

Each generation must discover its mission, fulfill it or betray it.

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We are presented with a new day here in Jackson, Mississippi. It is a day which brings forth the promise of a new system of governance that is shared by the people and influenced by the people of Jackson. In recent months we have set out on a course that we can all be proud of no matter what cross-section of this city you find yourself in.

This day also presents new challenges. We find ourselves confronted with an opportunity to continue

on the prosperous path that we have set out on, or returning to the stagnant place from which we came.

That is why I have decided to announce my candidacy for the Mayoral office for the City of Jackson. We simply cannot turn back or be beset by distraction or deception. As great as I believe my father to have been, he knew and I know that our forward trajectory will not be determined by a great individual but instead by the great people of Jackson. We fundamentally believe that when provided with the proper information and given the opportunity the people of Jackson will make the right decision. The citizens of Jackson must not only

elect their city officials, but must determine what these officials should do. The government must be accountable to the people.

With my candidacy I offer the People's Platform that my father ran on and I co-authored. It is a platform which arises out of several years of discussion on human rights, political, economic, and social empowerment.

We will rebuild our infrastructure, we will create jobs for Jacksonians, we will provide holistic solutions to crime, and we will improve our educational system.

When we made the decision to introduce ourselves into electoral politics back in 2008 we stated then that we were running on an agenda of compassion, justice, and human rights. That's our story and we're sticking to it!

How are we going to make Jackson Rise? The People Must Decide! Educate. Motivate. Organize.