

The Legislature State of Texas

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We, the Texas House Democratic members of Harris County, are pleased to support the candidacy of the dean of our Harris County Texas House delegation, Representative Senfronia Thompson, for Speaker of the Texas House.

From leading the state through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to the decennial redistricting process to writing a thoughtful state budget so Texans can have a fair shot to recover from this recession, the 87th Texas Legislative Session will be the most pivotal and consequential one in recent memory. The Texas House will need the capable, experienced, and steady hands of Representative Thompson.

Currently serving as chair of the House Committee on Public Health, Chairwoman Thompson's decorated and historic tenure in the Texas House, stretching across five decades, shows no signs of slowing down. During a pandemic that has highlighted the health and economic inequities experienced disproportionately by women and people of color, being both the first black and first woman speaker of the Texas House is more than just powerful symbolism—it is representation that is specifically critical for this moment in Texas history.

Garnering respect and admiration from both sides of the aisle, we ask our colleagues representing the diverse constituencies of Texas to come together to make what they know is the right choice (and the right side of history) by electing Senfronia Thompson the next speaker of the Texas House.

Sincerely,

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State Representative, House District 131

Gina Calanni

State Representative, House District 132

Jon Rosenthal

State Representative, House District 135

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State Representative, House District 137

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State Representative, House District 139

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State Representative, House District 140

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State Representative, House District 148

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