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**NEWLY ELECTED SHELBY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR, LEXIE CARTER, SPEAKS ON THE REMOVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN PEARSON, REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN JONES, REPRESENTATIVE GLORIA JOHNSON**

**Memphis, TN**—I realize this will be my first statement as the newly elected Shelby County Democratic Party Chair. In that, we must protect our own. When we vote for elected officials, we want someone that will stand for our children, community, and be our voice. The fact that the Tennessee General Assembly is attempting to remove Rep. Justin Pearson (D-86), Rep. Justin Jones (D-52), and Rep. Gloria Johnson (D-90) who were elected by the people to serve us, is a political game that benefits only a certain body of individuals. The Tennessee Assembly refuses to take sensible action regarding gun laws in Tennessee and now attempts to punish those who seek to speak about the inaction. This is not American Democracy.

We call on the Tennessee Assembly to immediately cease and desist all efforts to oust Rep. Pearson, Rep. Jones, and Rep. Johnson. As a proud Tennessean, we should not be forced to be silent while innocent children are murdered as a direct result of the Assembly's apathy and failure to act. My question is, What is their definition of decorum when Representative Sherrell mentioned 'lynching' as a method of administering the death penalty? What is their definition of decorum when David Byrd sexually assaulted women? What is their definition of decorum when Jeremy Faison pantsed a referee. This is hypocritical, unconstitutional, and is not Democracy! We must come together to represent the people. Contact your State Representatives and State Senators to voice your concerns. Let them know you vote against expulsion!

Lexie Carter was sworn in as the Chair on Saturday, April 1, 2023. She is a Veteran, activist, and has been affiliated with the SCDP as a Public Relations Committee Chair, a Secretary, and Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee. She follows Gabby Salinas who served one term as the SCDP Chair. For more information, please contact Lynn Whitney at 901-303-8331 or [lynnwhitneyconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:lynnwhitneyconsulting@gmail.com)

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