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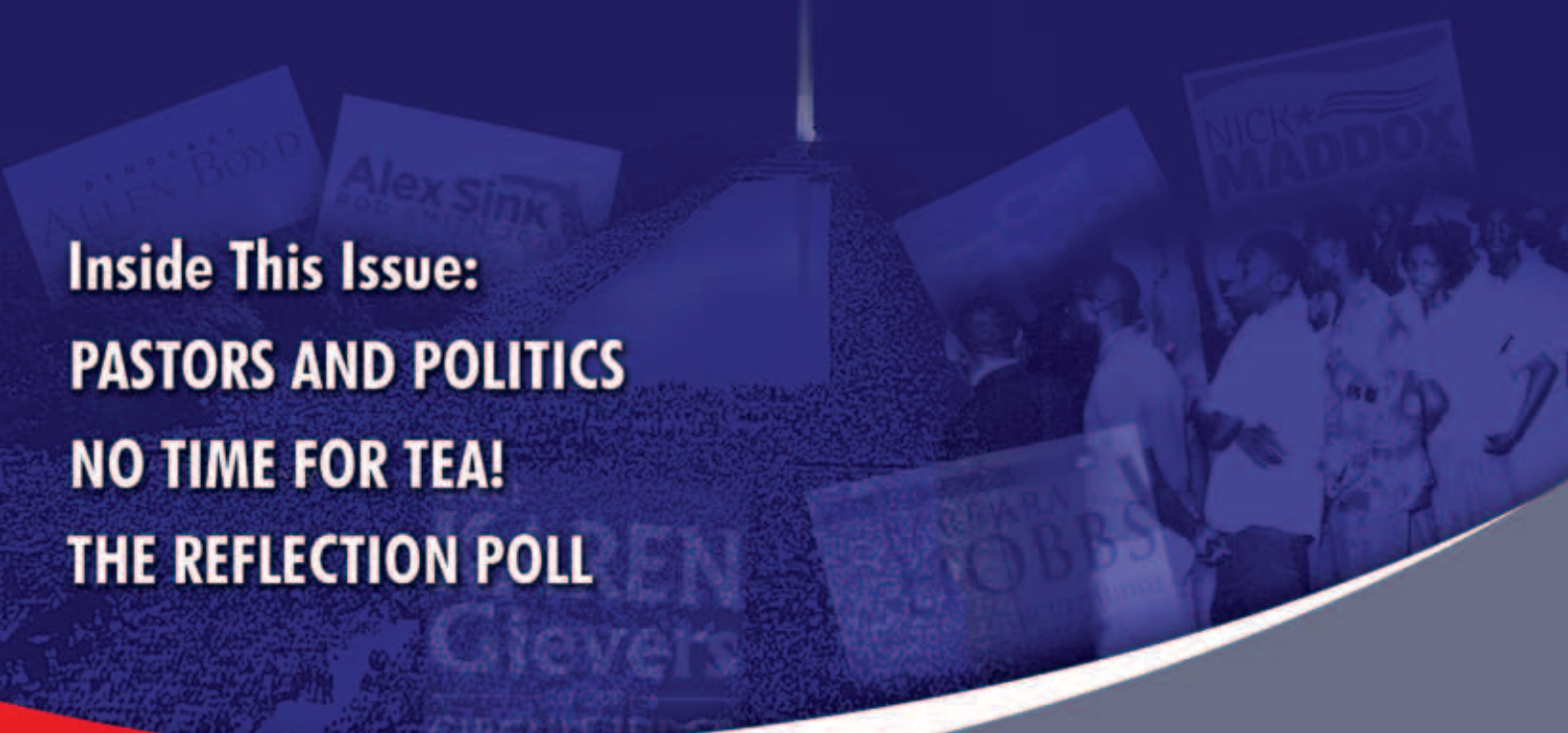
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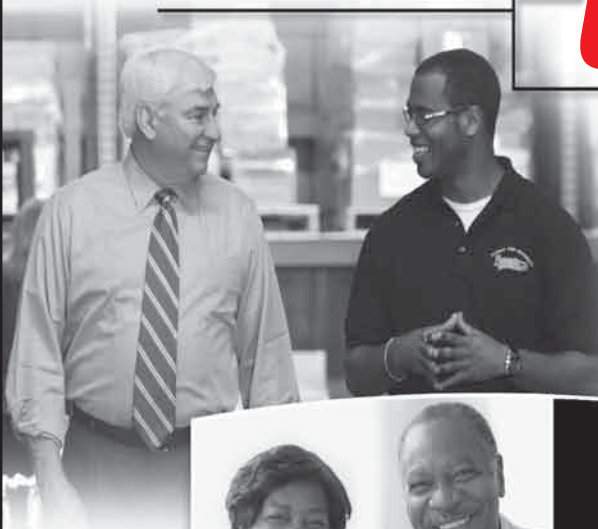


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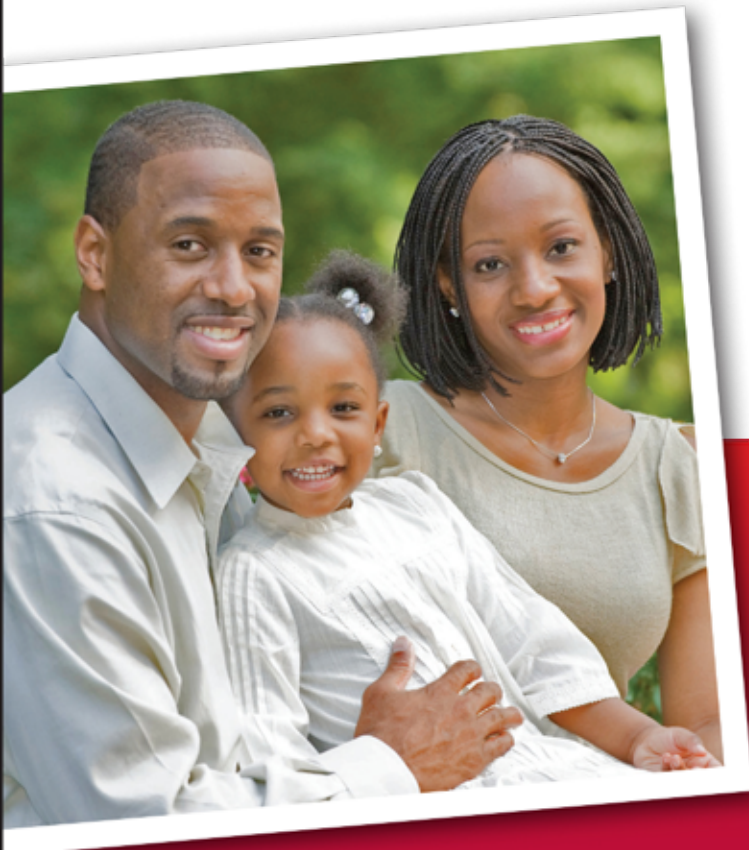
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LIFELINE is a voice, for those who struggle to have their voice heard. The candidate you choose must also be your voice.

As a Pastor, who has been through processes, I teach that faith is what you know, despite what you see. But, faith without work is frivolous, so we must roll up our sleeves and do our part. That's what this "LIFELINE Special Political Edition" is about. We thought it an injustice to you, to focus on anything other than this election, because when it comes to rebuilding Florida, we don't have a moment to spare. The most important decisions that have to be made about Florida have to be made by you. We must make good decisions, if we want to have better results. We cannot afford a miscarriage of Florida's future. From the State House to the White House our voice must be heard November 2. We must say loud and clear, "We are One Voice, One Vote and One Florida."

We at a LIFELINE are committed not only to connecting you to Life, but connecting you to the "BEST of LIFE."

We are please to bring you this special political edition of LIFELINE. If you have comments or suggestions about this edition please email us at lifelinemag@gmail.com.

The Publisher,
Gregory L. James
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Publishers Notes

Dear Readers:

As we present our 2nd issue of LIFELINE Magazine, I find myself looking back at my inspiration of this publication. For me reflecting on this vision is a litany of uncertainties, but mostly assurances, much like this upcoming November 2nd election.

As the publisher, I am not naïve enough to think that at LIFELINE'S inception, one magazine would single handedly bring about a revolution of change. But LIFELINE is an agent of change, just as the candidates running for office can only commit to be an agent of change. We live in a democratic society. No one candidate can single handedly change legislation, or create economic turnaround, or reform healthcare or even restore rights across this nation to over 4 Million ex-felons, it takes compromise to do that. However, as voters you should never compromise. Your vote is your voice. You need to be heard. Just as



Appraising the African American Vote

By Ramon Alexander
FACE Alliance State Director

Florida has roughly 1.6 million registered African American voters, and in 2008 there was a surge of 442,756 African American voters. The surge is defined as those who voted in 2008 but not 2000 or 2004. Although Florida has 67 counties, 1.4 million of African American registrants can be targeted by focusing on 18 counties. Florida African American Caribbean Empowerment Alliance (F.A.C.E.) has developed a comprehensive model of voter outreach and civic engagement that is effectively building community capacity.

African Americans (AA) are the state's second largest minority ranking behind Hispanics (20.1%). They account for 20.1% of the voting age population and 13.1% of Florida's

total registered voters. The largest concentrations of AAs are in the South Florida (19%) and North Florida (18%) regions. The Florida Panhandle also has several heavily populated AA counties. Moreover, just 44% of registered AA voters live in precincts that are majority AA.

Although Hispanics are a larger group in population, AAs have larger voter registration numbers and Democrats currently hold the registration advantage over Republicans. One could then make the argument that progressives lead conservatives in Florida's voter registration. Historically, AAs are relatively conservative in their personal morality yet more progressive in their political engagements - they form the base of Florida's progressive leaning voters. The 2008 elections established the high water mark for performance among AAs. The National Committee for an Effective Congress (NCEC) calculates that of the voters who may potentially drop-off in 2010, African Americans represent 33% (or the loss of approximately 146,000 surge voters and potentially 290,000 total African American voters).

F.A.C.E. recognizes that voter outreach and developing solid voting infrastructure must never cease. Our outreach and your vote are palpable in every election. Every election cycle campaigns swoop in and setup shop for the election. They touch people and raise their hopes. After which the campaign packs up, taking resources and abandoning communities until the next election. This model fails to maximize resources and to build capacity. It will have done nothing to empower the cadre of people who time and time again answer the call for action, with no lasting benefit for them. We have to respond to this "use us and forget us political tactic" through our vote, because the vote is the only voice all politicians understand.



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Amendments Are Important

By State Representative Alan Williams

“The Amendments Are Very important!” In an effort to create a more informed voting body, I am encouraging all voters to become acclimated with the amendments that will be listed on this year’s ballot. Throughout my experience in politics

and public service, I have interacted with a number of citizens who have felt that the amendments were simply “not important”. The syllogism in this argument is centered on the fact that the verbiage used to summarize amendments is not clear and concise; therefore, many voters are confused as to how the amendments will truly affect their family and their community. To counter their argument, I am stating boldly that “The amendments are very important.”

To ensure that every voter is informed on the amendments, I have listed and simplified all of the amendments that will appear on your ballot. I am encouraging everyone to familiarize themselves with the amendments so that we may empower and better our communities. Remember a vote-less people is a hope-less people. I look forward to seeing you at the polls.

AMENDMENTS (#3, #7 and #9 were removed from the ballot)

AMENDMENT 1- CAMPAIGN FINANCE

A vote **FOR** Amendment 1 would:

- End campaign financing that requires expenditure of public money
- End limits on campaign spending
- Reduce the number of candidates who could afford to run for office

A vote **AGAINST** Amendment 1 would:

- Continue the present system of campaign financing
- Continue to allow the public to finance political campaigns

AMENDMENT 2- TAXES

A vote **FOR** Amendment 2 would:

- Reduce property taxes for military personnel
- Limit local property tax revenues statewide

A vote **AGAINST** Amendment 2 would:

- Leave property taxes for military personnel at their current rates
- Would not place a new limit on property taxes for military personnel

AMENDMENT 4- PROPERTY RIGHTS

A vote **FOR** Amendment 4 would:

- Would change the current land use planning system to require citizen referendums on comprehensive plan changes
- Reduce the amount of authority that elected officials have for land planning

A vote **AGAINST** Amendment 4 would:

- Maintain current level of public input with regards to land planning
- Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice.
- Districts must be equal in population

AMENDMENT 5& 6 REDISTRICTING “Fair Districts Florida”

Summary:

- Legislative districts may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party.
- Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice.
- Districts must be equal in population

A vote **FOR** Amendments 5 and 6 would:

- Set non-political standards for redistricting
- Reduce the gerrymandering of districts

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A vote **AGAINST** Amendments 5 and 6 would:

- Continue to allow the legislature to draw districts to favor an incumbent or political party
- A vote **FOR** Amendments 5 and 6 would:
- Set non-political standards for redistricting
 - Reduce the gerrymandering of districts

A vote **AGAINST** Amendments 5 and 6 would:

- Continue to allow the legislature to draw districts to favor an incumbent or political party

Amendment 8- Class Sizes

Summary:

- For kindergarten through 3rd grade, teachers are limited to 18 students
- For 4th through 8th grade, teachers are limited to 22 students
- For 9th through 12th grade, teachers are limited to 25 students

A vote **FOR** Amendment 8 would:

- Provide more flexibility when meeting class size requirements
- Allow limits to increase by a maximum of five students for each level
- Allow more local control for teacher-student ratios

A vote **AGAINST** Amendment 8 would:

- Leave class sizes as is

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REP the V.O.T.E.~ Representing the Voice of The Empowered!

By- Jelani Charles Davis, Esq.

The November 2000 election left Americans confused and betrayed, and was a powerful reminder that protecting our voice means not only casting our votes, but also making sure they are counted. Fast forward to 2008, the winds of change roared through the country and our community like a mighty rushing wind and more people than ever cast their vote in order to be a part of history. Encouraging civic participation has always been a top priority among civil rights organizations and advocates. After the 2000 election and the historical gains made in 2008, there is an increased need to renew our emphasis on protecting the rights of voters so that every vote cast will be counted on Election Day.

REP the V.O.T.E. was created to respond to this need. REP the V.O.T.E., is a program aimed at safeguarding voters' rights by advising them of their legal rights, providing volunteer attorneys to help voters assert those rights, and offering ready access to free and immediate legal assistance for voters who run into problems. Rep the V.O.T.E. is a partnership between the state's oldest leading network of black lawyers, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association ("VHFCNBA") and Florida African American and Caribbean Alliance ("FACE") Unite for Dignity, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to empower African American and Caribbean communities throughout the state.

For years, African American lawyers have played a vital role in protecting the integrity of the election process, registering and educating voters, and assisting Floridians in exercising their right to vote. This year, we are continuing our efforts by launching a toll-free voting rights hotline. Floridians who feel that their voting rights have been violated will have the opportunity to call in and be connected with an attorney that will assist them with their voting rights issue.

Before you cast your vote, know your rights.

1. On Election Day, each polling place opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m. If you are in line or in the process of voting when the polls close at 7:00 p.m., YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE in the election.
 2. If you make a mistake and "spoil" your ballot, you have the right to receive another ballot and vote.
 3. You have the right to vote without being intimidated or forced to vote for someone you do not wish to vote for.
 4. If your voter eligibility cannot be determined, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot.
 5. If you cannot read or write or are disabled or blind, you have the right to request special assistance to help you vote.
 6. It is unlawful for anyone to try to prevent you from voting if you are qualified and registered to vote.
- For more information visit us at www.facealliance.org or www.vhfcnba.org.

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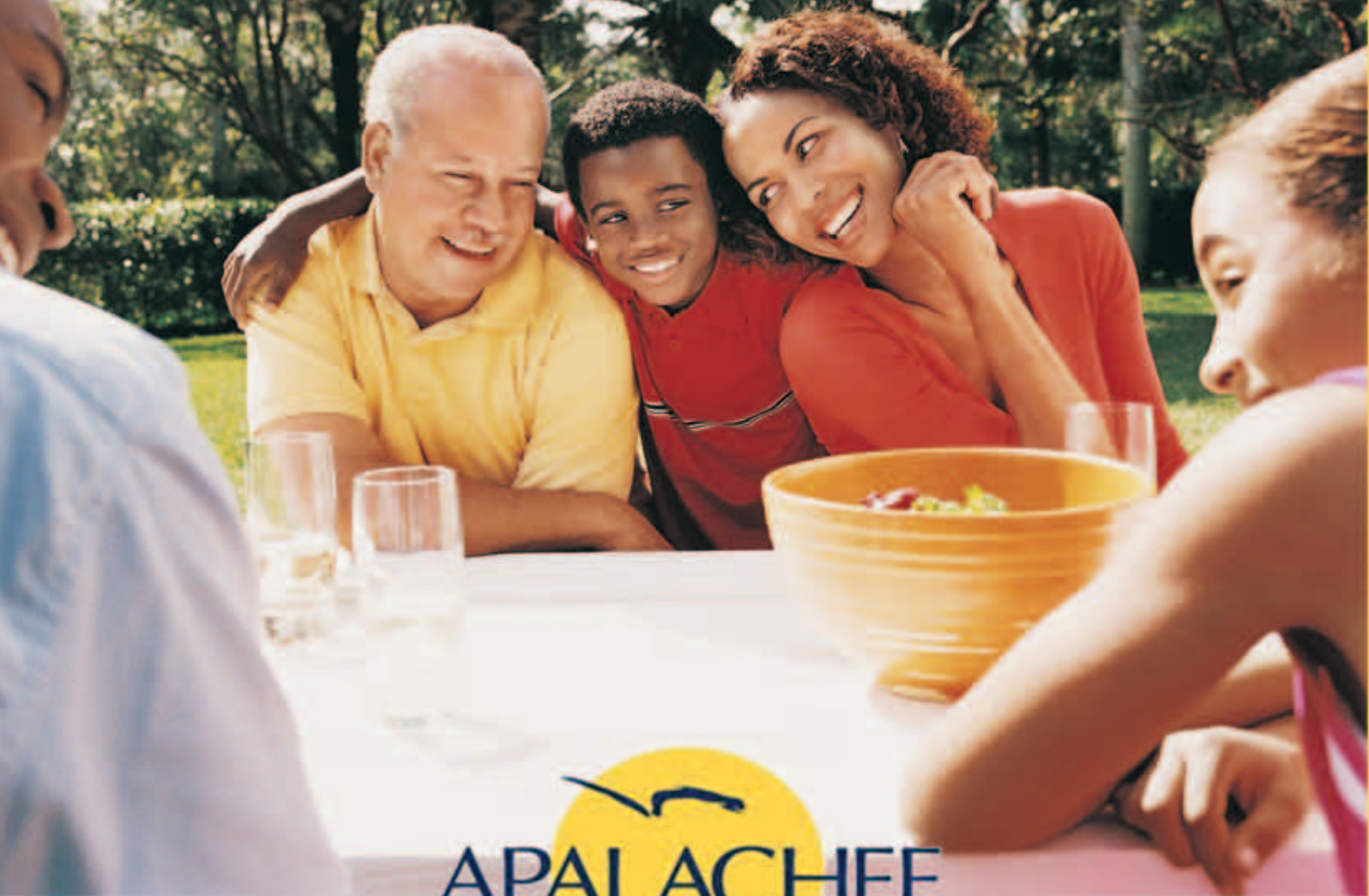
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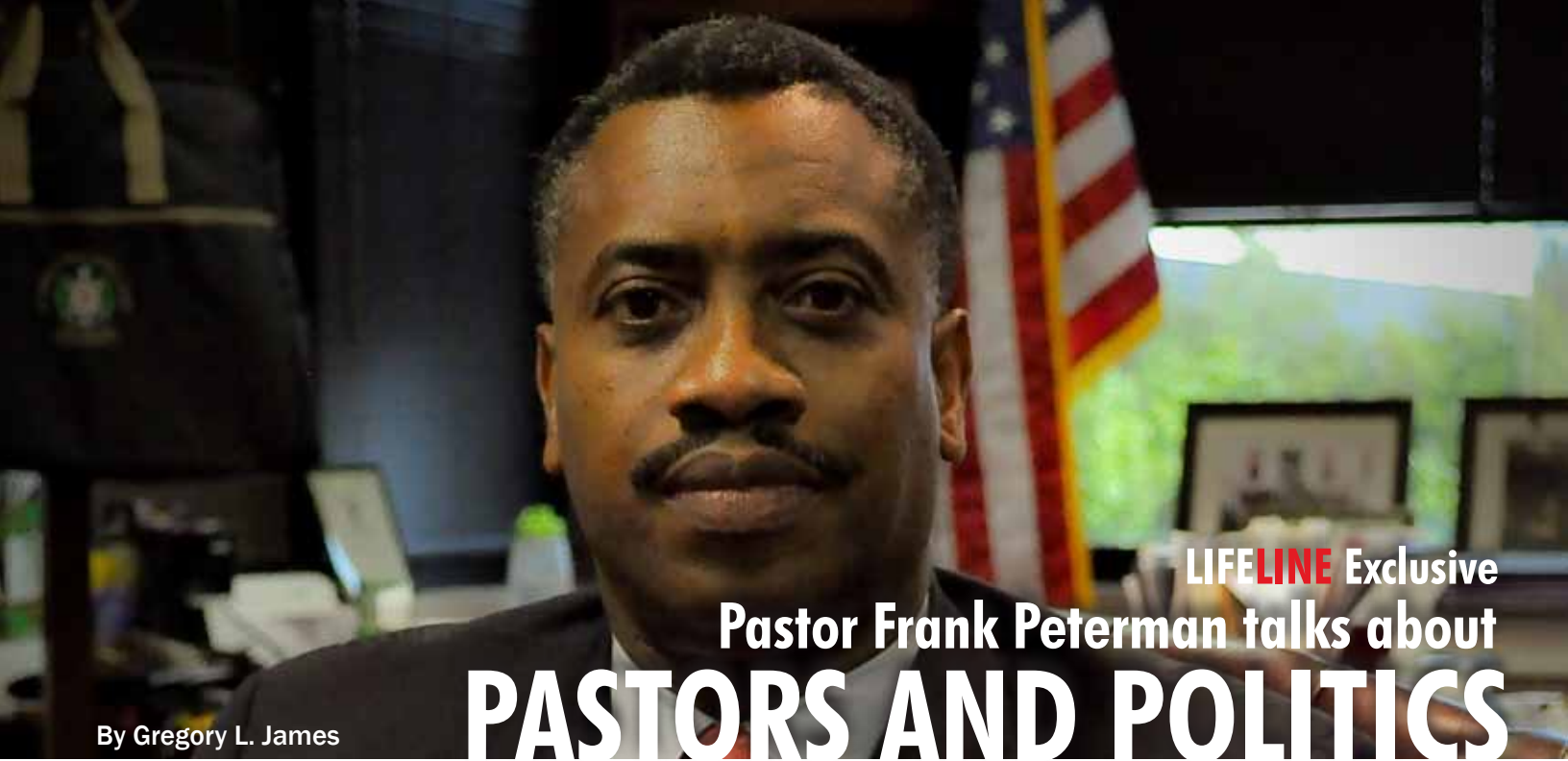


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LIFELINE Exclusive

Pastor Frank Peterman talks about

PASTORS AND POLITICS

By Gregory L. James

Pastor Frank Peterman wrapped in what you can see is an ancestral strength and humility, is embraced by an unquestionable divinity that shapes the contours of pastor and politics. As the pastor of The Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida and the Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Justice for the State of Florida, he has seen upfront how politics affect people and how pastors carry the burden of the effects. “African American preachers changed the world, that’s our legacy. We had this DNA in us even before Dr. Martin Luther King,” said Peterman.

During an exclusive interview with LifeLine, in Tallahassee, Florida, the 48 year old Pastor and Politician opened up and talked candidly about the responsibility of pastors and the role they must play in policy and politics. The interview which was set for 30 minutes lasted almost an hour, as the pastoral commitment flowed from Pastor Peterman as though he had a reservoir waiting to be released. Peterman opened the biblical history book of government dating back to Moses. He repealed the concept of a dichotomy of the church and government. “It was never intended to be a dichotomy between the two. Moses

wrote the first ordinance and the first order of government,” said Peterman. That was to be our guide.

As a pastor who has been in civic life for many years, he has served as a City Councilman, in St. Petersburg, Florida and as a State Legislature. He said that distinguishing the role of pastor and politician can be a little bifurcated. “As a preacher you are protected sometimes because people will not approach you with certain things, because they know what you stand for. It’s a blessing because people know you won’t move in a certain direction.” According to Peterman the tough part is when you have to make hairsplitting decisions that the world thinks should be a certain way, but your faith thinks should be another way.

“Fighting that battle, knowing you can’t compromise –that’s difficult, because the world won’t always understand why you champion some things and oppose others.”

He said he tries to use the Bible as his reference point. It’s that reference point that substantiates his belief that pastors should always be involved in civic life. “We should always be pushing people to the polls. We should always be fighting for justice.” His

commitment is demonstrated in his development of a project called the Nehemiah Group, in St. Petersburg whose purpose was to fight Black on Black Crime and to fight injustices in the community. Peterman, who holds fast to pastors’ responsibilities to their parishioners and the community said, “the world does not have a panacea for our social ills, only God does.” Because of that belief, he expressed that it is pastors’ civic duty to be involved, “they should always be involving themselves in politics, it’s the right thing to do based on the Word of God.”

Though sometimes it appears that the African American pastor’s voice is recessed at a grass root level, Peterman’s response is one of support and honor for pastors. “I don’t generalize pastors, because there are pastors who are on the front line doing amazing things.” However, he also admitted there needs to be a social outrage and social outreach from the pulpit. “We have to talk about social ills and unequal treatment. We have to do this for ourselves. We must get involved with what’s happening with the juvenile justice system, as it is comprised of predominately African American children.” He resolves that we must rebuild our infrastructure of

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the NAACP and the Urban League; and the Church has to help rebuild that infrastructure.

According to Peterman, fear is not an option for pastors. “It is my faith that the Spirit of God will give us the comprehensive ability to manifest the strength of God to turn the lives around of people who are hurting. It will take a concerted effort; a collective group of pastors. We have to be prayerful enough and patient enough to hammer out an agenda to forge ahead. However, faith without work is dead and as pastors and as a community, we have to work.”

LifeLine Magazine had an opportunity to sit down with various pastors in the North Florida community to discuss the responsibility of the church, as it pertains to government and voting. This is what they had to say:

LifeLine Magazine: “Why do you think the pastor’s voices are sometimes muffled when it comes to politics?”

Pastor Darrick McGee, Bible Base Church, Tallahassee, FL- “I think a lot of times what happens is the



pastors are so concerned about the 501c3 and violating the tax requirements and things of that nature.

What’s important to understand is that if you read the tax guide from the fed government, it doesn’t stop you from talking about matters that are pertaining to politics. It stops you from using the pulpit to endorse a candidate on behalf of that church. Now a pastor can get up and speak in favor of a candidate as an individual voter, but it’s important for them not to use the church as a whole. For example, if a pastor is preaching about life and a candidate is against abortion, well it’s important for you to be able to educate the members as

to what the Bible says about it and why you should be very conscious of who you’re voting for in that regard. There’s a good case that happened two years ago during a presidential election when a pastor in Texas came out and he was speaking in favor of a candidate over another one. The federal government (IRS) wanted to come out and take his tax exempt status. He went to court and he won cause his overall point was that I’m speaking on behalf of what I know... what I’m educating my members on. So that’s important to understand. We have to know how government works.”

LifeLine Magazine: “What can pastors do to engage our communities in the political process?”

Pastor Helen Johnson Robinson – Bethel AME Church in Monticello, FL.

“Well first of all we’ve got to get the message out to our people that we have not arrived. Even though we have an African –American President, we still have not arrived.



There are a lot of issues that concern us and it’s being fought constantly, and policies that could be put in place—they’re fought against constantly. So we’ve got to really impress upon our people that we are not there yet. Just because we had a major victory in 2008, the battle is not over. We still have to get out there and do grassroots. “

Pastor Gerald Thomas, Greater Harvest Full Gospel, Gretna, FL

“In Isaiah 9:6 there’s a structure that the church has to build a structure. That structure is knowing the language of the diversity of our communities. I’m involved in the community as a pastor. I think that we have to know the language of the generation. If we’re going to win the generation then we got to know the language of the generation.”

It’s not all the pastors...I think it’s a great influx of pastors really involved in political activities...especially in the community. So I think at large the pastors really need to know the language of the generation.”

Pastor Sylvester Robinson, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Quincy, Florida:

“The major problem is the college of clergy has lost our platform. We’ve lost our voice. We are not coming together as one to make a stand and demand. Because not what we have is a silent church in a noisy world, so therefore we are not challenging any issues because we



at a local level—and I’m not talking about individuals—just collectively as African American Pastors whether it’s Missionary Baptist, AME or Primitive Baptist or Non-Denominational, as African American Pastors we have not created the platform where we have the voice for government period. We got to put Alex Sink into office. We got to get behind Allen Boyd. We got to get behind Meeks. No longer can we sit back and be in the back.”

Pastor Chester Brown, Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL:



“We have to teach our community the importance of voting and how that’s tied to freedom. We must take responsibility for instilling this value in our children early. We should teach them our history of struggle. We should take them to the polls with us. As it relates to those who are already voting age, we must never let them forget that voting for African Americans is blood bought right and not just some privilege we were given. Voting is not just a right but it has to be a resolve for African Americans.”

Special Report

YOU DECIDE...

The voters of Florida must choose representatives and executives who will lead them with vision and integrity while seeking solutions that address the needs of the future. Each candidate was asked the following question, this was their response.

If elected, how do you plan to use your position to improve the lives of Florida's citizens?

United States Senate Candidates



Marco Rubio (R)

I am the only candidate who will challenge the direction big-spending politicians are taking our country

and offer a clear and positive alternative. America is the greatest country in the world but to stay there we must address the national debt and other issues facing our nation.



Kendrick Meek (D)

As a former skycap and Florida state trooper, I know what it means to work hard like regular Floridians who punch in and punch out every

day. As Florida's Senator, I would dive head first into the major issues of the day and not be afraid to act on behalf of the people of Florida first and foremost.



Charlie Crist (I)

I will be an independent Senator who will avoid partisan bickering & take the best ideas from both parties to promote policies to keep

our economy strong, make sure another BP oil spill never happens, reduce the deficit, put Floridians back to work, and keep our communities safe.

Governor's Race Candidates



Alex Sink (D)

I have a plan to create jobs, grow our economy, improve our schools, and finally hold politicians accountable. I've

focused on solving problems my whole life as a business leader, and I will build a brighter future for our state with common-sense solutions that address the needs of our citizens.



Rick Scott (R)

I plan to improve the lives of Floridians by making Florida the number one state for job creation.

By eliminating unnecessary regulation, cutting taxes and shrinking government we will be able to provide Floridians with the job opportunities that are so desperately needed.

Attorney General Candidates



Pam Bondi (R)

I believe our Attorney General has the profound responsibilities to defend the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep our families, seniors,

elderly and children safe from crime and must defend our Constitution. My career as a prosecutor has given me the experience necessary to be Florida's Top Cop.



Dan Gelber (D)

I would use my office to aggressively prosecute consumer fraud; and attack waste and abuse in government

programs. Additionally, I would partner with agencies with a public corruption mandate. Finally, I would have zero tolerance for public records law violations.

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Agricultural Commissioner Candidates



Adam Putnam (R)

I will aggressively protect our 18million consumers and \$100 billion agriculture

industry by addressing challenges, including clean water, childhood nutrition, renewable energy and consumer protection.



Scott Maddox (D)

I will fight to protect small business owners, small farmers, and our state's consumers.

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Chief Financial Officer Candidates

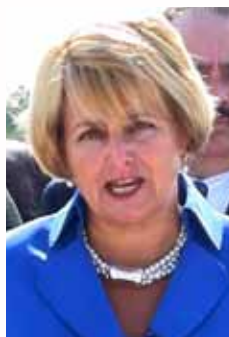


Jeff Atwater (R)

Return our state to the forefront of economic opportunity— Implement policies that foster the entrepreneurial spirit of individuals &

business owners—Establish the highest standards of professional

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Lorraine Ausley (D)

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—as a lawyer, as a legislator, and as an advocate for everyday Floridians. And now I'm going to take that same fight to the office of Chief Financial Officer.

Candidate responses are excerpts from the League of Women Voters of Florida 2010 Election & Voters Guide. To read more about the candidates and their response to critical issues affecting Floridians, read the Voters Guide in its entirety at www.vote411leon.org/.



Source: The League of Women Voters

The Gantt Report

No Time For Tea!



In the American 2010 election cycle, the political flavor of the day appears to be “The Tea Party”! Be careful, however, because one swallow of Tea Party philosophy just might be damaging to your political health. So-called Tea Party advocates claim to be upset with everybody currently in office

from President Barack Obama all the way down to local government council members and commissioners. The tea baggers may be Democrats, Republicans or registered voters with no party affiliations but one thing they all have in common is their conservatism.

While most Americans desire political, social and economic progress, the Tea Party appears to want to go back, back to the days when people of European descent controlled everything in America and many parts of the world. Those days are over! At one time in world history, it was said that The British Empire, for instance, was so big that the sun would never set on it. Now, in 2010, the sun can hardly shine on the fallen empire. This neo-conservative American Tea Party movement is not as politically powerful as the media suggests that they are. They are just more vocal and perhaps more active than the masses of American voters.

There are not enough Tea Party members to elect anyone. So called Tea Party candidates are benefitting from voter apathy. Voters are so upset that their support for candidates that called for change has not resulted in change. People still can't find good jobs, people still can't get bank loans and people still can't pay their mortgages. I don't have any problem with throwing the bums out if “the bums” are politicians that don't stand up and speak out on the issues that affect citizens that the politicians represent but the Tea Part approach is not the way to do it.

One of the disturbing aspects of the Tea Party movement is their apparent fear of Black progress in America and worldwide. Predominately white but not all-white. The racist Tea Party signs and slogans are not typical and may be a result of “Politics Gone Wild”! And, just like “Girls Gone Wild”, the Tea Party movement has no social redeeming qualities and no permanent political standing. Tea baggers yell “stop spending” but they can tell you what government programs they would cut. They say “no more taxes” but they won't tell you how to finance billion dollar wars in Afghanistan or Iraq without increased taxes. Tea Party or not, every registered voter should exercise their right and go to the polls on Election Day and vote for the candidate that is best for you.

The great African leader Samora Machel often said, “You can get tea without boiling the water” and The Gantt Report says if America's voters get hot and go to the polls and support the good politicians and vote the bad guys out of office, the Tea Party will evaporate and cease to exist! All Americans, regardless of what tea baggers say, are in the same boat, all we have is each other and we all have the same political problems and the same political enemies. On Election Day don't worry about the Tea Party, worry about yourself, worry about your family and worry about your community. Go to the polls and cast your ballots for candidates that you can access, candidates that you can communicate with and candidates that share your desire for personal, family and community progress. If you vote, the conservative Tea Party Movement will drown in the political sea just as Pharaoh's tea baggers drowned in the Biblical Red Sea. Election Day is no time for tea. Tea time is over!





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-Dr. Na'im Akbar

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- Helped open Parkway Head Start!
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- Teaching at TCC since 1987!
- Saved Healthy Families funding!

Re-Elect State Representative

Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda

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The Reflection Poll



Attorney Sean Pittman

“It’s not surprising given the hardships that we’re seeing across the land that a lot of people may not be feeling very energized, very engaged right now. A lot of folks may be feeling like politics is something that they get involved with every four years when there’s a presidential election, but they don’t see why they should bother the rest of the time.” Those were the words of our President as he spoke to members of our community, regarding

the magnitude the November 2010 election holds for the future of our country.

Recent polls are predicting that Blacks are among the key groups who are unlikely to turn out in large numbers this election season, contrary to the Black voter participation in 2008. While there may be many excuses as to why many African Americans may not participate in the political process, we must remember to look at the bigger picture. African Americans neither America has seen all the changes we seek yet. However, we remain patient and support President Obama’s Administration and their efforts to improve not just America, but also the world’s view of America.

Our economic standing, our healthcare reform, our nation’s stability and security will not change overnight. We must continue to make our voices heard and elect those who will serve the best interest of our communities and nation. That is the only way to guarantee our rights, our privileges and our freedom. Just

suppose all of us decided not to vote. Where would our communities be? How would it feel to not have any input in our representation at the various levels of government? Let us not forget the unalienable rights that our ancestors fought and died.

When ALL of us take to the polls, the impact we can make is monumental, just as the impact our foot soldiers made on America and world at the reflection pool, in 1962 during the March on Washington. President Obama states, “What made the Civil Rights Movement possible were foot soldiers like so many of you, sitting down at lunch counters and standing up for freedom.”

I say what makes it possible for me and you to continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of freedom in America are our vote. Our vote keeps us free. If we really want to preserve freedom, we must vote for those who value our freedom, vote for those who can still see our reflection when they look at the Washington Monument Reflection Pool and vote so they can see our reflection in the poll numbers.

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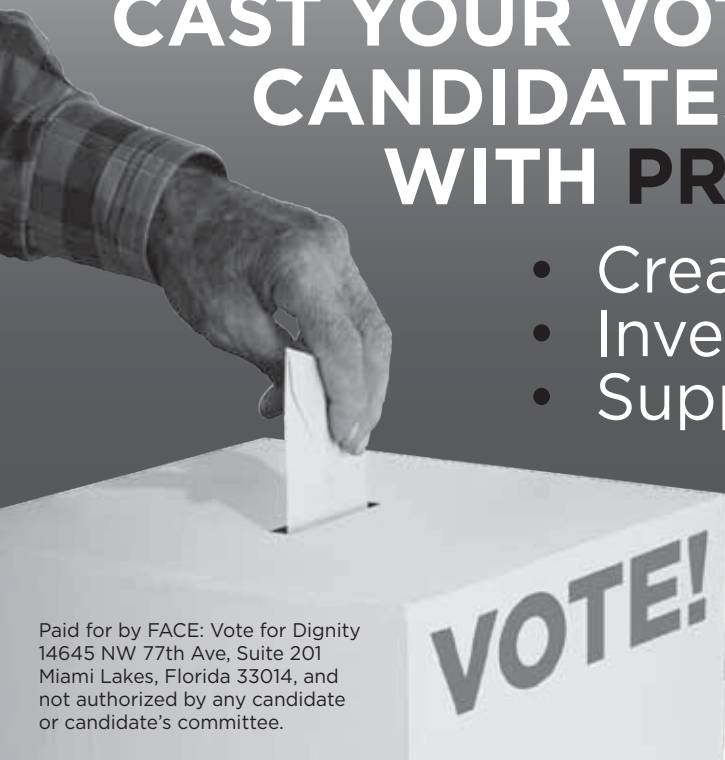
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On November 2nd, We'll stand with him



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Dr. Henry Lewis, III
Dean, FAMU College of
Pharmacy
Former Leon
County Commissioner



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Cliff Thael's record:

- ✓ Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, casting a vote for Barack Obama for President
- ✓ Certificate of Life Membership with the NAACP, August 1999
- ✓ The C.K. Steele Scholarship Foundation Services Award, 2006
- ✓ Outstanding Service Award, Bond Community Health Center, October 2004
- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation, Southside - Southeast - Frenchtown Consortium, February 1997
- ✓ President's Award, NAACP, 2000
- ✓ Distinguished Service Award, Council of Neighborhood Associations, 1988-89

Nick Maddox's record:

- ✗ Did not vote for Barack Obama for President in 2008
- ✗ Had never voted prior to August 2010 when he was on the ballot
- ✗ Endorsed by prominent Tea Party Republican, Rick Malphurs
- ✗ Supported by the Republican Party Chairman, Dan Abel

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Cliff Thael for County Commission**

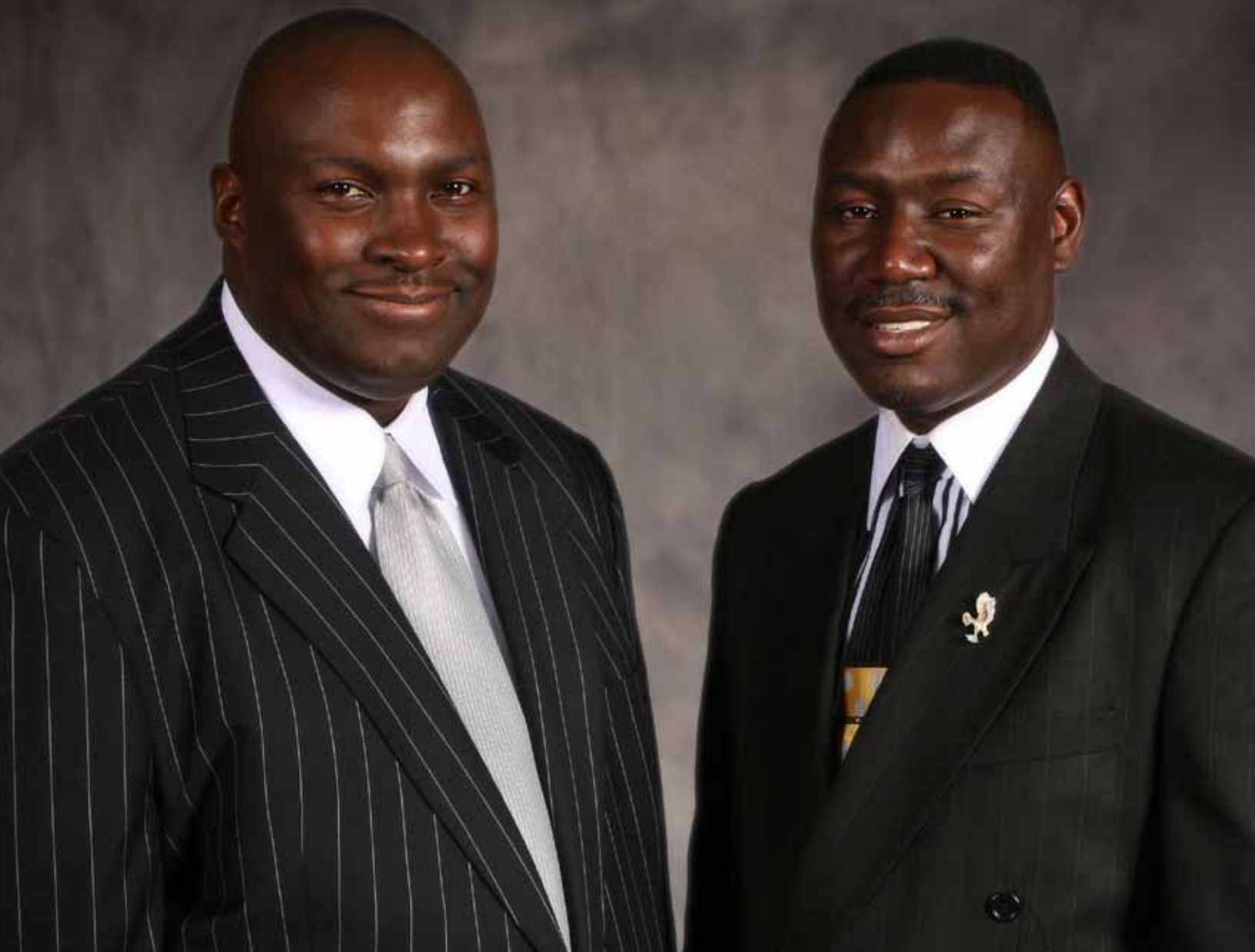
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