

## Could This Be a Call to **Black Church? California** to Fund Special Ed at **Religious Private Schools**

#### By Stacy M. Brown **Black Press USA Senior** National Correspondent

alifornia will now allow public funds to pay for students with learning disabilities to attend religious private schools, marking a major shift in longstanding state policy.

The change follows a court settlement reached May 19 between state officials and a group of Orthodox Jewish parents who had challenged the state's exclusion of religious schools from its funding program.

Since 1993, California law has permitted the use of public funds to cover the cost of private school education for students with disabilities, but only at nonsectarian institutions. That requirement was declared unconstitutional by a federal judge after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in October that the law appeared to violate the First Amendment's guarantee



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#### of religious freedom.

"For too long, California has discriminated against children with disabilities simply because of their faith. This settlement puts that struggled to afford speech injustice to an end," said therapy for their 4-year-old Daniel Mitzner of the Teach Coalition, affiliated with the Orthodox Union, which backed the legal challenge.

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with children diagnosed with autism. One family described their 14-year-old son being served nonkosher meals at his public school, while another enrolled in a private Jewish school that had no access to state funding.

Eric Rassbach, senior attorney at the Becket Fund

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## Barbara Lee Sworn in as Oakland's First **Black Woman Mayor**

Barbara Lee was sworn in on May 20 as the 52nd mayor of Oakland, becoming the first Black woman to hold the city's highest office. The longtime East Bay congresswoman received a standing ovation as she entered Oakland City Hall to take the oath of office following her victory in a special election.

Before her swearing-in ceremony, Lee revealed she has been collaborating with interim Mayor Kevin Jenkins on a comprehensive budget proposal that includes job cuts at City Hall, while prioritizing funding for public safety. Lee emphasized the urgency of addressing the city's fiscal challenges alongside her broader goals.

Lee expressed a commitment to revitalizing the community.

"I want to restore hope, create opportunities for our young people, ensure a safe path for our sons and daughters to have long, productive lives and to be housed in our own homes in a safe, clean city," said Lee.



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progressive values, adding praised Lee's leadership and that she aims to "address the moral disgrace of our unsheltered population with dignity, to support our senior citizens and our artists, and yes, to recommend solutions to make our city and its people economically healthy and vibrant."

Congresswoman Lateefah Simon (D-CA-12), Lee's Lee highlighted her successor in Congress,

historic achievements.

"Mayor Lee has always led the path forward — as the first Black woman to represent Northern California in the State Assembly, State Senate, and Congress, and now as the first Black woman to serve as Mayor of Oakland," said Simon.

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## **Mayor Lurie aims to Eliminate \$800M Deficit** with new San Francisco **Budget Proposal**

## **Costa County's First Black** Supervisor, Dies at 69

#### By Edward Henderson, California Black Media

ederal Glover, the first African American elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, died on May 18 at age 69.

Glover served District 5 for more than two decades, representing communities including Pittsburg, Martinez, Bay Point, and parts of Antioch.

"Federal's leadership and tireless commitment to improving the lives of residents left a lasting legacy that continues to benefit our County today," read a statement from the Board of Supervisors. "Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with his family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of working with him."

Glover's wife of 47 years, Janis Glover, confirmed his passing at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center in a statement.

"It is with deep sorrow

that our family announces the passing of my beloved husband, Federal D. Glover," she stated. "His legacy is one of unwavering commitment to justice, equity, and service."

First elected to the Board in 2000, Glover served six terms. Before his tenure as supervisor, he was a city councilmember and mayor of Pittsburg. Born on May 9, 1956, Glover grew up in Pittsburg, the son of parents who migrated from the South during the Great Migration. He was the first in his family to attend college and was one of 12 siblings.

In a 2020 reflection on his health battles during the COVID-19 pandemic, Glover described a 16-hour heart and kidney transplant surgery that saved his life five years earlier.

"Even though our communities are faced with a daunting public health crisis, I cannot help but be thankful that I am here with both the passion and the power to face life's challenges," he stated.



**Federal Glover** 

Glover announced last year that he would not seek re-election.

"I know I'll be turning in my card key, so I won't be coming to the building," he said to his colleagues. "I've had the opportunity to work with some amazing people down through the years."

Glover is survived by his wife, two children, and grandchildren.

**Glover will be held on May 28** at 11a.m. at The Bay Church in Concord. The church is located at 4725 Evora Road.

an Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie addressed the city Friday as he unveiled his new budget.

"Here's the bottom line. We have to stop spending more than we can afford. The era of soaring city budgets and worsening street conditions is over," Lurie said.

Lurie promises his \$15.9 billion budget will close the city's massive deficit.

The mayor says the police department, the district attorney's office, street cleaning and homelessness services will retain their current funding levels.

Many other departments will face cuts and, in some cases, job losses - including nonprofits, whose funding will drop back to pre-pandemic levels.

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> The Trump administration has promised to halt federal



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funding to cities that defy though, and pushback began its immigration policies, and Lurie confirmed Friday that other agencies like FEMA have already requested COVID-era money back from the city.

"We're going to fight for every dollar that our city is owed, whether it's at the state or whether it's at the federal level," Lurie said.

Many people are unhappy with the mayor's budget nearly immediately after its introduction.

"It doesn't take accountability for the reasons why we're really in this crisis, which is a failure of our public officials to get money from the corporations that profited from San Francisco while they were here," said

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## **Black Member of Congress** Charged with "Assaulting" ICE **Officials in Major Escalation** by Trump Administration

By Lauren Burke

ongresswoman L a M o n i c a McIver (D-NJ) was charged with "assaulting and impeding" ICE officials by acting U.S. Attorney Alina Habba. "

Today my office has charged Congresswoman McIver with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a) (1) for assaulting, impeding, and interfering with law enforcement," Habba wrote in a statement after the U.S. House voted on the evening of May 19. Habba also announced her office was dropping previously filed charges against Mayor Ras Baraka for "trespassing." "Earlier this month, I joined my colleagues to inspect the treatment of ICE detainees at Delaney Hall in my district. We were fulfilling our lawful oversight responsibilities, as members of Congress have

done many times before, Mayor Ras Baraka. Though and our visit should have been peaceful and short. Instead, ICE agents created an unnecessary and unsafe confrontation when they chose to arrest Mayor Baraka," McIver said in a statement posted on social media.

The charges against Rep. McIver are a rare escalation of executive authority by the Trump Administration against a member of Congress. Though ICE or the Secret Service could be involved in national security or immigration, there is no known public case that has involved a DHS-led arrest of a sitting member of Congress. The charges against Rep. McIver occur after a fracas between ICE officials and elected officials and their staff at Delaney Hall Immigration Detention Center in Newark, New Jersey on May 9. The confrontation led to the arrest of Newark

the Mayor was later released, the arrest of a Mayor for "trespassing" visiting a facility in his city is also unheard of. U.S. Representatives Robert Menendez, Jr. (D-NJ) and Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) were also a part of May 9 visit to Delaney Hall Immigration detention center. Members of Congress have a constitutional right to inspect ICE facilities and conduct oversight. They can also request visits and meetings with detainees. Reps. Rep. McIver, Rep. Menendez, and Watson Coleman were accused of "breaking into Delaney Hall" in a statement by the Department of Homeland Security entitled, "Members of Congress Break into Delaney Hall Detention Center."

The Delaney Hall facility is owned by Geo Group, a billion-dollar revenuegenerating company that



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acting U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Alina Habba was a spokesperson for President Donald Trump, and a senior advisor for MAGA, Inc., Trump's Super PAC, Hunter, who was charged in from 2021 and 2025. Other cases of the executive branch arresting members of the legislative branch include Rep. James Traficant, who was later convicted of bribery in 2002 and spent seven years in prison, Rep. Williams Jefferson in 2007, who was

invests in private prisons. The later convicted of bribery and sentenced to 13 years, Rep. Michael Grimm, who in 2024 was arrested for tax fraud and resigned from Congress in 2014 and Rep. Duncan 2018 with campaign finance violations and then pardoned by President Trump in 2022.

> Rep. McIver, 38, entered Congress in September 2024 after winning a special election after the death of Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.

### **Gabriel Graves - College Corps Cohort Inspires Inland Empire Students** to Put Their Best Foot Forward

By Charlene Muhammad California Black Media **Contributor** 

#### abriel Graves is not your typical eturning college student.

With more life experience than most of his peers, his passion for technology led him back to school, putting his art business on hold to pursue his dream of becoming an engineering researcher.

The #CaliforniansForAll College Corps program has been instrumental in his journey. As a Riverside City College student representative and a member of the Math Engineering Science Achievement (M.E.S.A.) program, he values the opportunity to serve others while gaining hands-on experience.

"Being part of College Corps means waking up every day knowing that my time and efforts are helping

others," Graves says. "It's impact-especially in about realizing that your life isn't just your ownpeople are relying on you to show up and be present so the entire community can thrive together."

Through College Corps, Graves has built relationships with inspiring mentors and peers. "Every day, I connect with people who motivate me—like Darci, my supervisor; Jess, my fellow Ambassador; Alex, my cohort fellow; and Myesha, my colleague and fellow Associated Students of Riverside City College (ASRCC) Senate Committee Chair. They keep me inspired and remind me why this work matters."

Though he doesn't always think about it in the moment, Graves knows his participation aligns with his broader purpose.

The feedback he receives from students reassures him that programs like College Corps have a meaningful

underserved communities. "Even if just one student tells me I helped them on a quiz, those small wins add up. Many students I work with feel overlooked by the system, and I strive to make sure they feel seen-not just academically, but personally." Graves approaches every interaction with empathy. "When I walk into a classroom, I don't know if a student had breakfast or if they stayed up all night due to family struggles. That perspective shapes the way I engage with them, ensuring they feel supported."

Balancing his College Corps duties, academic workload, and personal life isn't easy, but Graves credits his M.E.S.A. counselor, Vanessa Nunez, for helping him find moments to rest. At the same time, his way of managing everything is simple—he works even harder.



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His deep sense of purpose who truly cared. She was truly special experience." fuels his commitment to serving others. The recognition he receives is rewarding, but what drives him most is honoring the sacrifices of his loved ones.

"I owe so much to my mother. She gave everything to ensure my siblings and I had not just

always present, always doing her best for us," he reflects. For students considering College Corps, Graves has simple yet powerful advice: "This is an incredible

program—but like anything in life, you only get out what food and shelter, but a mother your all, and you'll have a

He encourages others to take a leap of faith. "When I started as a participant, I never imagined I'd be in a position to inspire others. You never know what's possible until you take that leap. Put your best foot forward, and you put in. Show up, give it you'll be amazed at what you

can achieve!"#30#

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	can access the resources	The challenge drew	Catholic Conference and	led by Superintendent Tony	in court that the settlement
for Religious Liberty, said	they need and deserve"	support from 22 states led by	the Rabbinical Council of	Thurmond, did not issue	was "fair and equitable" and
the resolution "ensures that	without compromising their	Idaho and religious groups	America. The California	a statement, but attorneys	would not be appealed.
Mayor Lurie	with the People's Budget	rely on every day.	must have programs,"	his plan will set up the city for	am optimistic about our
Continued from page 1	Coalition. She believes	"When we are cut, it is the	Worley-Ziegmann said.	long term success.	
Anya Worley-Ziegmann.	Lurie's plan will gut the city-	social safety net. These are	The mayor says there were	"I want to be very clear,	economic future here in San
	assisted nonprofits that many	not nice to have programs.	no easy choices when it came	this is a painful budget.	
Worley-Ziegmann works	working class San Franciscans	These are absolutely	to the hudget but he thinks	But I am hopeful and I	Francisco," Lurie said.

## **Remembering George Floyd**

#### By April Ryan

he president's been very clear he has no intentions of pardoning Derek Chauvin, and it's not a request that we're looking at," confirms a senior staffer at the Trump White House.

That White House response results from public hope, including from a close Trump ally, Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene. The timing of Greene's hopes coincides with the Justice Department's recent decision to end oversight of local police accused of abuse. It also falls

the police-involved death of George Floyd on May 25th. The death sparked national and worldwide outrage and became a transitional moment politically and culturally, although the outcry for laws on police accountability failed. The death forced then-Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden to focus on deadly police force and accountability. His efforts while president to pass the George Floyd Justice in policing act failed. The death of George Floyd also put a spotlight on the Black

on the fifth anniversary of community, forcing thencandidate Biden to choose a Black woman running mate. Kamala Harris ultimately became vice president of the United States alongside Joe Biden. Minnesota State Attorney General Keith Ellison prosecuted the cases against the officers involved in the death of Floyd. He remembers," Trump was in office when George Floyd was killed, and I would blame Trump for creating a negative environment for police-community relations. Remember, it was him who said when the looting starts,

the shooting starts, it was him who got rid of all the consent decrees that were in place by the Obama administration."

In 2025, Police-involved civilian deaths are up by "about 100 to about 11 hundred," according to Ellison. Ellison acknowledges that the Floyd case five years ago involved a situation in which due process was denied, and five years later, the president is currently dismissing "due process. "The Minnesota Atty General also says, "Trump is trying to attack constitutional rule, attacking congressional authority and judicial decision-making."



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George Floyd was an African-American man killed by police who knocked on his neck and on his back, preventing him from breathing.

During those minutes on the ground, Floyd cried out for his late mother several times. Police subdued Floyd for an alleged counterfeit \$20 bill.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OR PA $\mathbf{R}$ = SOF WITH DISABILITIES

#### By Maureen Samms-Vaughan

parent, hat can I do to support my child with a disability? Why is it important to focus on a

they smile, laugh, or whether they cry. The same occurs

speaking. You learn the baby's Move your child into the room likes and dislikes by whether in which you are working. Tell them what you are doing: you are washing the dishes, with children with disabilities you're dipping the dishes in who can't speak. They tell you the water. Tell them exactly

Why are the early years of every child's life so critical? The early years of every child, whether they have a disability or not, are critical because when we stimulate



#### child's abilities?

Every child with a disability has strengths. These may be in doing artwork, in their personality, or in their motor skills. Every child has strength. It's more important for us to focus on what children can do, and their abilities, rather than their disability. We can use children's abilities to assist the areas that they have most challenges with right now.

How can I communicate with my child with a disability and how do I know when he/she wants to communicate with me?

Some children with disabilities will be able to speak with you. Others will not be able to speak. But they do communicate, even though they don't speak. For example, when a newborn baby comes into a family that baby communicates without laughing, and they tell you what they don't like by crying or making an upset face. What can I do in my dayto-day to make sure I'm stimulating my child and his/ her brain development? Children are stimulated by everything in their environment: by the sounds, by the interactions, by your smile. So, if your child with a disability is around you, you should make sure that you spend time talking with them, explaining in simple language what it is you're doing, smiling with them, telling them all about their environment, making noises around them so they can respond to noises. Everything that you do, as you are moving about the house, as you are doing your housework, involve and include your child in it. breastmilk is the best.

what they like by smiling or what you are doing. All of that will stimulate them. You can also stimulate them by directly playing with them, by making little toys in the home, putting stones in a bottle and shaking it, by waving ribbons in front of their eyes, different colored ribbons. There are many things that you can do with just things around your house.

Can I breastfeed my child if he/she has a disability? Breastfeeding is important for all children but is especially important for children with disabilities. Breastfeeding is important for children's growth, nutrition, and brain development. Many children with disabilities can breastfeed, but only a few are not able to breastfeed. And those who can't and can be fed expressed breastmilk, because

the brain during these early years we are ensuring that the brain develops to its full potential. We are making sure that children have the best development that they can have and this happens for children with disabilities and children without disabilities. How do I play with my child with a disability? Children with disabilities enjoy being played with just like any other child. They enjoy you reading to them, showing them pictures, tickling them, hugging them, cuddling them. They respond to you with laughter and smiles. If they don't like a particular play that you are doing, they will tell you. They will stop laughing, they'll stop smiling. Try something else. You will find something because you know them best. If I don't have time to

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play or money to afford toys, what can I do? If you don't have a lot of time to play with your child, there may be other family members in your home who will be able to play with your child with a disability. Brothers and sisters are great around children with disabilities. They stimulate them because they talk to them a lot and they play with them. They don't seem to be concerned about whether a sibling has a disability. They play with them just like anyone else. What is your advice to parents who suspect that their child has a disability?

If you have a concern that your child has a disability, go to your nearest health provider and let them know your concerns. Some concerns may turn out not to be a problem at all, but some may, and your child may be identified as having a disability. It's just as important to provide children with disabilities with a loving environment.

Children who are shown warmth and love grow up to be loving, warm people. A child with a disability who is shown warmth and love will grow up to be an adult who may have a disability, but who is a wonderful person to be around.



### **EDITORIAL**

We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Preedom's Journal. March 16, 1827.

## **The Truth They** Fear, We Carry

of my family's story of origin in antebellum Southern Virginia died at age 105 a few years ago.

My grandmother, Mamie Todd, was born in 1916. Her grandparents were born into slavery. She fought Jim Crow. She stood up for Black teachers and students in a segregated school system in which she taught in her early career. She supported my mom when, at 12, she signed on as a named plaintiff in one of the feeder cases to Brown v. Board of Education. And she stood by mom every step of the way when three years after that, my mom helped

**he last living link** desegregate her high school.

That's the kind of strength I come from. That's the kind of history it seems the Trump administration now wants to erase.

The Washington Post and other outlets are reporting that the Trump administration's scorched-earth campaign to purge diversity, equity, and inclusion from every corner of our federal government has now spread into the heart of the National Park Service. Web pages about slavery and the Underground Railroad have been edited to downplay the brutal reality of bondage and the contributions of Black leaders. The photo of

Harriet Tubman that for years greeted visitors to an NPS page about the Underground Railroad has been deleted. A webpage about the Niagara Movement - a precursor to the NAACP founded in 1905 by W.E.B. Du Bois - was rewritten. A statement about the group's "renewed sense of resolve in the struggle for freedom and equality" was shortened simply to a "renewed sense of resolve."

Heroic Americans gave their lives fighting for freedom and equality. Now, the Trump administration is trying to edit those very words out of the official American story.

Some say these changes are

minor. I say they are surgical. They are subtle, yes - but profoundly damaging. As one historian put it, these edits suggest that racism no longer needs to be confronted in America. And that's the point.

This is not about saving space on a government website. It is about shrinking the story of who we are as a people.

Some Park Service employees who edited the websites say they made the changes out of fear. Others were simply guessing what the administration wanted. When workers are deleting key figures and events in Black history without being told, just to stay safe in their jobs, we are in dangerous territory.

We've seen this before. Last month, we learned that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's DEI purge at the Pentagon included deleting photos and posts about the Tuskegee Airmen. That hit home. Two of my grandfather's first cousins were Tuskegee Airmen. Those men risked everything for a country that treated them as second-class citizens - and now this administration is reluctant to give them even a photo and a caption.

They even removed a webpage about Jackie Robinson's military service. They later said it was a "mistake." But when you see how wide this purge has spread, it starts to look less like a mistake and



**Ben Jealous** 

more like a mission.

A recent executive order from President Trump set its sights on the Smithsonian. They are targeting the very museums created to tell the full story of our country. What does this mean for the very existence of the National Museum of African American History and Culture? Or the National Museum of the American Indian?

What happens to truth when it is inconvenient to power?

We cannot rely on oral tradition alone. Our history deserves permanence. It deserves pages and plaques and national monuments and memorials. It deserves official recognition, not redaction.

I think of my family's own story - the parts that were buried for generations. I'm descended from the main Black leader of the Readjusters, a multiracial political movement that briefly, but very successfully, governed post-Reconstruction Virginia. They were left out of the history books for more than a century. Not because they were not important, but because they were.

History is power. That's why they are going after it.

The Trump administration's attacks are not about raceblind policy. They are about race-based erasure. They support monuments to those who fought to preserve slavery while censoring stories of resistance. That's not colorblindness. That's complicity.

It should not have to keep being said over and over again, but we will not let them diminish our communities' contributions or deny our place in the American story. We are still here. And like the men and women of the Niagara Movement, we renew our sense of resolve. Our resolve is real. And it is rising.

## What's Next for the Hands Off Movement?

#### **BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX**

hey rallied in Washington, DC because they are outraged at the lawlessness of this administration. Many were older, not the rallying kind, but they are apprehensive about what will happen with Social Security and other benefits. Others are federal employees, uncertain about their jobs and futures. There were teachers, nurses, attorneys, physicians, poor people and patriotic millionaires, from every demographic. The Hands Off rallies are the making of a movement.

They came out this time together, lift their voices, didn't vote for this". The and send a message.

Notably, the President

massive nature of the Hands Off suggest resistance to this administration's policies transcends the grousing of a few left-wing activists and Trump detractor. Instead, many who voted for the current order are now experiencing buyer's remorse. April 5 was a statement, but what's next? Will people mobilize? Will some of the nonvoters get registered and ready for the 2026 elections? Will the tremendous energy of April 5 encourage people to get involved in state and local politics, perhaps running for office or supporting candidates that reject the extremism of this administration, and demand more than the platitudes about "a little bit of pain". It's easy for some to talk about a "little bit" of pain, but some will find the pain imposed by this administration unbearable, especially those with lower incomes.



and in Boston, in Chicago and Concord, New Hampshire, in Milwaukee and Asheville, North Carolina, and in 1300 other places.

A combined attendance of at least a mill people cane together to send a message to the President and the man who purchased the co-Presidency, Elon Musk. The message - hands off our Social Security, our Medicaid and Medicare, our 401-k accounts, our immigrant brothers and sisters. Organized by MoveOn, and supported by hundreds of organizations, the turnout for the Hands Off movement may be a foundation for the necessary resistance to the oligarchal perfidy we can expect from this administration.

Many were attending mass events like this for the first time. They didn't go to the Women's March or to the rallies against racism.

#### Mayor Lee

Simon described Lee as "a champion for human rights, the forgotten, for peace and democracy" and affirmed that Lee "is the right person to

There are a few more Hands Off events after April 5. Little Rock, Arkansas cancelled their planned gathering because of dangerous weather and will rally On April 12. Parts of Kentucky, managing catastrophic flooding, also postponed their gatherings for a week. The postponements are evidence of the urgency of this moment, and testimony to the focus and determination that the MoveOn team have exhibited. They seem committed to facilitating ways for people to come

make the difficult decisions

signaled his indifference to this rousing movement by silently playing golf, failing to react, except to tout the "success" of his sweeping tariffs. Instead of lowering prices "on day one" as he promised, he is sparking world economic chaos that will be especially harmful for people on the bottom. Like Nero "fiddling while Rome Burns", this destructive administration seems apathetic to the pain they are causing.

No one should be surprised by this administration's reckless disregard for the Constitution, for human rights, civil rights, and the order of law. Project 2025 details all of these actions, but some people don't believe that fat meat. Is greasy. In other words, they heard what the President said he was going to do, but didn't believe him. Now that their jobs are being eliminated, their relatives being deported, and their food prices are rising, they are saying "we

critical time," Simon added.

he MoveOn team and the organization that supported Hands Off must keep the momentum going. Otherwise,

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

April 5 will be simply an exciting activist moment. Justice demands a movement, one that is transformative, and also encourages the bipartisan conversation that this administration has avoided. They keep talking about their "mandate", but the current president did not win in a popular vote landslide. Instead, he won by 2.28 million votes, or a margin of 1.47 percent. He won through voter suppression, but also

through the nonparticipation of many who are learning, the hard way, what's at stake.

your existence on work and labor. You were born to heal, to grow, and to be of service to yourself and community, to practice, to experiment, to create, to have space, to dream and to connect." Balance is the key and resistance is important, invigorating, and transformative.

that will help bring Oakland Lee was elected last month into its next chapter." following a special election "I am excited to see the held after the recall of former

mayor's work to rebuild trust Mayor Sheng Thao. While she in our city's leadership at this did not reference the recall,

Lee acknowledged the city's expectations for change. "Oaklanders expect and demand that we must govern in a new way," she said while addressing the crowd. "Where

there's a will, there's a way. And it starts with the people." Looking ahead, Lee said her administration plans to engage a diverse group of residents, promising that prosperity and progress."

within 100 days, people "from all walks of life" will help City Hall better serve the community and "usher in a new era of

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## The Great Multitude

Lesson Text: Revelation 7:9-17Related Scriptures: Leviticus 26:9-13: Isaiah 25:1-8; 49; 8-12; John 12:12-16Place: from PatmosTime: around 96 A.D.Golden Text: "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kinders, and people, in tongues, stood before the throne.

At this point, yet another great worship service occurs in heaven, the third such service in four chapters. The presence of a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language confirms the truthfulness of Revelation 5:9, where the Lamb is praised for redeeming such a diverse multitude. They appear wearing white robes, holding palm

both God the Father and God the Son (see Revelation 7:9), and who praising were standing before the throne (i.e., before God the Father) and in front of the Lamb (i.e., God the Son). This is the same group mentioned in Revelation 6:9, but here they were wearing white robes and holding palm branches, apparently signifying righteous triumph. Salvation belongs to our God ... and to the Lamb (Revelation 7:10). Angels, the twenty-four elders, and the four living creatures (Revelation 7:11) join the worship with a chorus attributing blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and strength to God forever and ever (and Revelation 7:12). Worship positions believers in God's presence and in the sphere of his governmental rule, so that we can carry out his kingdom goals in the physical realm. (Revelation 7:9-12, The Tony Evans Com-

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1311 Quesada ave. San Francisco, CA. 94124 (415) 822-9488

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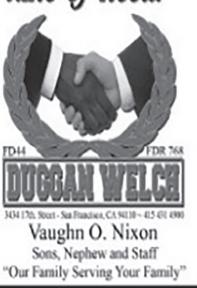


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