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home.” Those who know, know that the “Square” last name is a well-known staple when it comes to Jack Yates and in the Greater Houston area. There are so many to name, such as NFL football defensive tackle Damion Square—who also was a three-time national champion with the Alabama Crimson Tide during his college career—and many more who attended Jack Yates.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 44-foot Monopole Small-Cell Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of 7604 2/3 Ameswood Road, Harris County, Houston, TX 77095. Lat:[29-53-15.5544] Long:[-95-37-46.2648]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Alec, a.nimkoff@trileaf.com, 2550 S IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704. 512.519.9388.*

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles – FS12-23

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is soliciting responses for selecting qualified manufacturers, distributors, installers, and service providers of Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles to make these types of products and services available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notice> or [ESBD \(txsmartbuy.com/esbd\)](https://txsmartbuy.com/esbd).

Response Deadline: September 7, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

LEGAL NOTICE for IFB 23-30

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA), is soliciting sealed bids with the intent to establish a fixed price contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who can perform all the necessary construction-related work needed to facilitate the replacement of heaters at Cuney Homes in accordance with the requirements and terms and conditions specified in Invitation for Bid (IFB) 23-30.

Interested parties are highly encouraged (but not required), to participate in a Pre-bid Conference/Teleconference that will be held 10 A.M. Central Daylight Time (CDT), August 01, 2023 per the instructions in Exhibit A of IFB 23-30 Replacement of Heaters at Cuney Homes.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents in a sealed envelope by 2 P.M. CDT August 25, 2023 to the Houston Housing Authority Attn: Julinda Turner, J.D. Subject: IFB 23-30 Replacement of Heaters at Cuney Homes - DO NOT OPEN 2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057.

IFB 23-30 can be obtained by going to the doing business with HHA section of HHA's website at www.housingforhouston.com, or by sending an e-mail to HHA's Procurement Dept. at Purchasing@housingforhouston.com with IFB 23-30 in the subject line.

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LEGAL NOTICE for IFB 23-40

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA), is soliciting sealed bids with the intent to establish a fixed price contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who can supply and deliver approximately 1615 Window Air Conditioning (AC) units and the required installation materials for Cuney Homes, Irvinton Village, and Kelly Village properties; in accordance with the requirements, terms and conditions specified in Invitation for Bid (IFB) 23-40. Installation of the AC units are excluded.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents in a sealed envelope by 2 P.M. CDT August 17, 2023 to the Houston Housing Authority Attn: Austin Crotts, Subject: IFB 23-40 Supply and Delivery of Window Air Conditioner (AC) units at various HHA properties. - DO NOT OPEN 2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057.

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Square would always volunteer. I would see him buying lunch for students who didn't have money. John Michael “Supe” and I competed in UIL Math. I loved how the Square family showed up and showed out to watch all the games. I learned later on how almost synonymous the family name is with Jack Yates.”

Square was born and raised in Houston, after her parents immigrated to Houston from Nicaragua in the 1980s. They had five children, including two sets of twins. Square and her sisters started their educational journey attending Rusk and Anson Jones Elementary, as part of the Houston Independent School District (HISD). Square went on to attend Gregory Lincoln Education Center, where she played basketball and competed in gymnastics.

While in middle school, her father was deported, which led to her relocating with her mother and sisters from Clayton Homes to the Cuney Homes in Houston's historic Third Ward. Square found herself enrolled as a student at Jack Yates, where she became a multi-sport athlete, having played basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, and even running track and cross country.

After graduating from Jack Yates in 2002, Square matriculated to Texas Southern University (TSU), where she graduated magna cum laude with distinguished honor roll, earning a B.B.A. in Accounting. Soon after graduation from TSU, she came back home to Jack Yates for the first time, beginning her teaching career as a secondary math teacher at the school. During her time as a teacher at Jack Yates, she also served as Small Learning Community lead, math department chairperson, a member of the Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC), varsity soccer coach, and was a part of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Square continued her education at Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business, earning an M.B.A. with a concentration in Accounting. While attending Rice University, she was also a member of the Finance Club, Hispanic Business Student Association, Rice Education Entrepreneurship Program, Rice Educational Leadership Club, Net Impact Club, and the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. Square went on to serve as a Teacher Specialist at Wheatley High School, and assistant principal at both North Forest and Austin high schools.

At Austin High School, Square led the mathematics department, oversaw dual credit programming, and executed a plan to increase linkage and usage of Khan Academy and College Board resources, prior to being named principal at East Early College High School in 2018.

Square served with distinction at East Early College High School from 2018, until she received the call to return home and serve as the newest principal of the high school where her educational journey and career all started—Jack Yates Senior High School.

When asked what message she wishes to share with the students, parents, alumni, staff, and community regarding the future of Yates with her at the helm, Square tells the Forward Times:

“The future is bright. Any students that don't choose to attend Yates will wish they did later. Our school website will be updated soon and will serve as our main source of information, especially our calendar. I'm working to create systems to make myself more accessible. I'm beyond grateful for the outpouring of support and encouragement I've received so far. There is no place like home!”

“As a student athlete, I interacted with three ‘Squares’ while at Yates,” said Square. “When I was a student at Yates, Poppa

HMAAC Expands Its Relationship with the Harris County Jail



By: Forward Times Newswire

Through a national project to expand arts programs in correctional institutions, the Houston Museum of African American Culture (HMAAC) has begun working with California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA) to bring arts classes to the Harris County Jail Women's Empowerment Center.

The classes began on July 17th and re ongoing.

Through the “Arts in Corrections” project, CLA is adapting its successful strategy of building evidence-based demonstration projects to evaluate the benefits of arts programs in state prisons and county jails in Louisiana, New York, Michigan, Ohio, and Texas.

Project funders include the National Endowment for the Arts, the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, and the Art for Justice Fund.

For Harris County, HMAAC Project Manager Danielle Finnerman forged a partnership with Inprint Houston, which has previous experience with arts education at the Harris County Jail, to provide both art and writing courses at the new Harris County Jail Women's Empowerment Center. In addition to Finnerman, artist Henry Membreno and writer Mathew Weitman are providing instruction.

“Art is a wonderful way to build confidence in those who create it, and I'm thrilled that through CLA and HMAAC, and in partnership with Inprint, we are able to do our part to make this exciting new Women's Empowerment Center a rehabilitative life changer for those who are currently incarcerated,” said HMAAC Project Manager Danielle Finnerman, who spearheaded the implementation of both projects, remains a strong voice for correctional rehabilitation.

HMAAC worked previously with CLA in 2018 as part of its Ford Foundation “Arts for Justice” grant, in which the Museum was one of eight venues for statewide conferences that included state representatives, state arts organizations and incarcerated prisoners support groups.

“We were looking for a strong partner to enter into Texas, and HMAAC, of course, with its considerable community experience was an obvious choice,” said CLA Director Alma Robinson.

HMAAC CEO John Guess, Jr. agreed that this project was an easy decision.

“Given that we had worked previously with CLA with national success, and that we had completed a successful mural project with the Harris County Jail earlier this year, along with the Museum's desire to positively impact the local correctional environment, this project was a no-brainer,” said Guess.

Working with the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) earlier this year, HMAAC installed an indoor message mural at the County Jail's new Women's Empowerment Center's in February.

The Visitor Visitation Room mural, based on a work by artist Zsavon Butler, was managed by muralist and HMAAC Project Manager Danielle Finnerman. For HMAAC, the transformation of the Center's visitation room from the previous yellow walls into a space where visitors encounter a more colorful and positive messaged environment can possibly change the nature of discussion between incarcerated women and their visitors.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office agreed, and HMAAC is proud of this noteworthy effort to create positive behaviors in a novel rehabilitation space.

“Art has the power to transform lives, and I commend the Houston Museum of African American Culture and California Lawyers for the Arts for taking the lead in expanding arts programs within the Harris County Jail,” said Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. “Through this ‘Arts in Corrections’ project, we have the opportunity to provide incarcerated women with a means of self-expression, healing, and growth, paving the way for a brighter future for themselves and their communities. I am proud to support this venture and remain committed to seeking innovative ways to improve rehabilitation within our correctional institutions.”

The Museum wants visitors, and not just the incarcerated, to see this new rehabilitation facility for its possibility to help forge better inmate futures.