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Tricia Gavin, Candidate for Iowa Senate District 22, Secures Two New Endorsements

Tricia Gavin of West Des Moines, a candidate in the Democratic primary for the Iowa Senate District 22 seat, has received endorsements this week from West Des Moines School Board member Lonnie Dafney and Armel Traore dit Nignan, a recent candidate for Waukee School Board who is active in several community groups.

Their pledges of support follow an earlier endorsement from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 238.

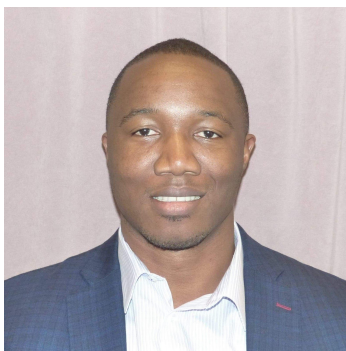
Increased funding for education is one of Gavin's primary concerns, and she supports returning collective bargaining rights to teachers, as well as better mental health support for students. Both Dafney and Traore dit Nignan mentioned Gavin's strong interest in educational improvements as one reason they support her candidacy.



Dafney, the first African American to be elected to the West Des Moines School and a Board Commissioner for the West Des Moines Human Rights Commission, said this about Gavin:

"Since meeting Tricia, I've been impressed by her leadership and passion for people. Tricia has jumped right in working to connect and meet the people of our district. She has been diligent in asking what is on the minds of our community. I believe she will be a voice and advocate for all.

"Tricia is running for Iowa Senate District 22 and her focus on improving education, water quality, and our economy will move Iowa in the direction it should be going."



Traore dit Nignan made this statement:

"Living in Iowa could be overwhelming as presidential elections near, with countless ads, numerous conversations with presidential candidates, volunteers and neighbors – not to forget the endless social media posts.

"When it is all said and done, it is the engagement we have with our neighbors, and our local and civic engagement that

matters more. In this election cycle, I had the opportunity to meet great people, and one such person is Tricia Gavin, running for District 22 in the Iowa Senate. Her passion to improve our education system, access to quality water, and to improve our local economy would make her a great ally for our community. I look forward to giving her my voice and I hope you will too.”

Gavin said she was pleased and grateful for the support of the two community leaders. “Lonnie and Armel both have devoted years of activity and community service to multiple groups working for a better quality of life in Iowa,” Gavin said. “They continually stand up for others, and I am proud to have them standing up for me in this race.”

District 22, which includes Waukee, Clive, Windsor Heights and portions of West Des Moines, is currently represented by Republican Charles Schneider.

Gavin, who grew up in Cedar Rapids, is a product marketing manager supporting credit unions. She previously worked as a marketing division manager for Allstate Insurance, in business transformation at the U.S. Department of Defense, and in acquisition programs for the U.S. Coast Guard. She holds a bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gavin also is a graduate of the Emerge Iowa Training program for up-and-coming political candidates. She has been door-knocking since July, letting residents know about her primary issues: increased funding for education and mental health, improving water quality and attracting good-paying jobs to Iowa. For more information, visit www.triciagavinforsenate.com.

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