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REP. JUSTIN J. PEARSON, STAND FOR CHILDREN, MEMPHIS FOR ALL, AND PEOPLE FOR FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE ENDORSE VAN TURNER FOR MAYOR OF MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS, TN – Today, Representative Justin J. Pearson, Stand for Children, Memphis for All, and the People for Fairness and Justice (PFJ) announced their endorsement of Van Turner for Mayor of Memphis in the pivotal 2023 city election.

During his service as Shelby County Democratic Party Chair, Memphis NAACP President, and Shelby County Commissioner, Turner has demonstrated a commitment to stand with the people of Memphis. Turner has consistently shown that he will fight for Memphis, working alongside grassroots organizations and the most impacted communities to bring about the change we need to move Memphis forward.

"Van Turner is a proven leader with a track record for fighting for justice," said Rep. Pearson. "Van's views on what justice looks like, as well as his efforts to uplift the oppressed and disenfranchised in Memphis, align with our work in District 86 and the Tennessee General Assembly. He will be an excellent partner as we work to ensure the people of Memphis get their fair share of state resources and will work to bring about meaningful social and economic change in our city. Van has stood with us in our fights for justice and I am standing with Van now. I hope my fellow Memphians stand with him too."

The groups endorsing Van Turner know he is ready to lead Memphis forward by prioritizing the needs of communities to work towards

meaningful change. At a time when democracy is being challenged in our state and nation, the groups felt it was important to have a leader for Memphis that has a proven track record. Out of the broad field of candidates, Turner aligns most closely with their values of supporting youth opportunity and success (both in and out of school), improving public safety without continuing failed policies of the status quo, and investing in people and communities.

“We are at a critical point for our city. We have an opportunity to elect transformative leadership that will build a safer, stronger, and more just Memphis for all--a Memphis that breaks away from repeating the same mistakes over and over,” said PFJ and Memphis for All representative Tikeila Rucker. “We can’t afford another four years of the same - it’s time to elect Van Turner so we all have a future where we can thrive.”

The election is Thursday, October 5, and Rep. Pearson and community partners urge Memphians to support Van Turner for Memphis Mayor.

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