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Harvey Johnson Receives Endorsements

President of 100 Concerned Clergy, Hosea Hines;
Former Mayoral Candidates Eddie Fair and Brenda Scott Throw Support behind Johnson

JACKSON, Miss. (May 15, 2009) – “This is a crucial time for the City of Jackson and we believe in the depths of our souls, hearts and minds that Harvey Johnson is the most qualified person for the job of Mayor. Harvey is a man of integrity, loyalty and proven leadership. We know from his track record that he has the capacity and the capability to lead this city. For him, serving Jackson is truly a labor of love,” said Rev. Hosea Hines, president of 100 Concerned Clergy. “We urge all Jacksonians – especially those in the faith-based and civic community to return to the polls on May 19th and give Harvey Johnson 110 percent of your support. Exercise your right to vote,” Hines added.

Hinds County Tax Collector and former Mayoral Candidate Eddie Fair also endorsed Johnson. “I know both candidates in the race, and both are good friends. But I believe we have to have Harvey in office to give this city a ‘Fair Chance’ to move forward. Harvey Johnson is the better candidate,” Fair said making reference to his own campaign slogan to underscore his support for Johnson.

“I am honored to offer my endorsement to Harvey Johnson,” said Worker’s Rights Advocate and former Mayoral Candidate Brenda Scott. “Throughout this process he has been assessable and approachable. I encourage every one to vote on May 19th to put Jackson back on track,” Scott added.

Ministers gathered to support Johnson included: Rev. F. L. Blunt; Rev. Terry Davis; Rev. Kenneth Furdge; Rev. Hosea Hines; Rev. Joseph Horne Jr.; Rev. Walter Johnson; Rev. Robert Landing; Rev. F.R. Lenoir; Rev. Paul Luckett; Rev. Charles Miller; Rev. J.W. Moore; and Rev. Marquette Wells.

Johnson said, “I am grateful to the ministers gathered here today to offer their support and to my former rivals. I have a great deal of respect for both of them and for their desire to see Jackson progress and prosper. I continue to ask the citizens of Jackson to use the power that is in their hands to vote for me -- Harvey Johnson -- in the upcoming election.”

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“I have made promises to Jacksonians and I am the only candidate who has delivered on those promises while serving as Mayor. I am 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 added.

Earlier this week, Senator John Horhn announced his endorsement for Harvey Johnson’s candidacy for Mayor of Jackson saying, “I strongly believe that I am making the right decision to endorse Harvey Johnson for mayor. I am convinced that he has a new sense of urgency; he has intimate knowledge of City operations; and he is dedicated to making our streets safe. It is my pleasure to endorse him.”

Johnson, who served as Jackson's Mayor for eight years, added, "Through my experience both in and out of office I have listened and learned. I know what it takes to make visible change, meaningful change for all of Jackson. I have the experience, the integrity and the knowledge to get Jackson back on track!"

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