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Full FDA approval of Pfizer vaccine opens door for vaccine mandates in Texas



A nurse administers a dose of the Pfizer vaccine at a clinic organized by the Travis County Mobile Vaccine Collaborative at Rodriguez Elementary School on July 28, 2021. Photo/Credit: Sophie Park/The Texas Tribune

BY JOSHUA FECHTER AND PATRICK SVITEK

With the U.S. Food and Drug administration’s full approval of the Pfizer vaccine, Texas is in uncharted territory when it comes to COVID-19 vaccinations.

"Full FDA approval of Pfizer vaccine opens door for vaccine mandates in Texas" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and

engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s full approval of the Pfizer vaccine Monday is cracking

open the door for Texas cities, counties and school districts to compel their employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19 — moves previously blocked by Gov. Greg Abbott.

Abbott had banned public schools and local governments from enacting their own vaccine mandates. But the governor’s executive order

specifies that the ban on mandates applies to COVID-19 vaccines that are under emergency authorization — a designation that no longer applies to the Pfizer two-dose vaccination.

Already, one major school district is pressing forward with its plan to require vaccinations for

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Allen West, GOP candidate for governor, calls wife’s DWI arrest in Dallas “insidious”



Allen West, then chairman of the Texas GOP, speaks at a rally at the Texas Capitol on January 9, 2021. Photo/Credit: Jordan Vonderhaar for The Texas Tribune

Angela Graham-West, wife of GOP gubernatorial candidate Allen West, was arrested by Dallas Police Friday night for allegedly driving while intoxicated. Allen West said she hadn’t been drinking, that her 3-month-old grandson was in the car with her, and called the arrest “insidious.”

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policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

The wife of Texas Republican gubernatorial candidate Allen West was arrested in Dallas County for allegedly driving while intoxicated Friday night, according to the Dallas Police Department and West himself.

Angela Graham-West, 61, was driving home from dinner at P.F. Changs with her 3-month-old grandson when she was pulled over and arrested for a suspected DWI. She was charged with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old.

Graham-West was released from jail around 1 p.m. Saturday, according to West, who posted a video on Instagram early Saturday morning from the Dallas County jail. In the video, West angrily denied his wife had been drinking.

West, the former head of the Texas Republican Party, said he had been in Waco having dinner with Ted Nugent when he returned to Dallas to find his wife had been arrested.

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Beyoncé and Jay-Z Making More History

By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia

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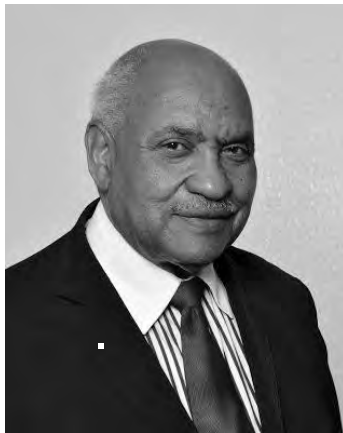
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The March on Washington, D.C. 56 Years Later

By **Dr. John E Warren**, Publisher, The Voice and Viewpoint Newspaper



Dr. John E. Warren
 Publisher, The Voice and Viewpoint Newspaper

This week it will be 56 years since the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marched on Washington, D. C. with more than 250,000 people, mostly Black. Some came by bus,

train, and car. Some walked. On that hot August Day, this publisher was a young teenager who worked on Capitol Hill for the late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. I climbed a tree near the Lincoln Memorial, above the sea of humanity dressed in their "Sunday Go to Meeting Clothes" in spite of the heat and carrying their signs.

Today, 56 years later, racism continues to raise its head just as it did on the day of that first march and many since then. What is different today is the openness of the continued effort to silence the

vote that they were unable to steal in November 2020. What is also present today is that this year we will not only be marching in Washington, D.C. on August 28th but in cities throughout America. This time, while we are demanding passage of the John Lewis Voting rights Act H.R.4 which will stop the voter suppression, we are also registering people to vote throughout this country so that we can overwhelmingly defeat these restrictive laws at the ballot box, if necessary.

The fact that we have had a Black president for two terms, Black and

Jewish members of the Senate from the State of Georgia, with more women and people of color in Congress, has frightened White conservative voters to the point that they are no longer concerned about open and fair voting where they clearly can not win, but must now go to "by any means necessary" to retain power. Each of us can make a difference. Let's celebrate these 56 years of struggle with renewed participation that honors those who came before us. And the few of us who were there and are still here will be there with you.

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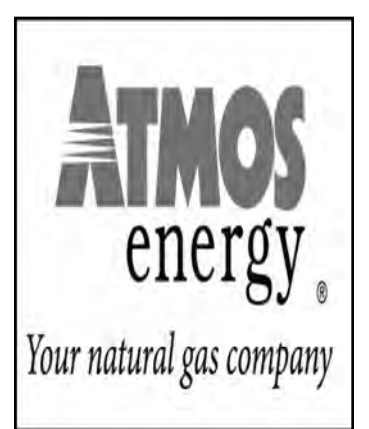
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 teachers and staff.

Pedro Martinez, superintendent for the San Antonio Independent School District, called for mandatory employee vaccinations last week — drawing a lawsuit from Attorney General Ken Paxton, who accused the district and Martinez of breaching Abbott's ban on vaccine mandates.

But with the FDA's full approval, San Antonio school officials are moving forward with their vaccine requirement for district employees.

In a statement, Martinez called the FDA approval "a positive step forward in the fight against COVID-19 nationwide and a step forward in helping keep schools safe for learning here at home."

Abbott's office did not respond to requests for comment.

The vaccine currently has full approval only for people 16 or older, so Abbott's ban on mandates still applies for most public school students. The FDA's move did lead to a quick call for action at the university level. On Monday, the Texas State Employees Union announced that it was

teaming up with student groups to host a rally at the University of Texas at Austin to call for vaccine requirements for all students, faculty and staff who come to campus for class and work. UT-Austin officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

One college, the University of Texas at Arlington, said Monday afternoon that it had not evaluated the idea of a mandate "as this was only recently announced."

"Therefore, it would be premature to say that we are or are not considering them," said university spokesperson Joe Carpenter. "Our focus remains on testing all students and employees at the start of the fall semester, promoting the benefits of vaccines and making them readily available to the campus."

Other city and county officials in Texas' major urban areas have been similarly silent about mandating vaccinations for their workers.

In San Antonio, city manager Erik Walsh said in a text message he has no plans to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for the city's 12,000 municipal employees — and will instead rely on cash incentives to convince work-

ers to get their shot.

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff said Monday he plans to wait to see how many of the county's 5,000 employees take advantage of a vaccine incentive program before figuring out whether the county can compel its workers to get the vaccine.

"It's easy to say that but it's much harder to have it in place," Wolff said.

Some kinds of vaccine mandates are still off the table despite the FDA giving Pfizer the green light.

The state's ban on so-called vaccine passports — authored by state Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, a Brenham Republican, and passed by Texas lawmakers earlier this year — prevents businesses like restaurants and retailers from requiring customers to show proof of vaccination.

So far, local governments have sought to entice their residents to seek the vaccine rather than force them. Officials in Houston and Austin have promised cash rewards — in the form of gift cards — to encourage people to get vaccinated.

Local government officials signaled they see the FDA approval as a tool to convince people who so far have hesitated to get vacci-

nated to now seek the shot.

Pfizer was initially given emergency approval last year after demonstrating it was 95% effective in preventing COVID-19. The emergency authorization designations allow for vaccine doses to be distributed during public health emergencies, based on the best available evidence.

The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines also received emergency authorization and are awaiting full approval.

"If that's what you were waiting for, your wait is officially over," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg said in a tweet.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo echoed that sentiment.

"If you've been on the fence, now is the time to get vaccinated with confidence," Hidalgo's office wrote in a tweet.

Abbott is not the only Texas Republican leader who has staked his opposition to vaccine mandates on emergency authorization.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz has introduced legislation — dubbed the No Vaccine Mandates Act — that would make it illegal to require

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ST. JOHN 19:12-24

CHRIST CONDEMNED TO DEATH

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

As we approach this dramatic scene of the death of Christ, it is imperative to know that Christ's death was needed to satisfy God's holiness and justice because mankind's condemnation before God was so severe due to Adam's initial act of disobedience in the garden of Eden (Romans 5:12). The Nation of Israel took the initiative in having the "Lamb of God" slain, but Pontius Pilate had the judicial responsibility for having Him put to death - a sentence that Pilate will be

judged. After the Jewish leaders made the charge that "Christ made Himself the Son of God" (v. 7), the vacillating Pilate became increasingly uneasy. Within the judgment hall, Pilate began to ask the Saviour a question - "Whence art thou" (v. 9). But our blessed Lord replied not a word. After Pilate's boastful acclaim that he had power to crucify or release Jesus, Christ made it clear to Pilate that Pilate's power was delegated by the Father (v. 11).

After all of the political

maneuvering that Pilate had made during Christ's examination before him, the Jews insisted that if Christ were released, then Pilate was not a friend to Caesar (v. 12). Thus, the Jewish leaders played their strongest card against Pilate - if he released Jesus, then he would displease the Emperor because of the Jews' charges against Jesus (Luke 23:2-5). Having heard the Jews' strong statement in verse 12, Pilate retired to his judgment seat, for he was pressed to make a decision (v. 13). As an evi-

dent token of Pilate's irony and disdain of the Jewish people, he said - "Behold your King" (v. 14). Pilate's last minute appeal to the Jewish leaders had no impact, for they clamored the more - "Crucify Him" (v. 15). These Jewish leaders were relentless in their cry to have the innocent Jesus crucified.

Nothing but His sacrificial blood would appease them! In a demeanor that exhibits a mixture of compassionate feeling and mockery, Pilate said - "Shall I cru-

cify your King" (v. 15). The purpose of the people was truly enforced by Pilate, for St. Luke 23:24 says - "And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required." Pilate eventually gave in unto the people, thus Jesus was delivered to be crucified (v. 16). In verse 16, we are informed that Christ was "led" as He was taken away. In keeping with the prophecy of Isaiah, Isaiah 53:7 says - "He was led as a Lamb to the slaughter." Our Lord offered no resistance; He was not dragged nor driven as He was taken to be crucified!

Wasting no time, our Lord was led from Gabbatha to Golgotha to be crucified (v. 17). Revealing the Jewish leader's enormous hatred of Jesus, He was crucified among vile offenders (v. 18). Yet, the

Jewish leaders' malice only became the means of fulfilling ancient prophecy, for Isaiah 53:7 says - "He was numbered with the transgressors." Yes, our Lord was outrageously treated, but His Father never left Him alone! In an effort to display his contempt for the Jews, Pilate did not change the inscription that was placed on the cross "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS" (v. 19-22).

Lastly, the insulting demeanor of the soldiers in parting Christ's garments and casting lots for His coat, expressed the extreme hatred and shame that Christ endured. He endured extreme shame for us, that we through faith in Him might attain a righteous standing before God.

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"The safest precaution parents can take to prevent COVID-19 infection from spreading is vaccinating their children," said Suzette Baez, MD, pediatrician at Parkland's Vickery Health Center. "Children have spent much of the past year socially distanced, but now that they are headed back to school it is important that they are vaccinated against this deadly virus."

We understand that people may have concerns about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine. However, these vaccines went through rigorous clinical trials and safety checks needed to be approved.

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He said in the video that he had spoken with people who had dinner with his wife and grandson who told him she only had water and lemonade. West provided a photo of the receipt to the Tribune, which shows a lemonade, but lists no alcoholic beverages.

In the video, West said he was especially angry that his grandson was left on the side of the road with two police officers while other officers took his wife to jail.

"I support the thin blue line, but this is insidious," West said. "They put my grandson at risk, at jeopardy, left him with a couple of police officers and carted his grandmother to jail and she had water and lemonade. ... I'm beyond livid."

Dallas police said in a statement to the Tribune that they stopped Graham-West in the 2300 block of West Northwest Highway at 8:44 p.m. and that the officer "had reasons to believe the driver may be intoxicated."

Police said Graham-

West went through a field sobriety test, "which subsequently led to her arrest for DWI."

In a text message to the Tribune, Allen West said his wife was stopped for failing to use a turn signal to change lanes but had "no issues" with field sobriety or Breathalyzer tests. He said she refused a blood test, but an officer got a warrant for it.

Dallas police said West's grandson was released to his father. West said his daughter and her husband picked up his grandson from the car on

the side of the road.

West announced he was running for governor on July 4, a few days before resigning his position with the state party to start his challenge to Gov. Greg Abbott, a fellow Republican.

Graham-West ran for Garland City Council earlier this year, but did not advance to the runoff election.

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someone to receive any COVID-19 vaccine originally approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) without first obtaining the patient's informed consent."

Cruz's office did not respond to a request for comment Monday morning.

The FDA's clearance of the vaccine is for people 16 years and older. The Pfizer shot was also authorized for children as young as 12 years old earlier this summer, and Pfizer is still seeking full approval for that group.

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Judge allows Dallas County mask mandate to stay in place, siding with Jenkins over Abbott

By Ryan Osborne/WFAA

DALLAS — A district court judge has sided with Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins in his dispute with Gov. Greg Abbott over the county's mask mandate, allowing the mandate to stay in place.

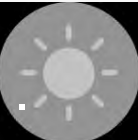






Judge Tonya Parker issued a temporary injunction Wednesday on Abbott's order that public entities such as cities, counties and schools can't issue mask requirements or mandates. The injunction allows Jenkins' mask order -- and the mask requirements of local school districts -- to continue, for now.

Parker in her ruling said that Jenkins has shown that Dallas County residents "will suffer probable imminent and irreparable injury through County Judge Jenkins being precluded from exercising his authority" to require masks in public.

The judge noted that the highly transmissible delta variant threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system and has increased hospitalizations and death in Dallas County.

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Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, August 26	Friday, August 27	Saturday, August 28	Sunday, August 29	Monday, August 30	Tuesday, August 31	Wednesday, Sept. 1
 H - 93° L - 78°	 H - 90° L - 75°	 H - 89° L - 76°	 H - 88° L - 76°	 H - 87° L - 75°	 H - 87° L - 74° 30%	 H - 86° L - 74°

Black Girls Golf Providing ‘Enormous’ Mental and Physical Health to African American Women

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



Golf forces you to forgive yourself, to be patient, and certainly focus on the task at hand.”/Courtesy Black Girls Golf

Participation has skyrocketed during the pandemic and Black Girls Golf now has more than 4,000 members in chapters across the country.

In 2011, Black Girls Golf was just an idea.

After spending several years in Corporate America, Tiffany Mack Fitzgerald said she noticed how many opportunities were available to her male golf colleagues.

She decided to learn the game and create opportunities to build better professional relationships and connect

with people in positions of power and influence.

On the group’s website, Fitzgerald said she learned the game but felt intimidated by the rules.

She said the learning curve seemed impossible, and she felt invisible yet again.

Two years later, Fitzgerald invited her friends to join her on a golf course in Atlanta. Twenty-six women showed up, and Black Girls Golf went from idea to a sisterhood.

Black Girls Golf has come a long way since then, with Fitzgerald featured in Women’s Golf

Journal, Black Enterprise Magazine, and several sports and business radio shows and publications to promote golf diversity and share her experience as a golfer.

Black Girls Golf has also established the Black Girls Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) to create a more diverse pipeline of leaders in the golf industry.

That participation has skyrocketed during the pandemic and Black Girls Golf now has more than 4,000 members in chapters across the country.

“Black women make

up less than one percent of the golf industry’s workforce, so a huge part of our mission is introducing girls to the career opportunities that are available in golf. And for professional women, there are so many benefits, including health and wellness,” Fitzgerald said.

She noted that the game provides enormous health benefits – both physically and mentally.

“For me, it’s been a huge stress relief, which helps my mental health so much,” she proclaimed.

“You kind of forget

what’s happening in day-to-day life because most golf courses are so beautiful. And nature sometimes can be really serene, and it helps calm you and reduce your stress levels.”

She told CNN that golf also teaches essential skills that transfer to everyday life, such as discipline and self-acceptance.

“There are so many parallels with golf in life, you know, hitting a bad shot and being able to let it go,” Fitzgerald noted.

“Golf forces you to forgive yourself, to be patient, and certainly

focus on the task at hand.”

Medical experts told CNN that playing golf releases hormones that lower stress and anxiety and improve memory.

Research suggests the sport’s social nature may also contribute to golfers’ longer life spans.

“Golf can put you in situations where you would never find yourself and next to people that you would never ever have met,” Fitzgerald insisted, adding that networking on the course could lead to future professional opportunities off the course.

Josephine Baker is 1st Black woman given Paris burial honor

PARIS (AP) — The remains of American-born singer and dancer Josephine Baker will be reinterred at the Pantheon monument in Paris, making the entertainer who is a World War II hero in France the first Black woman to get the country’s highest honor.

Le Parisien newspaper reported Sunday that French President Emmanuel Macron decided to organize a ceremony on Nov. 30 at the Paris monument, which houses the remains of scientist Marie Curie, French philosopher Voltaire, writer Victor Hugo and other French luminaries.

The presidential palace confirmed the newspaper’s report.

After her death in 1975, Baker was buried in Monaco, dressed in a French military uniform with the medals she received for her role as part of the French Resistance during the war.

Baker will be the fifth woman to be honored with a Pantheon burial and will also be the first entertainer honored.

Holocaust survivor Simone Veil, one of France’s most revered politicians, was buried at the Pantheon in 2018.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Baker became a megastar in the 1930s, especially in France, where she moved in 1925 as she was seeking to flee racism and segregation in the United States.

Baker quickly became famous for her “banana skirt” dance routines and wowed audiences at the Theatre des Champs-Elysees and later at the Folies Bergere in Paris.

She became a French citizen after her marriage to industrialist Jean Lion in 1937.

(AP Photo) Dated March 6, 1961.



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The pop queen becomes the first African American woman to wear the diamond, which had previously adorned Audrey Hepburn in publicity photos for the 1961 blockbuster film, “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.”

Singer Lady Gaga wore the diamonds to the 2019 Academy Awards.

But, as with most things they do, the

Carters one-upped everyone.

They pose for photos in front of Jean-Michel Basquiat’s “Equals Pi” painting, a 40-year-old work from a private collection never previously displayed in public.

Unearthed in 1877 in the Kimberley Mines of South Africa, founder Charles Lewis Tiffany purchased the rough diamond in 1878, Tiffany’s said in the news release.

House icons including designs from Jean Schlumberger and the Tiffany T collection are also featured throughout.

Notably, Jay-Z wears Jean Schlumberger’s legendary Bird on a Rock brooch, reconstructed as a pair of one-of-a-kind cuff links.

Schlumberger was best known for dressing high society’s elite in the 1960s and ‘70s, so it is appropriate that his

unmistakable designs live out his legacy on one of today’s greatest creative forces.

A film by acclaimed director Emmanuel Adjei has also been created and features a musical performance of the classic song “Moon River.”

Made famous in the 1961 film Breakfast at Tiffany’s, the iconic tune is reimagined with vocals by Beyoncé, cap-

tured by Jay-Z on a Super 8 camera.

According to Tiffany’s, the couple selected the Orum House in Los Angeles to serve as the setting for the film, in which nostalgic flashbacks are interwoven with cinematic, dreamlike visuals.

Basquiat’s “Equals Pi” appears once again as a common Tiffany Blue thread throughout the narrative.

“Beyoncé and JAY-Z are the epitome of the modern love story. As a brand that has always stood for love, strength, and self-expression, we could not think of a more iconic couple that better represents Tiffany’s values,” stated Alexandre Arnault, Executive Vice President of Product & Communications

“We are honored to have the Carters as a part of the Tiffany family.”



Kent Caldwell-Meeks on Building Your Legacy

As we gather to celebrate family reunions, we are reminded of the importance of legacy, especially after being separated from loved ones due to the pandemic. We may also be reminded of how important it is to build a financial legacy for our family today and into the next generation.

As Senior Managing Director for Wealth & Investment Management at Wells Fargo Advisors, I have a personal and professional understanding of the challenges Black families face trying to build wealth. Due to systemic inequality, some people in our communities have disproportionately lower incomes, less financial acumen and limited homeownership opportunities.

In fact, a recent Wells Fargo/Gallup poll stated that about one in six Black and African-American people reported that their current income equals their expenses. One in eight said that they are either drawing on their savings to make ends meet or falling into debt. This needs to change.

No matter your situation, you can create a wealth-building plan that helps you improve financial habits now and set clear goals for the future. Start with organizing your finances, finding ways to save and using that savings to grow your finances. Here are some key ways to build wealth:

Real Property Assets

Owning your personal residence and/or other real estate can be a great foundation for building wealth because it typically appreciates in value over time.

Retirement Plans

If your workplace offers a 401(k) or other savings plan, these are effective savings tools that are usually deducted from your salary automatically, so you don't even have to think about it.

Entrepreneurship

Starting a business of your own could also help you build financial stability for your family now, as well as create a legacy that generates wealth for the future.

Getting on the path to wealth-building can seem overwhelming, but taking those first steps can make all the difference. Here is some advice on how to get started:

- 1. Start now.** Don't put it off. The sooner you start, the longer your wealth has time to grow.
- 2. Do your homework.** Understand your financial situation. Seek out money management tools and resources. Research wealth-building opportunities.
- 3. Know your options.** Take advantage of 401(k) plans, education funds and other saving

opportunities offered within your workplace or union. You can also start a plan on your own.

4. Work with a trusted advisor. Find a professional you trust who can assess where you are now and help guide you on your path to financial growth.

So, as you reunite with family to celebrate your rich history, keep in mind the things you can do to help build wealth for their future. My team and I are committed to helping families in our community thrive and establish a lasting financial legacy.

Learn more at: handsonbanking.org/categories/planning-for-the-future



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Several Organizations Set to March on Washington

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Since January, 48 states have introduced 389 bills "that amount to shameful, outright voter suppression, and many have already become law," March on Washington organizers said in a statement.

Martin Luther King III, Yolanda King, Andrea Waters King, Rev. Al Sharpton and others plan to march with more than 140 organizations and thousands of Americans on Saturday, August 28, to advocate for eliminating the Jim Crow filibuster and passing three critical voting rights bills – the For the People Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and the Washington D.C. Admission Act.

The mobilization comes just months after Black voters overcame

significant barriers to the vote and organized their communities to change the course of the country — “and now ask that the White House and Congress do their part to protect our democracy and stand on the right side of history,” the leaders said in a news release.

It also comes nearly six decades after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights activists led the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, that helped establish voting rights for millions of Black Americans, African

American leaders will again descend on the nation's capital to demand Congress protect the rights.

Several groups have applied for permits to gather on the National Mall.

The National Action Network has organized a “March on for Voting Rights,” an event across multiple cities.

Other organizations that applied for permits to gather include “March On For Voting Rights,” Douglass Commonwealth Coalition,” “Every Case

Matters,” and “The Memorial Foundation, Inc.”

Since January, 48 states have introduced 389 bills “that amount to shameful, outright voter suppression, and many have already become law,” March on Washington organizers said in a statement.

“These laws suppress voting methods that enrich our democracy and lead to high turnout: banning ballot drop boxes and mail-in voting, reducing early voting days and hours, restricting who can get a mail-in



This Aug. 28, 1963, file photo shows Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. acknowledging the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial for his “I Have a Dream” speech during the March on Washington.

ballot, prohibiting officials from promoting the use of mail-in ballots even when voters qualify, even criminalizing the distribution of water to voters waiting in the long lines these laws create.”

They continued: “Racist, anti-democratic voter suppression laws amount to rigging the game. But in America, elections are not a game—and lives depend on their outcomes.

That’s why, on August 28, 2021, we’re marching on Washington, Atlanta, Miami, Houston, Phoenix and cities across America.”

The Douglass Commonwealth Coalition says they are marching for D.C. statehood, green jobs, and justice.

March On Washington says they are gathering to commemorate the great March on Washington.

Every Case Matters says they are exercising their First Amendment

Right to march to the Department of Justice.

Reportedly, most of the events have a scheduled start time at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

On the website for the voting rights march, it says the event starts at 10 a.m. The end time for all events is estimated at 8 p.m.

Permits indicate that there are several gathering points depending on the group.

The March on For Voting Rights will gather across from the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial and end at the Washington Monument.

The Douglass Commonwealth Coalition plans to begin their march at Freedom Plaza and end near the U.S. Capitol.

March On Washington says they will gather at the Lincoln Memorial and the MLK memorial.

The Memorial Foundation Inc will gather at the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial.