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Congressional Black Caucus Leaders Endorse Colin Allred's U.S. Senate Campaign

DALLAS — Today, six prominent leaders of the Congressional Black Caucus announced their endorsement of Colin Allred's campaign for U.S. Senate in Texas, delivering a powerful show of force that underscores the national importance of the race to flip the Senate and expand representation for Black Texans.

The slate of endorsers includes: **Sanford Bishop (GA-02), (NY-11), former CBC Chair Steven Horsford (NV-04), CBC PAC Chair Gregory Meeks (NY-05), Assistant Democratic Leader Joe Neguse (CO-02), and Lauren Underwood (IL-14)**. They join Congressman **Marc Veasey (TX-33)**, who announced his support for Allred earlier this summer.

The endorsements come as Texas Republicans move to rig congressional maps and strip Black communities of political representation, raising the stakes of the 2026 election.

In response to their support, U.S. Senate candidate **Colin Allred** released the following statement:

"As a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus during my time in Congress, I am deeply honored to earn the support of these leaders I've worked alongside for years. Together, we fought to lower costs, expand access to health care, and ensure every community has a voice in our

democracy. Washington is broken — it too often only works for those willing to bend the rules to serve themselves. In the Senate, I will fight to unrig this system and deliver real results for hardworking Texans.”

Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA-02):

“As a fellow Southerner, I know how rare it is to find a leader like Colin Allred — someone who has lived the struggles of working families and never forgotten where he came from. He also understands that rural and agricultural communities are the backbone of our country, and that their farms, fields, and families face unique challenges that demand real solutions. From fighting voter suppression as a civil rights lawyer to building the kind of coalitions that can actually win tough races, Colin has proven he has the grit, integrity, and commitment Texans deserve. I’m proud to endorse him for the United States Senate.”

Former CBC Chair, Rep. Steven Horsford (NV-04):

“Colin Allred is the kind of leader who changes lives for the better and elevates communities,” Rep. Horsford said. “Colin was raised by a single mother who fought for everything they had. Her perseverance gave him the inspiration to rise into the NFL, become a civil rights lawyer, and flip a Congressional District in Texas that nobody thought a Democrat could win. As Chair Emeritus of the Congressional Black Caucus, I know the caliber of grit and vision that he brings to public service. Colin will bring his determination and working-class values to everything he does as U.S. Senator, and people across Texas – and across the country – will be better off for it.”

CBC PAC chair Gregory Meeks (NY-05):

“As a senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I’ve seen Colin Allred’s extraordinary leadership firsthand. He has built the kind of diverse, broad-based coalitions it takes to win tough races and deliver results — bringing people together across race, region, and party. He is a principled, steady voice who has defended democracy at home, worked to expand opportunity for working families, and shown the vision to strengthen America’s role in the world. I’m proud to endorse him as a colleague, a friend, and a leader who will make Texans — and the CBC — proud in the United States Senate.”

Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-02):

“Colin Allred is exactly the kind of leader we need in the United States Senate — a proven fighter for fairness, accountability, and opportunity. From his time in the NFL to his work as a civil rights attorney and now in Congress, Colin has shown an unwavering commitment to putting people first. I know he’ll bring that same integrity and determination to the Senate as he takes on corruption and works to lower costs for hardworking Texans.”

Rep. Lauren Underwood (IL-14):

“As the youngest Black woman ever elected to Congress, I know how important it is to have leaders who understand the urgency of this moment and the struggles families face every day. That’s why I’m so proud to endorse my colleague and my friend, Colin Allred for U.S. Senate. I have deep respect for his compassion, integrity, and tenacious leadership. From protecting voting rights to expanding health care and standing up to powerful interests, Colin has always put families first. Texans deserve a senator with his heart, grit, and proven ability to deliver results — and I know he will be an extraordinary partner in the fight for our shared values.”

Endorsement from Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33):

“I have watched Colin stand up and fight against the broken system in Washington to deliver for working Texans. I’ve been proud to work with Colin to deliver for our region by expanding care for veterans, making historic infrastructure investments, and working to make healthcare more affordable. I am proud to endorse my friend Colin Allred’s campaign today and look forward to working with him to take our state back from corrupt politicians.”

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About Colin Allred: *Colin Allred was raised in Dallas by a single mom who taught school and worked nights to make ends meet. From captain of the Baylor football team to five seasons as an NFL linebacker after going undrafted, Colin’s life has been about beating the odds. After a career-ending injury, he became a civil rights attorney, fighting for working families and voting rights, and later served in President Obama’s Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

In 2018, Colin shocked Texas politics by unseating a 22-year Republican incumbent to represent his hometown in Congress. There, he built a reputation as one of the most bipartisan members of the Texas delegation — opening a new VA hospital in Garland, expanding facilities in Dallas and El Paso, and working to lower costs and protect health

care for Texans. Now he's running for Senate to unrig the system, take on corruption, and make sure every Texan has a fair shot.