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Democrats Show Unity in Support of Harvey Johnson

Encourage Voters to Return to the Polls on June 2

JACKSON, Miss. (May 30, 2009) – Vice Chair of the Mississippi Democratic Party, Barbara Blackmon said, “Today we stand with Harvey Johnson as Democrats and pledge our full support to his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Jackson. We must all remember that Jackson is the Capital City of Mississippi and so goes Jackson; so goes the rest of our state.” Blackmon was joined by Claude McInnis, chairman of the Hinds County Democratic Executive Committee, Kate Jacobson, State Vice President of Young Democrats and a host of other supporters at a press conference held on Friday, May 29, at Johnson’s Campaign Headquarters.

Jacobson added, “Jackson needs a leader who cares about young people. A leader who will encourage them to stay in school; who will ensure they have a safe place to live; and who will work to make sure they have opportunities right here in Jackson. We encourage voters to go to the polls on June 2 and vote for the Democratic Candidate for Mayor, Harvey Johnson.”

“It is a privilege and an honor to support Harvey Johnson for Mayor of Jackson. Finally, Jackson can get back on track and get to the level where it is supposed to be,” McInnis said of his support for Johnson’s election.

In addition to the Democrats announcing their support for Johnson today, the former Mayor of Jackson received endorsements from Mississippi State Senator John Horhn, Hinds County Tax Collector Eddie Fair, Jackson City Councilman Marshand Crisler, Interim Mayor of Jackson Dr. Leslie McLemore, Hinds County Supervisor Doug Anderson, Former District Attorney Faye Peterson, Juan Cloy representing the Jackson Police Association and from Brenda Scott, President of the Municipal and State Employees association, representing over 500 City of Jackson workers.

After **receiving 63% of the votes to win the Democratic Run-off Election** Johnson says he is even more committed to making Jackson safe for all citizens; creating a more transparent and accountable city government; creating cleaner neighborhoods with new and better housing opportunities; enhancing local revenue without increasing the burden on taxpayers; creating jobs for Jacksonians; improving programs and services for senior citizens; and promoting youth development. Johnson is the **only Democratic candidate** in the mayoral race. He has the experience, the integrity and the knowledge to get Jackson back on track!

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