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Dr. Akilah Weber, M.D. launches campaign for Assembly District 79

Dr. Akilah Weber, a practicing physician at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and Vice-Mayor of the City of La Mesa, is pleased to announce her candidacy for the 79th Assembly District that will be vacated by her mother Assemblymember Shirley Weber.

“It is an honor to fight for the residents of the district where I was born, raised and educated,” stated Dr. Weber. “I owe the teachers, organizations, and people living in this district for my success as a student and adult.” Weber holds a deep commitment and track record of improving the lives for the underserved and underrepresented.

Through her leadership, Rady’s Children Hospital became a site where adolescent females could get free, confidential care. In fact, Dr. Akilah Weber founded the Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Division at Rady Children’s Hospital and is an Assistant Clinical Professor of OB/GYN at UCSD.

In addition to working to close the health gap in underserved communities, Akilah is consistently committed to sharing her knowledge with children. She serves as the science coordinator for a local STEM program for elementary students to enhance their academic outcomes and increase diversity in STEM related careers.

As a daughter of two prominent civic leaders in San Diego, Akilah’s call to duty is strong:

- ■ In 2018, Akilah ran for the city council of La Mesa and decisively won, marking the first time an African American was elected to the city’s governing body. She acknowledges, “I was not a politician, but I knew how to listen, lead, and have the passion to make impactful change.”
- ■ As a member of the La Mesa City Council, she has been a leader on many issues, including public smoking ordinances, police accountability, public transportation, affordable housing, and homelessness.
- ■ Akilah is active within the Democratic Party, serving as a 79th Assembly delegate for the past four years, as a member of the rules committee of the California Democratic Party, and as past board member of the La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club.

Dr. Akilah Weber is married to Dennis and they have two amazing boys, Kadir (9) and Jalil (7) who both attend school in La Mesa.

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