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Ketanji Brown Jackson officially makes history on the Supreme Court

**Statement of Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs
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Yesterday a glass ceiling was shattered as Ketanji Brown Jackson took her constitutional and judicial oaths, formally placing her as a sitting member of the Supreme Court. She becomes the 116th justice, sixth female and the first ever Black female to serve on the nation's highest court. Having this level of diversity on the Supreme Court is long overdue, and is both a historical and inspirational moment.

We cannot amplify enough the importance that representation across all levels of government can make. Justice Jackson will undoubtedly inspire a generation of young Black girls everywhere to reach new heights, and consider pursuing careers in the law, an area in which Black women have historically been under represented.

The importance of diverse representation was made clear by the recent Supreme Court decision that took away a woman's constitutional right to choose (whether or not to have an abortion) under *Roe v. Wade*. Very simply, we need the Court to look MUCH more like the U.S. population!

Justice Jackson comes to the Supreme Court with impeccable credentials and qualifications, and as she rolls up her sleeves to start her work for the people, we look forward to seeing the impact she will have on our country and wish her nothing but success as she embarks on this ground-breaking journey.