

In Miller v. Vilsack, five White Texas farmers filed a lawsuit against the USDA alleging that loan forgiveness payments violate the U.S. Constitution. This case is one of many ongoing lawsuits involving Section 1005 in other jurisdictions, including Florida, where a federal court issued a preliminary injunction against the program. Plaintiffs specifically argued that Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan of 2021 ("ARPA") violates the equal protection rights promised under the Constitution for farmers and ranchers who stand eligible for USDA loans but do not qualify for debt relief under the program.

"The USDA has a documented history of discriminating against

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I continue to be humbled by God's kindness and faithfulness to me. Thank you to my producers Kyle Lee and Dwan Hill and everyone who played a part in the making of Believe For It! I pray it will encourage the world to believe in Jesus."

Not only did Winans rack up the wins, but the Glam Squad had her looking more radiant than ever. The multiple award-winning singer was styled by Jason Bolin @stylistJBolin; hair, Ashley Phillips @ashrphil; and make-up, Nikki Campbell @bluartistry. The repeated standing ovations throughout the night confirmed that the audience was in agreement giving their stamp of approval for Winans' performance and appearance.

The US On-Demand streams for Believe For It continues to increase daily as it moves closer towards the 50 million mark. The consistent views on YouTube and fan interaction on social media allows the door to remain open and welcome a new audience to the exhilarating sound of CeCe Winans.



Encountering years of unfair loan terms, mistreatment by the USDA, and discrimination at every turn, Black farmers are now currently less than 1% of all farmers in the country.

Black people and communities of color. The federal government's attempt to rectify this injustice should be applauded, not stopped," said Damon Hewitt, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "If this critical assistance is not provided soon, Black farmers and other farmers of color who have struggled to overcome decades of discrimination and the economic impacts of the global pandemic will face the threat of losing their land and their livelihoods."

Farmer declarations included in the intervention cite multiple instances of discrimination, including:

- Misplaced loan paperwork and approval delays of more than two years
- Inability to sell equipment to repay loans due to vandalism at the auction house in the form of racist graffiti on the tractors up for bid
- Loan paperwork being filed on time but funds chronically arriving too late for planting season
- Inaccurate advice about whether FSA loans could be struc-

ured, and

• Receiving loan funds weeks later in the season than White farmers in the same area, providing them with an unfair advantage in planting and harvesting a profitable crop.

Encountering years of unfair loan terms, mistreatment by the USDA, and discrimination at every turn, Black farmers are now currently less than 1% of all farmers in the country. This has not always been the case. In 1920, one out of every seven farms were owned by a Black farmer, but the number of Black farmers in America has dropped significantly — plummeting by 98% over the past century.

"The Federation was encouraged by USDA's and Congress's attempt to address the disproportionate impact of the debt burden that farmers of color face because of historic and on-going race-based discrimination in agricultural credit," said Cornelius Blanding, Executive Director of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund. "Black farmers have always honored their

commitments to their communities and our nation; our hope is that the Department will be allowed to honor its commitment to our farmers and other farmers of color."

A temporary injunction against the program stands in the way of critical debt relief for those who need it the most. Without debt relief, these farmers face losing their land, livelihoods and equipment, while also bearing the additional financial burden of the farming costs they've taken on in anticipation of debt forgiveness. Today's intervention positions The Federation to vigorously defend Section 1005 and ensure that the narratives of Black farmers are heard as this debt relief is critical to their survival.

For more information on this lawsuit intervention, or to discuss other issues with discrimination and land loss, contact Attorney Dania Davy at the Federation office at: daniadavy@federation.coop or call 404-765-0991.

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State health expert addresses confusion on mixing COVID boosters

BATON ROUGE, La. - The FDA's recent announcement has people wondering what the studies show when it comes to mixing vaccine brands. They say if you've been vaccinated with one brand, getting your booster, if eligible, with another brand, is safe. Some of you may be wondering what the studies show when it comes to the so-called "vaccine cocktail." Dr. Joseph Kanter with the state's health department weighed in on this Tuesday, October 26.

"The data is not conclusive first of all because the trials are relatively small, looking at booster shots, but

it does appear to be quite safe," said Dr. Kanter.

He also said depending on what you were originally vaccinated with, it's possible mixing brands when you get your booster could give you better protection.

"For some vaccines like Johnson and Johnson, it might give a little bit better protection. But, I say 'might' because the trials are pretty small on that, so I don't think it's a conclusive thing right now," Dr. Kanter continued.

The study Moderna conducted on their boosters used a full-strength dose on its subjects. However, the

booster shot the FDA approved for Moderna is only half the original dose.

But Dr. Kanter said that shouldn't worry anyone.

"You know Moderna actually had more miRNA content in their vaccine than Pfizer did anyway. So, they did pretty good showing that if you get a half-dose, you still get a pretty good immune response, so I feel comfortable with that right now," Dr. Kanter explained.

Kelsie Gremillion watched her dad fight COVID from a hospital bed. So, she didn't hesitate to get her booster shot.

"I received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine in March of 2021 and then this past Sunday I received the Moderna vaccine as a booster," said Gremillion.

According to Kelsie, after getting her booster, her symptoms were minimal.

"I was totally fine. Just, you know, a small sore arm on Monday, and today I'm feeling great," she continued.

Dr. Kanter also stressed that not everyone's reactions to the vaccines will be the same so it's important before making this decision to talk with your doctor and make sure this

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