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Circuit Court  
Judge announces  
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# Illinois Bans Hair Discrimination

## From School Dress Codes That Has Targeted Black Students

by Alexa Imani Spencer,  
Black Enterprise

Time is up for racial hair discrimination in Illinois schools. A new law signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker prohibits dress code policies that have historically targeted Black students from wearing cultural hairstyles.

The law requires the state board of education to examine school handbooks yearly to ensure there's no language that discriminates against cultural hairstyles, such as locs, cornrows, braids, and Afros.

Pritzker signed the measure in August after it was approved by the legislature last spring. The law, known as the Jett Hawkins Law, was after Gus "Jett" Hawkins, a Black student who at 4-years-old was told his braids violated his

Chicago school's dress code. The young boy was advised to take them out.

His mother, Ida Nelson, brought the incident to the attention of the public. Within her awareness campaign, she explained how stigmatizing children's hair could negatively affect their educational development. Friday's bill signing was "monumental," she said to NBC.

"For us, this is bigger than just hair. Our hair is an extension of who we are as a race and is deeply connected to our cultural identity," Nelson said. "This is one huge step towards improving the mental health outcomes for our children, as it ensures that they will be in healthier learning environments."

The legislation was sponsored by state Sen. Mike Simmons, a Black lawmaker who wears his hair in natural free-form locs. He knows first-hand what it's like to be humiliated in front of classmates by school administration.



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-Ida Nelson

"To have authority figures belittle you and humiliate you in front of other people because of something that is God-given is entirely unacceptable," Simmons the Chicago Sun-Times. Simmons helped create safer environments for Black children throughout the state to honor themselves and their ancestors. "Black youth in school settings shouldn't have to be restricted by outdated and often racist dress codes that only serve to humiliate students of color who want to wear their hair in a style that honors their heritage, ancestry, and culture," Simmons told NBC.

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But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. - Matthew 6:33

# NEWS AROUND TOWN

## North Chicago Treasurer Receive Recognition

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. (July 27, 2021) — The Treasurer of the City of North Chicago received national recognition at the 2021 Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada Annual Conference. City Treasurer, Vance D. Wyatt received both the Certified Public Funds Investment Manager (CPFIM) and Advanced Certified Public Funds Investment Manager (ACPFIM) designations from APT US&C.



Vance D. Wyatt

Treasurer Wyatt is the first elected Treasurer in Lake County, Illinois to receive the ACPFIM credential.

These two certifications will help aid our City's Treasurer's office to maximize the city's investment returns. "I look forward to the further diversification of the city's investments," said Treasurer Wyatt.

These designations will aid in helping the city to better invest its financial reserves to maximize return. Treasurer Wyatt explains that the long-term goal is to help keep taxes as low as possible, "we are looking to create an investment strategy that reduces the tax burden on the residents of North Chicago."

## Go Waukegan Walks

The Waukegan Park District will be hosting three GO WAUKEGAN Walks in 2021. Held at two parks and downtown, the walks are free events intended to encourage the community to walk at least thirty minutes every day.

In collaboration with the Lake County Health Department, the Waukegan Park District launched GO WAUKEGAN, a community initiative designed to improve the health and wellness of local residents by enhancing and increasing the shared experience of walking through activities, education, and collaboration.

The GO WAUKEGAN Walks will be held on the following dates: Saturday, August 28 from 8pm to 9pm at Bevier Park, 2255 W. Yorkhouse Road, Saturday, October 23 from 9am to 10am at Hinkston Park, 810 Baldwin Avenue

, Saturday, December 4 from 6pm to 7pm in Downtown Waukegan\*  
More details are available at [waukeganparks.org/gowaukegan](http://waukeganparks.org/gowaukegan).

## CLC Offers Vaccine Incentives

College of Lake County students enrolled in classes this fall are now eligible for a \$100 incentive when they submit proof of their COVID-19 vaccination. More than 1,200 students submitted their proof on the first day.

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The museum chronicles the African American experiences from African royalty to Contemporary Black America.

The tours will be followed by Jazzin' at The African American Museum at The England Manor featuring world renowned violinist, Lee England, Jr. with succulent appetizers catered by "my mama can cook".

The Museum is a 501(c)3, private non-profit cultural and educational institution, established in 2018 by Sylvia England, the Executive Director.

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# Zion 4 Life Reunion



Perry Chillus, 62, is a man who believes in the power of family and friends coming together, reminiscing about ole times and showing unity and love for one another. Each year, he and a small committee hosts what has become known as the Zion 4 Life Reunion. Hundreds of people, native to Zion, return for an annual gathering family reunion style to rekindle friendships and tell stories about the good ole days.

It all began about 10 years ago with a notion fostered by Pastor George Andrews, Perry and his brother Watson Chillus. The first year was a success, so much so, that in 2012, the next year,

more than 1,000 people showed up to the event. Last year due to Covid-19, it was canceled but revived Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Shiloh Park in Zion.

This year, people like Ronald Ransom, the first Black Police Officer in Zion, and Mother Martha Mason the treasured Assistant Principal of the Junior High School showed up.

“Everyone there who went through school remembered her (Mother Mason)”, says Perry Chillus. “She was a spiritual person, when we went to her for detention, she would give us bible verses to write over and over again. If we were at school late, she would give us a ride home.”

Leaders like Nicole Cartwright, Shirley Yarbrough, Donna Linder, and Alphonso (Al) Rodgers were there. Ms. Cartwright brought homemade cookies and other sweets to share free of charge to the community. The event was positive, heartwarming and filled with fellowship and memories.

“It is about Love and Family and Friendship,” says organizer Perry Chillus.



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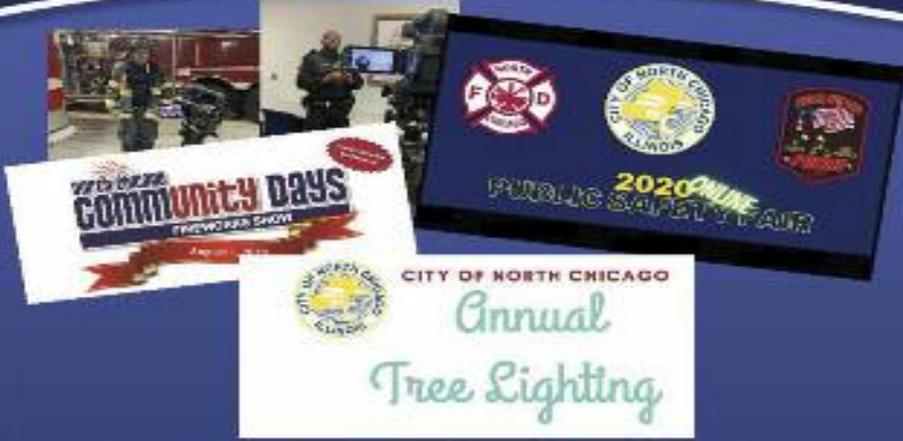
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## Police Officer Entry-Level Hiring Process



**Zion Police Department**  
Zion, Illinois

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Zion, Illinois is accepting applications for the position of police officer with the Zion Police Department.

**Salary: \$70,000**  
**Population: 24,400**  
**Sworn Police Officers: 45**

**All Applicants Must Meet the Following Minimum Requirements to Apply:**

- At least 21 years of age, not to exceed the age of 35, at time of application;
- U.S. Citizen;
- High school graduate or GED equivalent;
- Possess a valid driver's license with good driving record;
- Successfully complete the P.O.W.E.R. Test conducted through any of the following testing centers: Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) [www.NIPSTA.org](http://www.NIPSTA.org) -OR- Joliet Junior College <https://www.jjc.edu/about-jjc/places-interest/power-testing> -OR- Triton Community College <http://www.triton.edu/POWER/>. A POWER test card must be dated within 9 months **PRIOR** to the application deadline date (September 13, 2021) and submitted with application.

**All Applicants Moving Forward In the Process Must Meet the Following:**

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- Successfully complete an oral interview;
- Successfully complete a background investigation:
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- Successfully complete a psychological evaluation;
- Successfully complete a medical physical, including drug and alcohol screening;
- **Pay a \$45.00 non-refundable application processing fee;**
- **Application deadline: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm;**
- **Complete mandatory on-line written examination testing: Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7:00 AM through Friday, September 24, 2021 at 7:00 AM.**

**For additional information and to apply, please visit**  
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## Collegiate Athletes Can Now Make Money

Governor Pritzker has signed Senate Bill 2338 into law which allows college athletes the ability to make money.

The bill had wide bipartisan support in the Illinois General Assembly, and the Pritzker signing was accompanied by lawmakers including former college athlete House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, and Rep. Kambium Buckner, D-Chicago.

"We're very proud to be able to host this very important and special day, not only in the history of college athletics here in our state but in the history of college athletics across all of the states," Whitman said. "And this is one of those days that allows us to begin to usher in the new era of college athletics." Athletic directors from Northwestern University and DePaul University were also present at the news conference on June 29.

The new law, which took effect July 1, allows Illinois college athletes to be paid for the use of their name, image, or likeness, such as appearing at autograph signings at local businesses or appearing in advertising. It would also allow the athletes to hire an agent. Buckner, who played football at the University of Illinois, said the new law "is not just a win for the star quarterback or the star point guard."

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# Jennifer Hudson Has Commanding Performance in Respect



The long awaited Biopic of the life of Aretha Franklin in out. And on all accounts, it was worth the wait.

The movie “Respect” that was released on August 13th, starring Jennifer Hudson, is a true story film based on the well-known popular artist Aretha Franklin. This tells her origins, her life as a child and how she became a talented artist. The film brought in \$8,807,513 at the box office on the released day.

Jennifer Hudson was born and raised in Chicago; she grew up listening to many artists who inspired her. However, the one artist who impacted her the most was Aretha Franklin, she influenced her as a child. Hudson would audition for “American Idol” and sing “Respect” back in the early 2000s.

Hudson’s garnered significant fame as Effie White in the film adaptation of “Dream Girls”. She won an Oscar for her role, but was more importantly eyed by Aretha to play her in her own biography. After landing a role in the Broadway production of “The Color Purple” in 2015, Aretha decided that Hudson would be the one to play her.

“It was when I was on Broadway when she called me and said, ‘I’ve made my decision, and it is you, young lady, who I want to play me, but don’t you tell a soul now,’” says Hudson.

Aretha Franklin died of pancreatic cancer on Aug. 16, 2018. Hudson did not start shooting the film until later the next year.

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## 19th Judicial Circuit Judge, Reginald Mathews Announces Re-Seating Campaign

Lake County 19th Judicial Circuit Judge, Reginald Mathews, announced in August that he will seek to be re-seated as the Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court.

Reginald Mathews, 49, is one of the youngest judges to hold a judgeship in Lake County. Mathews, who was appointed an associate judge in June 2018, became the second African American to become a judge in Lake County. Illinois Appellate Court Judge George Bridges was the first.

Mathews earned his law degree from Louisiana State University and has practiced law in Illinois for more than 18 years. He previously worked as a probation officer, Assistant State's Attorney, and as Chief of the Gang and Narcotics Division in Lake County.

In 2018, Mathews was appointed unanimously by the 19th Circuit Judges as an Associate Judge, and in 2020 he was appointed unanimously by the Illinois Supreme Court to the position of 19th Circuit Court Judge.

"I would like to thank Justice Robert Thomas and his colleagues on the Illinois Supreme Court for their confidence by appointing me to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Ukena," Mathews commented.

Judge Mathews has presided over Criminal, Civil, Traffic and Bond Courts. He is a member of the Lake County Bar Association and serves as co-chairperson of the 19th Circuit Court and he serves on the Court's Community Outreach Committee.

"To whom much is given, much is required. I am blessed. I am honored.

I am humbled," says Judge Mathews.

**"To whom much is given, much is required. I am blessed. I am honored. I am humbled,"**  
- Judge Mathews.

Mathews explains that his first job was that of a paperboy for the Waukegan News-Sun and that he was born and reared in Waukegan and North Chicago. He still attends the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church where he is Director of the Children's Church Ministry and Superintendent of the Sunday School. He is a mentor, motivational speaker and a community food drive volunteer.

"Being named a Circuit Judge is a responsibility I do not take lightly. I am guided by the law and my faith; dedicated to providing all who enter our courtrooms with an opportunity to be heard," says Judge Mathews.

Mathews is up for election to be re-seated as the 19th Judicial Circuit Judge in the June 28, 2022 primary and then in the November 2, 2022 general election.

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# The Drought of 2021

By Henry Fountain,  
The New York Times

Much of the Western half of the United States is in the grip of a severe drought of historic proportions. Conditions are especially bad in California and the Southwest, but the drought extends into the Pacific Northwest, much of the Intermountain West, and even the Northern Plains.

Drought emergencies have been declared. Farmers and ranchers are suffering. States are facing water cutbacks. Large wildfires burned earlier than usual with more major fires burning in Arizona, New Mexico and other states.

There appears to be little relief in sight. What is a drought, exactly?

There are no precise parameters that define a drought, but it is generally understood to mean a period of abnormally dry weather that goes on for long enough to have an impact on water supplies, farming, livestock operations, energy production and other activities.

A drought usually starts with less-than-normal precipitation (and what is normal varies from region to region). If the dryness persists, river flows and reservoir and groundwater levels start to decline. Warm temperatures have an impact, too, causing winter snowpack to melt faster, which can affect the availability of water throughout the year. Excessive heat also causes more evaporation from soils and vegetation, which can lead to crop failures and increases the risk of severe wildfires.

## How bad is the current drought in the West?

It's very bad, both in terms of the size of the affected area and the severity. The latest map from the drought monitor shows that 90 percent of what it considers the West — California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana — is in drought. Conditions are “severe” or “exceptional” in about half of the region. Colorado, Wyoming, Southwestern Texas and North and South Dakota are also affected.

But maps tell only part of the story. The drought is having enormous effects throughout the West, where the demand for water has increased greatly over decades as the population has grown.

In New Mexico, farmers along the Rio Grande were urged not to plant this year. Crop failures have been reported in Colorado and other farming areas. The level of Lake Mead, the huge reservoir on the Colorado River, is so low that Arizona, Nevada and other

states will likely face cutbacks in supplies. In North Dakota, ranchers are trucking water and supplemental feed for their livestock because the rangelands are so dry and the vegetation is stunted.

Conditions are especially dire in California. Reservoirs in the state hold about half as much water as usual for this time of year. The federal government has cut water allocations from its huge Central Valley Project to California cities and farmers by 75 percent. And on the Oregon border, there is not enough water for both endangered fish and farmers.

## Isn't much of the West normally dry? Is drought part of a natural cycle?

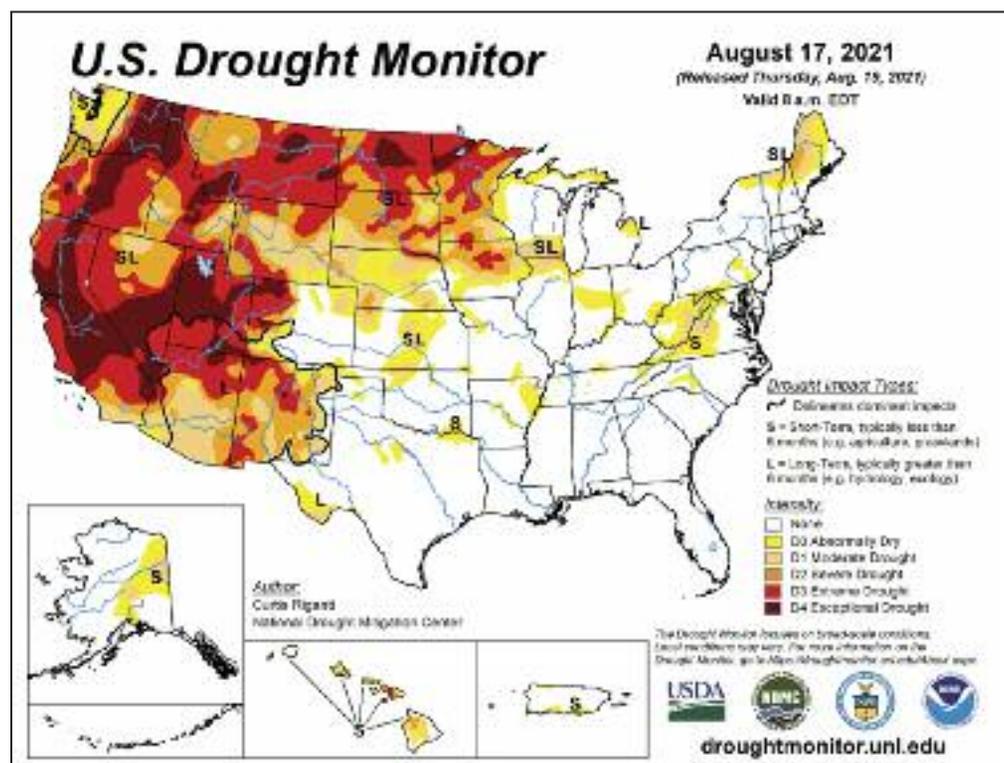
It is true that much of the West is normally hotter and drier than other parts of the country. Much of the Southwest and parts of Southern California are desert. Las Vegas, for example, averages about four inches of rain a year, about a 10th of the national average. Much of the rest of California has a Mediterranean climate, which can be wet in the winter but is hot and dry in summer.

Water has always been an issue in the West, and over the past century hundreds of billions of dollars have been spent on infrastructure to bring water from its source — largely the mountains — to cities and farms.

It is also true that droughts are a normal part of life in the region, as they are around the world. They've occurred regularly throughout the centuries.

But scientists say that climate change, in the form of warming temperatures and shifts in precipitation, is making the situation worse. What would be a moderate drought in a world without warming is now more severe.

Areas that might have normally gone a few weeks without rain may now go a few months without a drop. In the mountains, more precipitation falls as rain rather than snow, decreasing snowpack. Even a decent snowpack melts faster now, making it harder to manage water supplies. And soils and vegetation lose



more moisture as temperatures rise.

## When will the drought end?

Meteorologists expect it will last through the summer. They are forecasting continued hot and dry conditions across the West over the next few months.

The fall and winter are usually wetter in California and the Pacific Northwest, so that may help. A pattern of summer storms known as the Southwest monsoon may help in Arizona, New Mexico and other areas. But the monsoon is unpredictable — the 2019 and 2020 monsoon seasons brought so little rain they were referred to as “nonsoons,” and are one reason the drought is so severe this year.

But even if late 2021 and early 2022 are wetter in the West, the reprieve may be only temporary for much of the region. Another hot spring and summer next year could rapidly deplete snowpack, streams and reservoirs, and dry out the soil once again, and drought could return.

That's been the pattern since 2000 in the Southwest. While there have been a few wet years during that time — 2019 being the latest — the drought has persisted. It would take several wet years in a row to banish the drought completely, and while the natural variability of climate means that such a long wet spell cannot be ruled out, climate change makes it less likely.

The drought has persisted for so long in the Southwest that some scientists say a megadrought is emerging in the region, one that is similar to, or perhaps worse than, some that have occurred over the last 1,200 years and lasted for 40 years.

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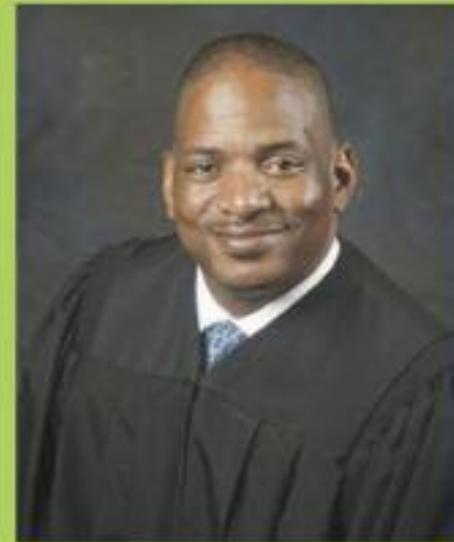
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# Summer Camp Helps Youth Focus On Careers

There is a unique Summer Camp in Waukegan. Now in its 14th year, Cool Learning Experience has garnered the appreciation of hundreds of families, and engaged hundreds of youth so much so that when school starts, the children report that they would rather go back to the Summer Camp than school.

Ms. Coyote founded the camp. Actually, her name is Barbara Waller, an ordained Minister who serves her church as the minister of the Children's Church at First Baptist of Waukegan on Genesee. Each staff member, volunteer, and student adopts a nature name like Ms. Jackie Lopez is Ms. Frog. Lopez was a camp participant several years ago, but is now a Sophomore in college, She enjoys the camp so much that she comes back every year to help. This year, Ms. Lopez served as one of the teachers in the Camp.

The Cool Learning Experience Summer Camp is divided into sections: 2nd and 3rd Graders are the Young Explorers; 4th and 5th Graders are the Green Team; 6th and 7th Graders are the Planet Protectors; and the 8th and 9th Graders are the CPMP – Career Pathways My Pathway Group. Each section has engaging programming that last the entire summer.

One of the unique aspects of the 8th and 9th Graders is that they enjoy community leaders who come to the Camp and share with the group what they do for a living. The guest speakers share about a hour with the students, but all leave with a lifetime of memories. Most students by the time that they end the summer, have a good idea about what they want to be when they grow up. They are energized and ready to do the work, make good grades, and be responsible citizens as they move towards their career goals.

One student said that he wanted not only to be a professional basketball player, but one day, he wanted to be the General Manager of the Team. Another student said that they wanted to be a film animator and one said that they would be an animal doctor. All the students had a good idea about what they wanted to do as they matriculate through life.



Members of the Career Pathways My Pathway who participated in the program included Sofia Alvarez, Tyler Bolden, Jake Canales, America Carreno, Jesse Cubas, Adysem Fritts, Tyren Maid, Justin Michael-Ratiff, Carter Newsome, Brianna Roman, Rebecca Uribe, and EliJah Washington.

The Cool Learning Experience Summer Camp held a community wide graduation and presentation on August 8, the week before school started. The Mayor of Waukegan, Mayor Ann Taylor, was among the dignitaries who attended the event.



Barbara Waller with a Volunteer and Mayor Ann Taylor



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# African American Community Partnership Group Hosts Wellness Fair

The African American Community Partnership Group of Lake County held several community-based events over the summer. Most recently, the organization held a community wellness fair on August 21, 2021 in collaboration with the Sign of the Dove Church of Waukegan.

The event included a 3K Walk/Run, Dance Classes, Fitness Classes, Health Screening, Vendors, Free Covid-19 Vaccination and activities for the youth.





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Law Degree from Louisiana State University  
Proud father of 2

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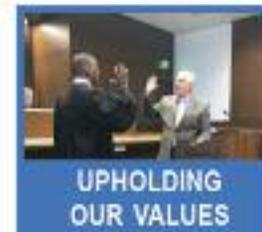
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