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### Jasmyne Cannick

#### Board Member

Despite facing the hurdles of emancipating from the LA County foster care system in the 90s at the age of 17 and lacking access to the college education she wanted, Jasmyne Cannick managed to carve out a meaningful path for herself in life. Fueled by her experiences and a desire to not become a statistic, she pursued alternative avenues for personal and professional growth and took advantage of opportunities that were granted to her.

Today, Ms. Cannick is an award-winning journalist, a political strategist, and a constant advocate for underrepresented marginalized communities.

As a journalist, Ms. Cannick made her name at the intersection of race, politics and contemporary social issues. Having worked in broadcast and print, Her unique perspective, grounded in both journalistic integrity and cultural sensitivity, has earned her accolades and respect across diverse audiences. Through Jasmyne's compelling storytelling and unwavering commitment to telling like it is, she continues to shape the local and national conversation, challenging norms and inspiring critical dialogue on the pressing issues of our era.

Jasmyne has worked at all levels of government including in the California State Assembly as a press secretary before reprising that role in the House of Representatives. She's worked for several city and county governments including five mayors and the president of the Los Angeles City Council as a Special Assistant. Jasmyne continues to advise elected officials, government agencies, political candidates, law firms, and nonprofits organizations in the areas of public affairs and communication's strategy.

In addition to being a longtime advocate for the Black LGBTQ community, Ms. Cannick has a track record of advocating for crime victims while simultaneously supporting public safety and criminal justice reform which has earned her the trust of her community as well as leaders in law enforcement and criminal justice. She constantly works to find a balance between victim advocacy and reform-minded policies essential for creating a justice system that not only seeks accountability but also promotes healing and restoration for all those impacted by crime.

In 2018, Jasmyne won a major victory on behalf of a dozen tenants in South Los Angeles facing homelessness after a transitional housing manager took their money, failed to pay rent, and abandoned the property. Through her advocacy for the victims, she was able to get them relocation assistance as well as call attention to a new practice taking place in Los Angeles where low-income renters are being taken advantage of with rent-a-room scams.



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Jasmyne spent four years covering Ed Buck, a major Democratic donor, after two men died in his apartment of meth overdoses and countless other Black gay men came forward about being injected with meth. Buck was finally arrested in September 2019 and charged with the deaths of Gemmel Moore and Timothy Dean. Buck was convicted on all nine counts in a federal court in 2021, and sentenced to 30 years in prison the following year.

Not content with merely overcoming her own challenges, Jasmyne dedicated herself to giving back, volunteering her time and resources to support others facing similar struggles.

Ms. Cannick is a popular lecturer at universities and colleges around the country. She is the recipient of numerous journalism and community service awards, including the LA County John Anson Human Relations Award and one of ESSENCE Magazine's 25 Women Shaping the World.

In 2024, she was overwhelmingly re-elected as a delegate on the LA County Central Committee (Democratic Party) representing the communities of Crenshaw, Leimert Park, West Adams, Culver City, and Jefferson Park.

Jasmyne sits on various boards of directors including the Stonewall Democratic Club, Pan African Film & Arts Festival and the Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee.

A SoCal native by way of Hermosa Beach and Compton, in her spare time, Jasmyne enjoys hiking and tennis.

