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# Remembering Saniyah Nicholson; She was 9 years old - only 9

Cleveland WARD ONE. It's been three years since the untimely tragedy of 9 year-old Saniyah Nicholson. **June 20, 2018** at approximately 7:11pm was the ugliest day in the history of Cleveland WARD ONE. As we reflect on this day, it was about 75 degrees outdoors. People were on Lee Road near Cloverside and Westview ave. having a good time. Folks were enjoying the sunshine, good conversation and the ambiance of corner to corner fast food restaurants and cafes. While all this is going on, a mother from Maple Heights District 6 decided to take her daughters to Rite Aid in Maple Heights to purchase a case of pepsi and three boxes of cereal. the items were on sale. Afterwards, the mother makes a stop at Wendy's because little Saniyah wanted a frosty. Yes, she's a kid - she talked her mom into stopping and getting her a frosty. At this time, little Saniyah was happy as can be. She was listening to her mom's music -dancing in her seat while singing along with her sister and mom - eating her ice cream. Saniyah was doing what kids should do; having fun while cruising in the back seat of her mom's car.

After leaving Wendy's, Saniyah's mom then decided to drive to Cleveland WARD ONE to pick up her son from the DNA Boxing Club. You see, her son is a professional junior weight boxing champ. The mother arrived on Lee Road shortly after 7pm. She exited her vehicle and entered the boxing club. Approximately 2 minutes later, gunfire erupted. Black males were shooting back and forth - back and forth. As people were running for cover trying to live - one of the bullets penetrated the back of mom's car and hit struck little Saniyah Nicholson.

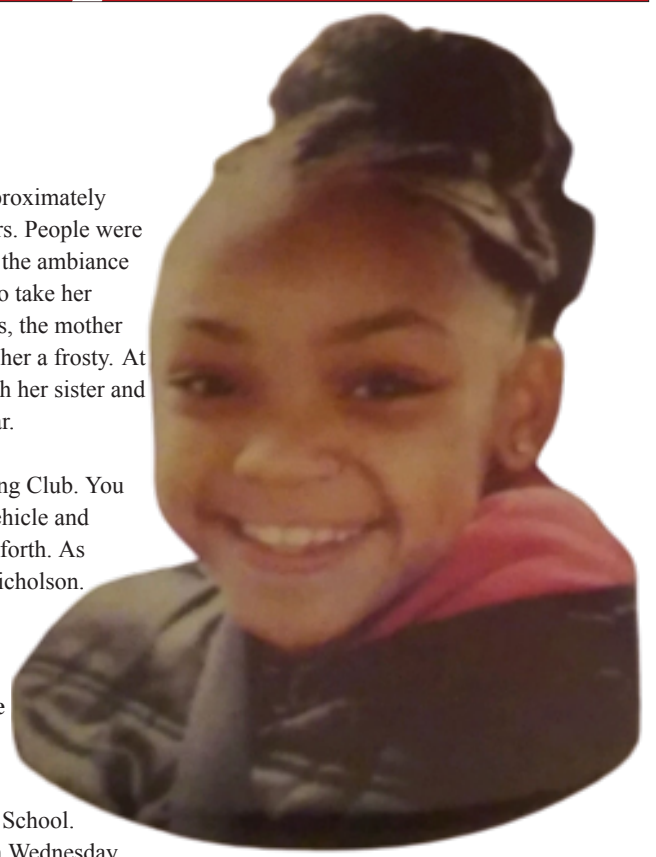
## BOOM - BANG BANG! Fast Cars and Gun Fire Erupted!

**This day - June 20, 2018** was the saddest day in the history of the Cleveland WARD ONE community. The once most powerful black neighborhood on the Southeast side of Cleveland, OH was no longer powerful but powerless and poor penetrated by an act of a proverbial wall.

This year, Saniyah Nicholson would have been 12 years old. She would have been an 8th students at Maple Heights Junior High School. Although she loved to dance, Her dream was to become a teacher. Saniyah wanted to teach! But because of one day - that day on Wednesday, **June 20, 2018** - little Saniyah Nicholson's dream to teach those what she had been taught will never come to pass all because some of us failed her as a community. Her parents did the right thing. Little Saniyah did the right thing; she was a child. The only thing she wanted was a frosty from Wendy's as she sat in her mom's car eating her ice-cream. She was eating her ice-cream.


The Black Women Commission of Cuyahoga County, they fought hard to show reverence to the family of little Saniyah Nicholson. Although, others want to forget the tragic day of June 20, 2018, We will never forget this day - **June 20, 2018. This was the day that the City of Cleveland, OHIO told residents, visitors, business owners and stakeholders that a little girl could no longer sit in the back of her mom's car with her older sister (an adult sat in the front seat) without being shot and killed.**

Saniyah Nicholson deserves to be remembered. Saniyah is part of the Cleveland WARD ONE history as well as the City of Cleveland. The Nicholson/Daniels family deserve an era of peace. Collectively, this is our black history. People will always remember what happened to the little girl named Saniyah when her mom traveled through Cleveland WARD ONE. What happened to Saniyah Nicholson was not right - and the City of Cleveland could have done - should have done - the right thing - they did not have to make a wrong turn. Honoring Saniyah Nicholson was not about Lee Road, it was and still is the right road to travel - as it was unpleasantly wrong at that time.



**Councilwoman Kim Thomas of Richmond Heights WARD ONE Pull Petitions for Mayor, City of Richmond Heights**

Richmond Heights, OH. According to the NewsBreak Ohio app, Councilwoman Kim Thomas is seeking the Mayor's position of Richmond Heights. Currently, Thomas is a first term Councilwoman. The Brown Report reached out to Thomas immediately upon reading the story. Thomas stated *"I am ready to work. I believe Richmond Hts., is a jewel and I am eager to expand upon the work and bring a greater sense of optimism"*. The general election is November 2, 2021. If elected, Thomas will become the second woman of color to serve as Mayor of Richmond Heights



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**Maple Heights Resident and Professional is Challenging Incumbent for the District One Council seat**

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# The Brown Report

Bold Enough to Write It; Strong Enough to Stand By It!

## Several Maple Heights Council members as well as City Residents Lack Understanding of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

By Billy Thompson and Kimberly F. Brown

**"I** have a personal interest in the City of Maple Heights. What goes on in the City of Maple Heights is my business because it was our sweat equity that led the charge to secure that Maple Heights secured its first woman and first woman of color Mayor". This was an historic event for the city. This measure placed Maple Heights on the brinks of polarization politics. Let me be clear, It was our hard work that led this charge; Councilwoman Edwina Agee, PJ Jones and Marnita Robinson. Collectively we cleared the pathway although some folks are led to believe that the former Mayor had his hands in the dirt and feet on the ground; this alone with other rumors are far from the truth. This is our history, and it is factual. As it was worked and it shall be forever written, our investment in this city called Maple Heights is genuine just as the beatings, name callings, disrespectful behaviors of which our ancestors had to endure spoke loud then and even more now", stated Kimberly F. Brown.



Civil Rights



Civil Liberties

How in the heck can someone become a Council member and they don't know the difference between Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Just Dumb!

**Maple Heights, OH.** It's almost embarrassing. No, let us change that statement. It's downright embarrassing when legislatures failed to recognize the triumph of the civil rights movement and the collaborative hand of our civil liberties. The Brown Report Newspaper staff had the opportunity to listen to a pre-recorded zoom council meeting that occurred on Wednesday June 8, 2021. It was reported that some outsiders called this meeting a farce while others laughed and laughed and stated the circus was in town - we mean in the City of Maple Heights..., and that the circus was filled with unintelligent actors and baseless talk. Spectators informed the Brown Report that this meeting was shameful and filled with negative attitudes and sarcasm. As a result, we listened for ourselves and to our surprise, what we were told about this meeting was true and factual. The city council meeting was shameful and several members on council were utterly evil as well as uncivil.

### The Issue: Maple Heights Council Votes Down Resolution to depute June as LGBTQ Pride Month Sponsored by Councilman Richard Trojanski of District 6

Maple Heights is a small suburb that sits next to Cleveland WARD ONE. They have some of the same issues as the City of Cleveland; murders, gunfire, vacant homes, high grass and bushes, broken streets and property crime such as carjackings, robberies and burglaries. This small community is facing issues just like everyone else. No matter how hard the Mayor and her administration work, ill elements appear to be one-step ahead. It sort of makes sense, when issues such as this appear on the council floor. Whether it is the right thing to do or not shall be based upon historic situational factors, common sense, emotional sense, rational reasoning and intelligence over emotions. Resolutions should never be personal when you are serving the public. Being a council member, one must always remember that he/she is a servant to the collective whole; he/she should never operate within the slippery slope of being self-serving. Temper tantrums, discrimination and bullying should never be permissible.

As we listened to this conversation, we realized that many of the people speaking on the call struggled with the premise of the **Civil Rights Movement**. They also appeared to have not grasped the concept of **Civil Liberties**. To make matters worst they totally ignored the **Department of Justice** as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Brown Report; We believe that education matters.

The **civil rights movement** was a struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for Black Americans to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. The civil rights movement eventually secured new protections in federal law for the human rights of all Americans. Human rights are moral principles for certain standards of human behaviour and are regularly protected in municipal and international law. They are commonly understood as inalienable, fundamental rights "to which a person is inherently entitled simply because she or he is a human being" which are inherent in all people regardless of their age, ethnic origin, location, language, religion, ethnicity, or any other status"

Now, let's look at **civil liberties**. **Civil liberties** are rights guaranteed by the Constitution (primarily from the First Amendment). They have been described as natural rights which are inherent to each person. ... **Civil liberties are constitutionally protected freedoms while civil rights are claims built upon legislation**

The argument presented during the council meeting was personal, vengeful and "playground" provoking. These arguments carried no weight. They were pure distractions. Folks were on the call talking about the city should be focused on the kids. Real talk - do they not know that Maple Heights has a population of young people who are part of the LGBTQ community? Do Maple Heights leaders understand that there is a high suicide rate of young people because they struggle with their sexuality? What about bullying? Some folks who reside in Maple Heights are just as interesting and ill-willed as their elected officials. They clearly do not understand civil rights and civil liberties so they choose to go along to get along. Harriet Tubman said it best, **"~~U~~bld have freed a thousand more slaves only if they knew they were slaves"**. At times, several members of Maple Heights council act as if as if a car is being driven on the rights side of the road as toys are being used to hide the stop sign simply to cause a collision so others could be purposely harmed - just because it is the "wrong thing to do" and because of whom have a little power. They believe that they can do whatever they damn well please! Residents should be tired of the City of Maple Heights grown folk's council nonsense. Get them fools out of office!

### Let's Talk the United States Department of Justice. We wonder if Maple Heights is familiar?

The mission of the DOJ: *To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans* (Justice.gov).

**October 15, 2010 - Cleveland City Hall:** Under the leadership of Assistant Attorney General Tom Perez, and with the strong support of Attorney General Eric Holder, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice has worked to reinvigorate its more traditional enforcement responsibilities and transform itself to meet the civil rights challenges of the 21st century. Among these challenges is the struggle to achieve equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals. That year, Assistant Attorney General Perez joined the Mayor of Cleveland, Frank Jackson, and U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach, to celebrate LGBT Heritage in Cleveland. During remarks delivered at the celebration and awards ceremony held in the City Hall Rotunda, Assistant Attorney General Perez said: *"From our nation's founding, individuals have fought for their rights, facing dozens of defeats for each victory. Progress has so often been painfully incremental. But each victory, however small, was motivation enough to keep moving. And so it has gone with the fight for LGBT equal rights. For decades now you have stood up to challenge discrimination, misconception and sometimes hatred. And hard-fought victories have been won. But the people in this room know that we have not yet reached our goal."* (justice.gov/civil rights/LGBTQ))

The Civil Rights Division is committed to advancing the rights of LGBT individuals, and to using its existing authorities in support of LGBT rights. In 2009, the DOJ received significant new authority to protect LGBT civil rights with the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which provides nationwide protection to LGBT individuals from physical attacks based on the victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Significantly, the long overdue law was the first time the words "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" appeared in federal law to protect civil rights of LGBT individuals. The Department of Justice is committed to enforcing the Shepard-Byrd law, along with our already existing authorities to forcefully respond to hate-motivated violence. It is a travesty that hate crimes are a symptom of the climate of intolerance towards LGBT individuals that has had a particularly devastating impact on the lives of LGBT youth. LGBT teen suicide is increasing. Teens are being bullied. We face the challenge in ensuring that our schools provide a safe and tolerant environment for all students. The Civil Rights Division has used its existing legal authority to hold a school district accountable for the ongoing harassment of a gay teen who failed to conform to gender stereotypes, and the DOJ is working with the Department of Education and other agencies on the development of a national anti-bullying strategy; safety matters! (Justice.gov/LGBTQ)

Once again, several Maple Heights council members got this wrong. There is something strange about a barrel of fruit that will constantly and consistently denounce the participation to aid all Americans move forward. Is this not the same group that openly refused to declare racism as a public health crisis? It is very clear - Councilman Richard Trojanski is a member of the LGBTQ community. Who cares? Does this matter? It is extremely painful when people discriminate against us because we are black. It's hurtful when they discriminate against us because we are women. Racism, classism, sexism and colorism have no place in our local government. Maybe Maple Heights should sponsor an ordinance called IGNORANTISM and get rid of council members and residents who fail to know the true meaning of civil rights and civil liberties. Maple Heights it is time to denounce any and all types of discriminatory behaviors. The Mayor and Council need to send its community a clear message; discriminatory acts of any kind will not be tolerated. If not, Maple Heights leadership is the ultimate problem. Let's get rid of all bad actors!



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## Lights, Camera, Action; Pinecrest Silverspot Cinema Movie Theater Trampled by Teens

By Billy Thompson

Beachwood, OH. Located in Beachwood, Ohio directly on the skirt of Orange Village, Silverspot Cinema aka Silverscreen movie theater is one of the newly designed and enjoyable family entertainment centers in Northeast, Ohio. The theater is spacious and the food is awesome. If you are interested in enjoying a night out with family and friends, this is definitely a place to consider. The theater is located in the Pinecrest shopping complex. The theater is known for its in-auditorium dining and luxury recliners. This venue is the ultimate joy for die-hard movie goers. Great atmosphere and delicious food until....,

**If you don't know how to behave, stay home!**

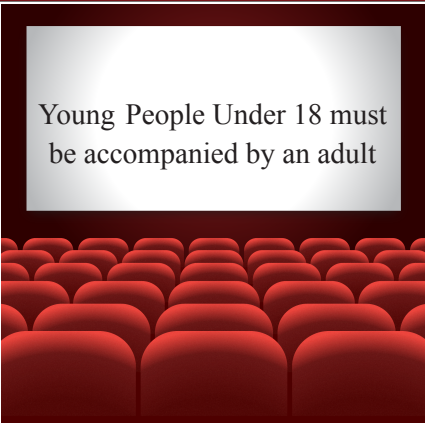
**July 18, 2021.** On this day the police were called to the movie theater in the evening hours to disperse a crowd of 800 to 1000 teens. On lookers reported that this was a young crowd. It was stated that a crowd had gathered to view a free movie that was being offered by the cinema. Witnesses told The Brown Report that hundreds of people started showing up. "It was almost frightening" stated Sharon Henderson of Cleveland. Henderson reported as she and her male friend was coming out of a local restaurant, they noticed a large crowd and left although they wanted to stay around to walk around. *"Mygut feeling told me to leave, as we were leaving, the uproar began. Things got a little crazy".*

**Folks destroyed Randall Park Mall. Folks destroyed Euclid Mall. Folks caused havoc in Richmond Mall. Folks constantly stir mess in Beachwood Mall and now this. Stay home if you don't know how to act in public!**

Several teens started fighting as other were said to have encouraged the unruly crowd. Rather than disperse, the juveniles stuck around the area instigating and aggravating the situation. It is reported that Beachwood police officers along with neighboring police officers and K9s' came to the scene to control the crowd. It is reported, several teens were arrested and released to their parents. The officers on the scene used pepper spray to break-up the unruly bunch. It was reported that no one was hurt and no property damage was known to have occurred. However, because of this incident, teens are no longer allowed to enter this facility unless they are accompanied by an adult. It is sad to say, freedom is lost because some people can't handle the freedom to control themselves.

Welcome to the Silverscreen Cinema where the Silverspot "spotlight" is now on bad behaviors and ill-elements.

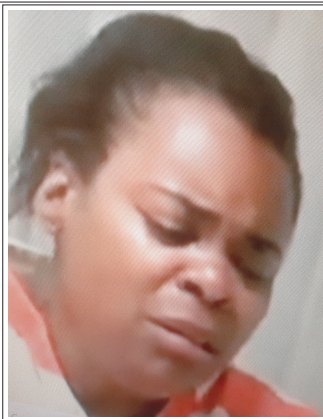
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Ravenna, OHIO. What the heck is in the slushie?

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Cherysse Helena Cleveland

Recently, a woman named Cheryess Helena Cleveland thought she was at Burger Kings where you can have it your way but she soon realized that she was at McDonalds. When Ms. Cleveland could not get a mixed slushie her way, she resorted to violence and abusive behavior towards the employees. The employees fought back after trying to get Ms. Cleveland to leave the store. Cleveland struck the employees first and one employee gave Helena a BIG McNugget smack down. Cleveland was arrested by the police and is being charged with assault.

**Can we all say "Just Dumb all by herself!"**

## Understanding Juneteenth. This Is not about Bar-b-que and Chicken - Education Matters!

President Joe Biden signs law making Juneteenth a federal holiday. It is our hope that this day will not be based upon bar-b-que, sleep and chicken.

Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the end of slavery by marking the day enslaved people in Texas learned they were free, is now a federal holiday. The move comes after growing support nationwide for observing the day of celebration and reflection.

*"All Americans can feel the power of this day, and learn from our history,"* Mr. Biden said at a ceremony at the White House, noting that it was the first national holiday established since Martin Luther King's Birthday in 1983.

He said signing the law was one of the greatest honors he will have as president (NY times 2021/politics/juneteenth).

The History — *On June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln's historic Emancipation Proclamation, U.S. Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, which informed the people of Texas that all enslaved people were now free. Granger commanded the Headquarters District of Texas, and his troops had arrived in Galveston the previous day.*

General Order No. 3 states: *"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."* (Archives.gov/juneteenth.com).

## The Intentional Racism of the Criminal Justice Center

By Dave Patterson, Sr Writer



There is nothing inadvertent about the devastating effects of the legal system in this country especially when viewed through the prism of national black criminalization. The State of Ohio, presently a Republican political stronghold, tends to routinely exemplify this inconvenient truth. Anyone who believes the disparities that exist in the charging, convicting, sentencing, paroling, and probation of black people are somehow disconnected from 400 years of incessant torment, murder, and exploitation obviously doesn't understand the practical applications of the "trap-door" clause within the U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment.

Just over six months after Johnson negated the 40 acres provision returning the land initially given to ex-slaves back to the former slaveholders, the 13th Amendment was ratified on December 6, 1865. Despite a valiant attempt to reshape this nation through Reconstruction, the dozen or so years from 1865 to 1877 culminated in a military retreat which favored white power brokers and signaled a return to the prior legal and social commitments to black subjugation and violence. The nation methodically used the "as punishment for a crime" clause of the 13th Amendment to re-enslave blacks through debt peonage, convict leasing, sharecropping, black codes, Jim Crow, and later the disparate prison industrial complex (The N Jim Crow) and other more subtle means of oppression and control. White supremacy both then and now refuses to relent. Let us stop pretending that we don't understand why they don't want the unwhitened version of American history and/or Critical Race Theory taught in schools and Universities, and why they fervently seek out black scholars, politicians, and "intellectuals" in an attempt to foster concurrence among the black community that teaching the truth of this country's perpetually appalling treatment of the black community is somehow improper and untethered to contemporary America.

The Amendment is oxymoronic in the sense that on the surface it seems to abolish or eliminate slavery, while at the same time it includes a clause that provides for the reinstatement of involuntary servitude "as punishment for a crime". A quick glance in the rearview mirror says that while the news regarding the Emancipation Proclamation didn't exactly move through the south at warp speed to expediently free black people, slaves in the state of Texas didn't find out they were free until June 19, 1865, the day referred to as Juneteenth. Keep in mind this was more than two months after President Lincoln was assassinated and shockingly almost two and a half years after the Proclamation became law on January 1, 1863. Timelines are extremely important, and the proximity of events surrounding the supposed end of slavery, and the initiative in America to both reenact involuntary servitude and strip blacks of any resources that might serve to provide them the support necessary to maintain freedom is no exception.

On January 16, 1865 Special Field Orders Number 15 (the 40 acres and a mule edict) was proclaimed by Union General William Tecumseh Sherman in conjunction with Secretary of War Edwin Stanton to allot 40 acres of land to black individuals and families released from the bonds of slavery. Approximately three months after that proclamation was issued, President Lincoln was killed and replaced by Andrew Johnson. Johnson, who was a staunch pro-slavery Democrat, proceeded within six weeks of Lincoln's death in May 1865 to return the land previously given to ex-slaves back to the very enslavers who created the climate for the Civil War. This action precipitated the post slavery mechanism for mass indigence and its eventual domino effect has plagued millions of black people for centuries.



# The Brown Report

## The "HEATED" Race for Cleveland Mayor With a Touch of Garfield Heights

by the Brown Report

**Cleveland, OH.** It's the race for the **Cleveland Mayor's seat**. Can we say, election 2021? Can we recap the last 16 plus years? Are we ready for a change? Ready or not, it's time to buckle up and go for a ride. After 16 years of Mayor Frank G. Jackson, the climate of the city is beginning to change. Although, Mayor Jackson has a few short months to do whatever he can prior to jumping the big ship, he will still govern and rule the City of Cleveland until his final day of departure. Meanwhile, according to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, eight of the fifteen candidates seeking a slot on the ballot made the cut. As per the City of Cleveland city charter, each candidate had to get 3,000 verified signatures to get on the ballot for Mayor; eight made it and the other seven were not successful accomplishing this first task. As of the close of day (6/16/2021) the following individuals will campaign to become the next Mayor, City of Cleveland: **Sandra Williams** (State of Ohio Senator), **Basheer Jones** (City of Cleveland Councilman), **Zack Reed** (Former City of Cleveland Councilman), **Dennis Kucinich** (Former Congressman and Candidate for the Governor, State of Ohio) **Justin Bibbs** (Non Profit Executive), **Kevin Kelly** (City of Cleveland Councilman) **Ross Dibello** (Attorney) and **Landry Simmons Jr.**

Let's travel to **Garfield Heights**. Now, this race will be quite interesting. As many of you know, the last Mayor of Garfield (Vic Collova) vacated the seat early. In doing so, the council president Matt Burke became the Mayor. Mr. Burke is completing the term. Since the former Mayor's departure, the City of Garfield has had some interesting turbulence. They have had to deal with a council member violating the City Charter. The councilperson resigned from the seat after being told that there would be a vote to remove her. Now, that same council member is seeking the seat of the Mayor's Office, the Brown Report will revisit that story. As we approach Election 2021, we will also remind our readers of the outlandish attacks and the public embarrassment brought forth on the city because on the behavior of one person. Sidebar, surely Garfield Heights cannot afford to have anyone in the Mayor's Office who is openly willing to violate the city charter. We will share more about this issue in an upcoming edition. As we observe the board of elections, the following individuals will face off for the Mayor's position during election 2021; **Matt Burke** (Current Mayor of Garfield Heights), **Dr. Tenisha Mack** (Business Owner), **James Feeney** (Business Owner), and **Shayla Davis** (Project Manager with the City of Cleveland and Former Councilperson with Garfield Heights)

As we begin to watch this race for mayor, the Brown Report Newspaper will weigh-in on each candidate. We will remind voters of their past successes and failure. More so, we will educate our readers about the voting process and what to look for as they received campaign literature from all candidates including those running for a council seat. Education matters as it is essential to the growth process of the entire City of Cleveland, Garfield Heights and Cuyahoga County. We want to know about each candidates transferable skills, talents, education (formal and informal) and abilities. Voters, they have a right to know.

On behalf of the Brown Report Newspaper, we congratulate each candidate for collecting the needed signatures. In reality, this is only the mere beginning as we head towards Primary Election 2021; on your march, get ready, get set - GO!



**Special 11th Congressional District Election**  
**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

**Primary Election 2021**  
**Tuesday, September 14th**  
**Get Out the VOTE!**

**General Election 2021**  
**Tuesday, November 2nd**  
**Get Involved; Stop Complaining!**

## Gun Violence, People Violence



Mayor Frank G. Jackson  
City of Cleveland

**United States of America.** Imagine a nation where no one had a gun. If this were the case, no one would lose their life due to gun violence While proponents of guns will argue, guns don't kill - people kill, opponents will clearly push back and rebuttal "cars don't drive themselves". Irregardless of the argument, guns are used as a weapon by human beings to harm and kill. Because of such, many young people are dying at an alarming rate almost too fast to keep an accurate score.

### What are Elected Officials Doing to Curb the Violence?

**Before we move forward,** let's go back to 2007. Regina Brett formerly of the Cleveland Plain Dealer asked Black Leaders how to save the city from thug culture that is eroding the City of Cleveland. Rather then black leaders come to the table with solutions, most of them either became silently disturbed that a white woman would have the nerve to ask this most important question or they huffed and puffed calling Brett a racist. (If you describe people, things, or behaviour as racist, you mean that they are influenced by the belief that some people are inferior because they belong to a particular race - *Collins Dictionary.com*). Several Black Pastors got angry as they hollered and preached over the pulpit "How Dare a White Woman Question and Challenge the Men of GOD and Black Community Leaders".

### If America - the City of Cleveland Would Have Been Proactive. Would we be where we are today?

According to the Cleveland crime stats, there has been a drastic increase in violent crimes over the last year. The increase is certainly higher than what it was in 2007. The projections of a violent community was in the infant stage. Fourteen years later, the City of Cleveland as well as other big cities are paying a "death toll" price as daily killings by gun fire is taking over our communities and neighborhoods.

Recently, Mayor Frank G Jackson and 27 other big city mayors wrote to President Joe Biden seeking support. They are asking President Biden to take action to curb gun violence.



Some of those requests, of the mayors, include:

1. Using the platform of the presidency to emphasize that reducing gun violence is a public health imperative.
2. Pushing for meaningful and common-sense gun control legislation.
3. Implementing universal background checks, closing loopholes in gun laws, banning assault weapons and promoting policies that keep guns out of the hands of people who are dangerous to themselves and others.

**Here's a plan for saving city by Kimberly F. Brown featured in the Cleveland Plain Dealer Updated Mar 28, 2019; Posted Jun 20, 2007**

**According to the Cleveland Plain Dealer article June 16, 2021, the City of Cleveland passed more gun laws in 2015**

As the City of Cleveland face election 2021, the city will get a new mayor and we pray several new councilpersons. With a new mayor, it is the hope of many residents that safety will be a top priority. Thus far, **Mayoral Candidate Dennis Kucinich** is talking tough about crime and violence. Kucinich is standing out from the crowded field of the 8 candidates. Not only does Kucinich wants to increase police officers present by 400, he is laying out his vision for fighting crime. As a former United States Congressman of District 10, 74 year-old Kucinich knows how to garner federal funds and support to aid this local city.

Other Mayoral Candidates **Sandra Williams** and **Zack Reed** are planning to be tough on crime as well. Cleveland residents are especially interested in plans concerning abandoned houses, tall grass, unkempt lots, traffic control, speeding, motorcycles and ATV riders, senior services, forestry, sidewalks, driveways, park, recreation and green space and so much more.

The Brown Report will begin to share snippets of each candidates safety plan as election 2021 move forward.

**VOTE September 14, 2021 in the Primary Election; Race for City of Cleveland Mayor and Cleveland City Council**





# Her Name is *Kimberly F. Brown*

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## Cleveland WARD ONE Councilwoman



**Education Matters  
Trust is  
Everything!**



**ELECT  
BROWN  
Councilperson  
for Cleveland  
WARD ONE  
Tuesday  
Sept. 14th**

### **Brown Aided Talford Ave. Residents; Commanded Clean-up from Absent Landlord - 2017 FLASHBACK ----June 21st**

Cleveland WARD ONE. Team Brown was contacted by a current candidate for Cleveland WARD ONE and several other residents who reside on the 169th street block of Talford ave. Residents were upset because of the frequent sighting of field mice. There was a home on Talford that had stained mattresses and debris in the back of the home. Several people reported that they had notified the council office of Terrell Pruitt (former 2017 Councilman of Cleveland WARD ONE) for help but to no avail did help come. "Thissness has been here for about 45 days. There are mice running rampant" stated one of the residents. Candidate Brown worked with the residents, CMHA and the City of Cleveland Health Department for 48 hours. On the third day, the landlord was cleaning the property. "Cleveland WARD ONE residents deserve a councilwoman who knows how to work through systems to get things done. The person should be effective and efficient. This is my ongoing promise to all residents and business owners of Cleveland WARD ONE" stated Candidate Kimberly F. Brown


### **Don't You Dare Mess with My Seniors!**

Do you remember 5 years ago? We introduced you to Ms. Rosa Pettigrew. This senior citizen was scammed out of her life savings. During this time, several elected officials had the audacity to get upset with me because I chose to right a wrong.

Darn right, I helped Ms. Pettigrew. I fought against the political climate to help this woman retain her home and her most precious valuables. As councilwoman of Cleveland WARD ONE, I will do whatever I can do to protect Cleveland WARD ONE seniors from predatory contractors. I will make sure that the WARD ONE senior community receive the necessary resources available to them. More so, I will make sure that resources are fair and equally shared throughout the Cleveland WARD ONE community.



**CANDIDATE  
VALERIE WALKER ISOM**



**Endorsed by  
Former  
Councilman Alex  
Adams and his  
wife Patrice**

**TAKING ACTION.  
GETTING RESULTS.**  
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**WE NEED CHANGE.**



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Transparency

**I NEED YOUR VOTE! LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER !**

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**Elect  
Mike Shomo  
Councilman**

**To Build A Better Ward 4**

**Experienced, Dedicated  
and Knowledgeable.**

**Paid for By: Elect Mike Shomo**

**Cleveland WARD 4**

**Graduate of Kent State University**

**Member of Phi Beta Sigma**

**Long Time Resident of Ward 4**

**Husband, Father, Grandfather**

**Home and Business Owner in Ward 4**

**Over Forty Years in Management**

**Volunteer Youth Basketball Coach**

**Co-Host, Robert Vaughn's Let's Talk;**

**Facebook Live / YouTube**