



CommonSense Democrats Appoints Derrell Simpson as Executive Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — CommonSense Democrats today announced the appointment of Derrell Simpson as Executive Director, naming a longtime public servant and political strategist to lead the organization's next phase of growth and national engagement.



Simpson brings more than two decades of experience spanning education, government, nonprofit leadership, business, and political strategy. Throughout his career, he has worked with residents across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia while advising candidates and organizations throughout the country. His appointment reflects CommonSense Democrats' continued investment in building an organization focused on practical leadership, civic engagement, and measurable results.

As Executive Director, Simpson will oversee the organization's day to day operations, guide strategic initiatives, expand partnerships, and lead efforts to strengthen voter engagement and candidate support nationwide.

"I've known Derrell for twenty four years, and during that time I've watched him lead with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to public service," said Sean Metcalf, Founder of CommonSense Democrats. "He has spent his career bringing people together, solving problems, and helping communities move forward. Those qualities make him the right leader to help guide our organization as we continue to grow."

A native of Washington, D.C., Simpson began his career in education before serving in senior leadership positions across government and the nonprofit sector. He became the youngest person appointed to the District of Columbia Commission on National and Community Service, where he helped strengthen volunteer initiatives and community partnerships throughout the city. He later served in leadership roles with the Council of the District of Columbia, advised local governments, and helped shape public policy and community development initiatives.

Beyond government service, Simpson has built a successful career advising businesses, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns. As a founding partner of APG, LLC, he has helped organizations develop communications strategies, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and build



winning campaigns. Since 2002, he has managed or advised campaigns throughout Columbia and multiple states, earning a reputation as a respected strategist and coalition builder.

For Simpson, accepting the position was driven by a shared vision for the future.

“CommonSense Democrats is focused on something our political system needs more of: thoughtful leadership grounded in service,” Simpson said. “Communities deserve leaders who listen, build trust, and work toward practical solutions. I’m honored to join an organization committed to those values, and I look forward to working with our supporters, candidates, and community partners to expand our impact.”

Why Now?

Asked why he chose to join CommonSense Democrats at this point in his career, Simpson pointed to the changing expectations of voters.

“Across the country, people are looking for leaders who can move beyond division and focus on delivering results. They want organizations that value collaboration, accountability, and meaningful community engagement. CommonSense Democrats is building exactly that kind of movement, and I believe this is the right time to help shape its future.”

Under Simpson’s leadership, CommonSense Democrats will continue expanding its grassroots outreach, strengthening partnerships with community organizations, supporting candidates committed to effective governance, and investing in initiatives that encourage civic participation throughout the country.

About CommonSense Democrats

CommonSense Democrats is dedicated to supporting leaders who believe effective government begins with accountability, service, and practical solutions. Through voter engagement, strategic communications, candidate support, and community partnerships, the organization works to strengthen democracy, empower communities, and promote leadership that delivers results.

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