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Dr. Willie Wilson: Servant

By Professor Zaki Amir

it the most.”

He said that he has given away approximately 5.2 million dollars to lend a hand to the 77 communities in the city and suburbs that need assistance in this economic atmosphere where it's getting harder and harder to put food on the table and remain current with bills. He has also given money and Covid-19 supplies to other cities, and to Ukraine. His history of giving has made news since 1996 to a front page article in the Wallstreet journal..

Asked directly why a voter should vote for him, he replied, “So many things are going wrong in Chicago, crime is so high, people are afraid in their own homes, they are concerned with home break-ins, being carjacked when driving and other problems like very high taxes and even lack of respect for the mayor, the police and city officials in general.”

Based on his career as a successful businessman, he was a McDonald's franchise owner with 5 stores that he sold to start Omar Medical Supplies importing and distributing latex gloves and other medical and safety supplies and equipment sorely needed in this time of an international Covid-19 pandemic that appears to be unstoppable.

He is also a recognizable personage due to the syndicated Gospel program known as Singsation, winner of a Chicago Midwestern Emmy Award in 2012. Deacon Wilson has some government experience as the Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Fair Practices in Contracting. And as an appointee to Governor-elect Bruce Rauner's transition team, in 2014. He is not a political amateur.

Specifically pressed on how he would make the city better, he said, “We have the responsibility to hold everyone accountable for what they are doing, and I want to start with the teachers, from grade school through high school into college. Even community centers in the neighborhood, they have to do a much better job with the students so that they can take care of themselves after they graduate.”

He then advanced the

thought of “trade schools” as he continued by saying, “In order to stop crime, you have to put things in place so that people can make a good honest living. By putting trades in place you get to the root of the problem. When a person can do something for themselves, they are much more able to avoid getting in trouble and going to jail.” He then began to speak about recidivism.

“Offering a skill or trade to those that are incarcerated helps them as they become apprentices and look forward to employment when they are released. With a trade or a skill, they won't need to return to making money illegally, by selling drugs or robbing someone.”

Focusing on the need for change in Chicago, he said, “Grants should be set aside for young people and those that are unemployed and especially those newly released from jail or prison to work for the city. Programs in the construction area, painting government buildings, repairing public housing facilities or in plumbing for CHA is something that is not impossible, is it; he asked before continuing with this comment,

“The CTA belongs to the city and has lots of employees. It is a place that is able to offer many jobs, and there should be more aggressive business opportunities sponsored by the city for those that need help. Mentors from the business sector should be added and a quarterly review of the programs should be done to make sure they are doing the right thing because money can be a real temptation to some people”

Dr. Willie Wilson began to end the interview with these words, “As mayor of Chicago, I would authorize that there be four Police Superintendents rather than just the one to bring about improved services for the people of the city.”

In response to him being a politician, he declared, “No, I'm a servant and I like to look at myself and pattern myself after Christ. He worked with the poor and needy and the Bible says blessed is he that considereth the poor.”



Millionaire philanthropist, Dr. Willie Wilson, who has a backstory from sharecropper, to owning 5 McDonalds franchises to an international medical supply owner has a goal to help Chicagoans by becoming its next mayor.



Dr. Willie Wilson pumping gas during free gas giveaway sponsored by him at Marathon Gas Station located 340 S Sacramento Blvd. Over 48 gas stations throughout the city and suburbs provided gas totaling over 1.2 million dollars.



Dr. Willie Wilson provided free food coupons of \$25 to shoppers at Cermak Fresh Markets throughout the city totaling \$80,000. This Cermak Fresh Market located at 3311 W 26th St. had plenty of people in line grateful for the gift of help provided by Dr. Wilson.

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The North Lawndale Community News

The North Lawndale Community News is published weekly by Strategic Human Services. Our purpose is to help inform our community on resources, events, and issues relevant to them and our neighboring communities. Our community includes those who live, work, worship in, and/or care about North Lawndale. Our focus is on positive, productive solutions, that will improve the lifestyle of community members.

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Reparations

The Global Circle of Reparations and Healing convened a meeting at the historic Shiloh Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith is the Senior Pastor on June 19th 2022 in N.W. Washington D. C. to address the passage of HR 40.

The Study Bill on reparations was first introduced by now deceased Michigan Democratic Representative John Conyers in 1989. The torch was passed to Shelia Jackson Lee, Democratic Representative from the 18th Congressional District in Texas who is a senior member of the House Committee on Judiciary and Homeland Security. Who joined the meeting by a recorded message.

Representative Lee stated, "I was so glad to be the first member of congress to introduce the legislation to create the Juneteenth Federal Holiday, having done the resolutions for almost a decade, even this week I introduced a resolution just to make sure that the record of congress had the acknowledgement of Juneteenth."

Juneteenth was established in 1865 when General Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and notified the then free slaves that they were freed 2 years earlier. It became a holiday in Texas in 1866 and the basis for the national holiday signed into law June 15th 2021 by President Biden due to the efforts of Opal Lee who said at the time, "I decided that maybe if a little old lady, 89 years old, in tennis shoes walking from Fort Worth to Washington, somebody would pay attention." And she was successful in getting the legislation passed.

During her remarks, Representative Lee stressed that the relationship of the enslaved and the enslaver became one of employee to employer. And the status of the freed slave hasn't changed since the Emancipation Proclamation. The program was moderated by Dr. Ron Daniels and the panel consisted of Dr. John. D. Lloyd, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, and Dr. Joy



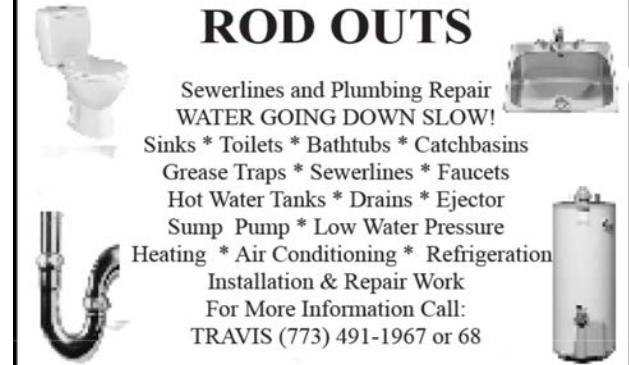
Left facing audience-Sarah Dean, Global Public Policy Manager, John Deere with black mask, Claude Fontheim, CEO Fontheim International (Moderator), Ilhom Haydarov, Chairman of Uz Textile, Chairperson of the Senate Madam Tanzila Narbaeva in brown Kristen Yong, Partner, White Case LLP

DeGruy, author of the celebrated work, Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing that addresses the residual impacts of trauma on African Descendants in the Americas who joined by electronic means and present on the panel in person was Attorney Nkechi Taifa and Kamm Howard.

Talk of reparations goes back to well before slavery ended and gained renewed interest because of a Congressional

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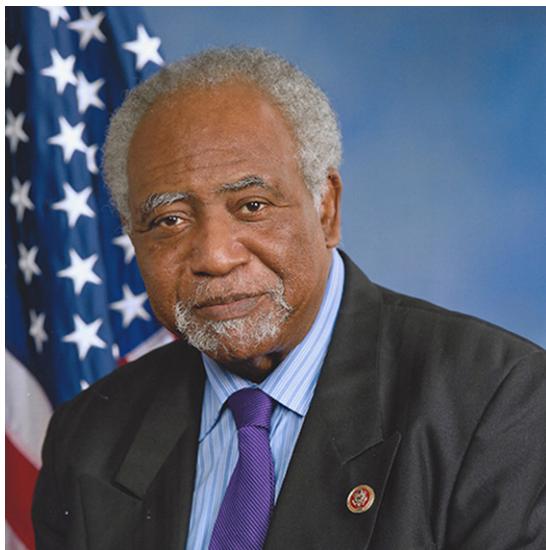
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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DANNY K. DAVIS ANNOUNCED OVER \$26 MILLION DOLLAR COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Cong. Danny K. Davis, 7th District

U. S. House of Representative Danny K. Davis announced at a press conference 25 community projects as part of the U. S. House of Representatives initiative. The projects ranged from technology, healthcare, education, substance use treatment, mental health services, mentoring programs, affordable housing, and capital improvements. Attendees included: Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer, State Rep. Lakeisha Collins, Alderman Monique Scott 24th Ward, Christa Hamilton, President UCAN, Rukiya Curvey Johnson, Interim VP, Community Health Equity, Rush University System for Health, Mayor Nathaniel Booker, Mayor of Maywood, Mr. Le Monte Booker, Field Museum's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Sharif Walker, Bethel New Life, Lashunda Brown, Chief Officer of Quality and Impact, Ms. Jamie Noto, Executive Director, Youth Outreach Services, Neli Rowland, A Safe Haven, Isaac Lewis, Jr., Strategic Human Services/North Lawndale Community News, Representative from Sankofa,

U. S. House of Representative Danny K. Davis said, "When the U. S. House of Representatives revisited and brought back earmarks it was a great opportunity to strategically identify worthwhile community projects which might never receive funding, special needs, and increase the quality of life for marginalized communities."

The community projects are a part of the U. S. House of Representatives' earmarks which provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to identify community projects in their legislative districts. Congressman Danny K. Davis' community project include programs and capital projects across the 7th Congressional district, but also specifically in the following areas: Cities in District included Bellwood, Berkeley, City of Chicago, Forest Park, and Maywood Community Areas in Chicago included North Lawndale, Downtown, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, Austin, Michigan Ave., Englewood, and the Near Westside.

The projects range in funding from \$240,000 to \$2 million.

U. S. Representative Danny K. Davis' year 2023 funded Community Projects are: A Safe Haven Foundation for the Behavioral Health Center Expansion Initiative project, Ashanti Residential Management Systems, Inc. for The Ashanti Campus project, Bethel New Life, Inc. for the Mildred Wiley Wellness Hub project, City Colleges of Chicago, Malcolm X College for the Malcolm X College Initiatives for Minority Male Mentoring and EMT Diversity and Inclusion project, City of Chicago for the Prairie District Affordable Housing project, Field Museum of Natural History for the Field Museum Facilities Upgrades project to modernize its air-handling systems, Mount Sinai Hospital for the Mount Sinai Hospital ICU Expansion project Mount Vernon Community Foundation for the Mount Vernon Affordable Housing and Community Services Expansion project, Near North Health Service Corporation for the Near North Health's Center Infrastructure Improvement project, New Age Services Corporation for the Expansion of New Age Services

Corporation's Client Center Treatment project, Primo Center for Women and Children for the Trauma-Informed Network of Care for Chicago's South and Westsides (TIN for Chicago) project, Strategic Human Services for the Strategic Human Services Youth Employment Intervention and Media Podcast Training Program project, UCAN for the Expansion of UCAN Services Supporting Foster Youth and Community Wellbeing project, United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago for the Supportive Living, Community Day Services, and Housing Site Project for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental

Disabilities project, Youth Outreach Services for the Ensuring & Empowering Homeless Youth in IL07: Independence, Life Skills & Workforce Development project, FY22 Funded Projects are Austin People's Action Center for technology training to disadvantaged and marginalized youth, Bright Leadership Institute to expand out-of-school programs that provide mentoring and enrichment, career and entrepreneurship opportunities, and coding experience to youth ages 12-18, Centers for New Horizons for the renovation of the historic Elam House, East-West University to upgrade administrative and educational technology, Fifth City Chicago Reformulation Corporation for facility renovations of a local community center,

Habilitative Systems, Inc. for facility renovations and equipment, Rush University Medical Center for high-caliber information technology programming in Sankofa Safe Child Initiative to expand trauma-informed mental health services to adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system and their families, Urban Transformation Network to expand out-of-school programs in urban agriculture and green technology via aquaponics to high school students Village of Maywood for law-enforcement-led youth-engagement activities. More information can be found on the Cong. Davis official website at <https://davis.house.gov/i-wish-i-knew/2022-community-project-funding>

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I voted to pay 9.5 billion in our pension debt to ensure that the promise for those to retire can retire with dignity and not be forced to go beyond retirement. 124 million to law enforcement and combatting violent crime. 450 million in community health needs, expanded tax credits for teachers who buy school supplies for their class rooms, 275 million in affordable housing development programs, 96 million in special education grants, 655 million in nursing home resources, 150 million in pathways to success programs, 195 million in green infrastructure and sewer construction, 56 million in community park projects, 3 billion in childcare assistance program, 113 million in lead pipe replacement. 54.5 million for early childhood education programs, 180 million to train and grow the Illinois healthcare workforce,

I sponsored House Bill 4843 the higher education savings program to help give low income families a jump start to their child's future. House Bill 4304 gives youth in care a voice in the exit interview process. I sponsored a bill to lower the cost of insulin and put strong measures in place to protect women's reproductive rights. Millions to mental health, suicidal, and behavioral health services. Funded programs to keep families in their homes during the pandemic and grants to help our small businesses, landlords and homeowners through our state agencies.

I love being a public servant and having compassion for what I do it is in my DNA. I'm a mother of three, a former nursing home worker, labor organizer and the state representative for the 9th district. I've accomplished a lot as a freshmen and look forward to doing more. My office is located in lawndale at 2165 S. Millard. Email me at office@lakesiacollins.com. My phone number is 312-298-9181

My Facebook is state represenative lakesia collins Instagram is repcollins9. I would also add that I bring my office to doors as well and make wellness checks calls and would love to hear from constituents so I can continue to serve them and hear their concerns or ideas.

One last bill is Senate BILL 3470. This bill makes sure that youth in care receive their parents social security benefits, veteran benefits retirement benefits if they pass so that the child can have money when they age out and have a head start at being independent

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The New Face of Soul Maurice Mahon

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2003 Chicago Idol Winner, Maurice Mahon performing at Pacino's Italian Restaurant located at 1010 S. Delano CT. in Chicago



Maurice Mahon with backup singers and band



Maurice Mahon with band at Pacino's Restaurant

On Wednesday July 6th, 2022 the new face of soul Maurice Mahon performed at the beautiful Pacino's Italian Restaurant located at 1010 S. Delano CT. in Chicago.. Maurice was the first person to win the award and title of Chicago Idol in 2003. From there his career took off.

Maurice Mahon has a smooth soulful voice and woos his audience, when he performs. He captures their attention from the moment he opens his mouth to sing. He enjoys what he does, he seems to be born to do it. He sings, writes songs, and produces. Maurice is also an actor and an activist.

Maurice Mahon is so talented. He can sing songs of many artists... who've paved the way for Maurice, and other successful singers. He sings songs from: Teddy Pendergrass, Bobby Womack, Anthony Hamilton, Marvin Gaye, Charlie Wilson and others. He does House Music, which originated here in Chicago and he sings gospel, as well.

Maurice Mahon is also the Music Director at Operation Push, started by Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. Maurice sings all over., and has fans who travel to locations to see him perform. If you are looking to hear some marvelous soulful music, and see a great performance, check out this Amazing Artist Maurice Mahon!" You will definitely have a good time!"

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hearing held on Juneteenth in 2019 and public support of the idea of Reparations from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and hundreds of members of Congress and over 350 organizations including the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

In her opening remarks, Rep. Lee noted that reparations and Juneteenth are interrelated. Unfortunately, Juneteenth has become a legal holiday while HR 40 continues to languish in the U.S. Congress. This panel explored various meanings and measures of how to bring the bill to a vote so it may become passed legislation. In the end, it has been on the agenda for 33 years. Remember it is only a bill to study the effects of slavery and not a bill to compensate repair or atone for the damages done to our ancestors through the government sanctioned institution of slavery.

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Wednesday, July 13, 4:30–7:30pm

- 4:30pm - Creative activities include a community visual arts project with Haman Cross and information on the Folded Map™ Action Kit by artist Tonika Johnson
- 5:30pm – Dance Instruction by Chi T of The Firehouse Community Arts Center and Jessica “Jay” Romero of Steadfast Dance Center (Latin + Hip Hop)
- 6pm – DJ Janesita (Latin + Hip Hop)

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SummerDance in the Parks — Willye B White Park, 1610 W. Howard St.

Wednesday, July 20, 4:30–7:30pm

Peace, Love and Unity Dance Party

- 4:30pm - Creative activities include a drum circle led by New Rhythm Arts Center, a flower crown making table with Theatre Above the Law and more

- 5:30pm - Dance Instruction by Andrea Vinson from NAJWA Dance Corps (Boogaloo, Madison, Twist and more)

- 6pm - Chicago Soul Spectacular (60s/70s Soul, Rock, R&B)

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SummerDance in the Parks — Maxwell Street Market, 800 S. Desplaines St.

Sunday, July 24, 11am–3pm

11am - Bachata / Latin Street

- 12pm - Salsa / Latin Street

- 1pm - Rueda de Casino (Cuban Salsa) / Latin Street

- 2-3pm - Open Dance

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SummerDance in the Parks — Palmer Park, 201 E. 111th St.

Wednesday, July 27, 4:30–7:30pm

SummerDance XPerience

- 4:30pm - Creative activities include Double Dutch, board games, chalk drawing, dance games and more

- 4:30-6pm - Drop-in dance lessons for Hip-Hop, Steppin’, Footwork, and Majorette Dance, with instructors from The Urban Ark

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