

COAL ENDORSES

It is COAL's long established policy not to endorse political candidates for public Office.

However, what we do endorse is our community thoughtfully assessing all candidates based on one's belief in the candidate's interest in and ability to address our most pressing issues. How else do we move our agenda forward? COAL endorses our community educating itself on the issues, thoughtfully, qualitatively and quantitatively, spiritually and yes, even emotionally – shouldn't we all be seething at the disparities for black people – in health, wealth, incarceration, our children's achievement?

COAL endorses us putting in place a means of holding our elected officials accountable and then voting on their delivery on commitments. COAL endorses our community voting in large numbers to use the power of numbers to influence, move and/or force positive change for our community – improved education, increased employment, a growing business sector, safer neighborhoods, a justice system that works for us, increased opportunities for health and happiness, improved preparedness to grab a solid hold of the opportunities that exist and that can be created....

Let others cynically cull the favor of those in power, even when those in power disrespect our community (if it was a strategic means to a strategic end that benefited the community, even this would be OK, but our misguided folk selfishly play 'very small ball'), rather let us go to the polls, understanding our conditioning, but fighting against said conditioning to chart a new and better course for our community.

COAL endorses breaking the chains of this 'conditioning' that elected officials, not delivering for our community, count on.

COAL endorses us voting and endorses our community, business and faith-based leaders, stepping up to promote, assist and fund efforts to get our community to the polls.

COAL endorses each member of the community being accountable for getting family members and friends to vote. Who they vote for is up to each individual, but vote we must.

We all own this responsibility.

COAL believes that we must be vigilant, if not, we are vulnerable.

And that is the Stone 'COAL' Truth...