



Shaneka Henson Announces Senate Run

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Delegate Shaneka Henson Announces Bid for Maryland Senate District 30 Seat

Annapolis, MD — Delegate Shaneka Henson, a proven leader with a track record of delivering for Maryland families, proudly announces her candidacy for the Maryland Senate District 30 seat, soon to be vacated by Congresswoman-elect Sarah Elfreth.

Delegate Henson’s candidacy is a natural progression, building on years of dedicated service to Anne Arundel County. From her beginnings on the Annapolis City Council to becoming the top vote-getter in the 2022 District 30A election, she has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to her community. Holding a Juris Doctorate and serving as an accomplished attorney, Henson leverages her legal expertise as a force for justice, advocacy, and meaningful change.

“Every Marylander deserves a chance to live well, and I have spent my career fighting to make that a reality,” said Delegate Henson. “I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished, but there’s so much more to do. I’m ready to bring my experience, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the Maryland Senate to keep delivering for District 30 and for the entire state.”

Her legislative record reflects her dedication to transformative policies, including securing tax relief for 14,000 small businesses, funding improvements to public housing, and delivering bonuses to frontline school workers during the pandemic. She has championed initiatives supporting maternal health, renter protections, and affordable childcare—priorities she aims to expand in the Maryland Senate.



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Henson's impact extends far beyond policy. She has built deep connections within the community, always putting residents first. She annually honors the memory of Elijah M. Wilson, a vibrant 16-year-old tragically killed in Annapolis, through a college tour bearing his name. The tour inspires students from underrepresented communities by introducing them to higher education opportunities. Additionally, she has organized resource fairs to promote environmental sustainability, energy efficiency, and cost savings, helping residents access services that enhance their quality of life.

Cindy Busch, wife of the late Speaker Mike Busch, expressed her enthusiastic support: "Shaneka Henson embodies the same spirit of service and commitment to Maryland families that my husband championed. As a strong advocate for the community, Shaneka has shown time and time again that she has the heart, drive and experience to make a real difference."

Roxana Rodriguez, a local business owner and community advocate, highlighted Henson's engagement with the Latino community: "Delegate Shaneka Henson has been a steadfast advocate and champion for our Latino community. Delegate Henson has fought for better schools for our children, stood up to make sure families have the resources they need, and supported our business owners with a heart full of genuine care. Her presence is felt in every corner of our community because she shows up—not just in words, but in action. We know she'll continue to fight for us in the Senate because that's who she is—a fierce, compassionate, and tireless advocate for all of us."

Alderman Rob Savidge, who served alongside Henson on the Annapolis City Council, added: "Having worked beside Shaneka on the Annapolis City Council and witnessed her dedication firsthand, I can say with confidence that she embodies what it means to be a public servant. She places her constituents and community first in her tireless, strong, and principled efforts to be a voice for them. The Maryland Senate needs that kind of dedication and leadership."

State Senator Cory McCray offered his support: "I am deeply honored to serve alongside Delegate Shaneka Henson in the Maryland General Assembly. Together, we have turned challenges into opportunities to uplift our community. Recognizing the urgent need to diversify the face of justice, we championed SB 526/HB 1268 (2021) to build a pipeline for Black excellence in the legal profession by partnering with our HBCUs and Maryland's two distinguished law schools. We stood firm in preserving the legacy of our Black institutions, leading the Senator Verda Welcome Act, SB 953/HB 1040 (2022) to secure the resources



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they need to sustain and thrive. And when history needed to reflect the strength of Black women, we passed SB 341/HB 287 (2024), ensuring their stories are told through the renaming of the Banneker Douglass Tubman Museum. Shaneka is not just a colleague or thought partner—she is a trailblazer whose work inspires progress. Because of her vision and dedication, I am a better leader, and our legislature is stronger for it."

Delegate Shaneka Henson's candidacy reflects her dedication to the people of District 30 and her readiness to take on new challenges in the Maryland Senate. For more information visit www.shanekahenson.com.

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