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After National Organizers' Announcement, D.C. Target Boycott Organizers Plan a Pivot

Vision Includes Focus on Local Vendors, Negotiations for Direct Control of Investments from Target Corporation

By Sam Plo Kwia Collins, Jr.
WI Senior Writer

More than a year into a nationwide boycott that decimated Target's revenue, members of the "Mothership Three" made an announcement that has raised questions about the status of a movement to hold Target accountable for its capitulation to the Trump administration.

Though the Rev. Jamal Bryant has ended his "Target Fast," his fellow Mothership members Tamika D. Mallory and former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner are still locked in on those who've sworn off the red bull's eye. D.C.-based

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▲ Demonstrators hold signs during a March 11 press conference announcing plans to pivot for the Target boycott in the District and nationwide. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

Black Women, Allies, and Elected Officials Navigate HIV Prevention Landscape

D.C. Council Eases PrEP and PEP Access, Nonprofits Weather Federal Funding Gaps

By Sam Plo Kwia Collins, Jr.
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In recent years, local health officials have reported a significant decline in HIV prevalence. With new yearly cases dropping below the 200 mark, the lowest recorded since the 1990s, the District counts among the forerunners of national efforts to end HIV as a public health threat.

As Valerie Rochester explained, meeting that goal requires continuous focus on a population most at risk of contracting HIV.

"Black women still continue to be the highest, the fast-

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KIPP DC's New CEO, Shannon Hodge Stands Up for School Choice

KIPP Parent and Foundation CEO Commend Hodge for Engagement, Knowledge of Public Charter Sector

By Sam Plo Kwia Collins, Jr.
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As District families gear up for the release of MySchool DC Lottery results, recently installed KIPP CEO Shannon Hodge is celebrating what she calls great enthusiasm for the local education agency (LEA) that controls nearly two dozen schools and programs across the city.

Hodge, a longtime fixture in the local public charter ecosystem, said she's seen strong community interest in KIPP DC, and other public charter schools for that matter, during EdFest school fairs at Kraken Kourts & Skates and Eastern Senior High School last year.

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▲ New KIPP DC CEO Shannon Hodge has experience that includes service as KIPP DC president, co-founder of Kingsman Academy Public Charter School in Northeast and founding executive director of the DC Charter Alliance. (Courtesy Photo)

Black Press Sunday Highlights Power of Truth-Telling Amid Nationwide Challenges

Service Kicks off Weeklong Celebration, Offers Inspiration

By Micha Green
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As the nation navigates war, division, and recent threats to First Amendment protections, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in Northwest, D.C. kicked off Black Press Week (March 16-20) and celebrated Women's History Month with a service that honored barrier breakers in media, feted fearless reporting, and prayed to preserve truth-telling.

"Many of us have to start with prayer," said Washington Inform-

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▲ The Rev. William Lamar IV, pastor of Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in Northwest, D.C., preaches during Black Press Sunday on March 15, a second-annual celebration of uplifting African Americans through fearless journalism. (Micha Green/The Washington Informer)

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