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RFS FIVE: PROGRAM

WELCOME!

Welcome to RFS: Five- a celebration of the work Run for Something has accomplished in just five short years and an inside look ahead of what's to come in the next five years.

OPENING REMARKS

Ross Morales Rocketto Run for Something Co-Founder and Co- Executive Director

RUN FOR SOMETHING ALUMNI PANEL

Moderated by Amanda Litman, Run for Something Co-Founder and Co- Executive Director with guests Pennsylvania Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, Rhode Island Sen. Cynthia Mendes, and Memphis City Councilman JB Smiley, Jr.

SPECIAL GUEST

Senator Brian Schatz (HI)

INTERMISSION

SPECIAL GUEST

Senator Chris Murphy (CT); Appearing Virtually

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Senator Cory Booker (NJ); Appearing Virtually

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderated by Amanda Litman, with guests Virginia State Rep. Brianna Sewell, New York City Councilwoman Amanda Fariás and Montgomery City Councillor Marche' Johnson,

CLOSING REMARKS

Amanda Litman and Ross Morales Rocketto, Run for Something Co- Founders

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CORY BOOKER, UNITED STATES SENATOR, NEW JERSEY

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Cory grew up in northern New Jersey and received his undergraduate and master's degree from Stanford University. At Stanford, Cory played varsity football, volunteered for the campus peer counseling center, and wrote for the student newspaper. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and went on to study at the University of Oxford, and then Yale Law School, where he graduated in 1997.

Cory moved to Newark after law school and started a nonprofit organization to provide legal services for low-income families, helping tenants take on slumlords. In 1998, Cory moved into "Brick Towers" in Newark, which eventually became a housing project. Cory lived there until the housing project was demolished in 2006.

Cory still lives in Newark's Central Ward today, where he sees first-hand many of the challenges he's working to solve in Congress, such as lack of access to affordable health care, environmental injustice, food insecurity, and our broken criminal justice system.

At 29, Cory was elected to the Newark City Council, where he challenged the city's entrenched political machine and fought to increase economic security for city residents, expand access to health care, and improve public safety.

Cory served as Newark mayor from 2006 until 2013. During his tenure, the city experienced economic growth on a scale not seen since the 1960s. In addition, under Cory's leadership, overall crime declined, affordable housing and green spaces massively expanded, city services were made more efficient, and educational opportunities increased.

In October 2013, Cory won a special election to represent New Jersey in the United States Senate. In November 2014, he was re-elected to a full six-year term.

As New Jersey's junior Senator, Cory Booker has brought an innovative and consensus-building approach to tackling some of the most difficult problems facing New Jersey and our country. He has emerged as a national leader in the effort to fix our broken criminal justice system and end mass incarceration, helping craft the most sweeping set of criminal justice reforms in a generation, the First Step Act, which became law in December 2018. He has also advocated for economic policy that expands opportunity, increases wages, limits corporate concentration, and cracks down on corporate practices like outsourcing, stock buybacks, and no-poach agreements that firms use to keep wages down. And he has been a leader in the Senate in the fight to protect the Affordable Care Act, while also championing proposals to build upon the law, increase access to care, and lower costs.

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BRIAN SCHATZ, UNITED STATES SENATOR, HAWAII

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Brian Schatz is Hawai'i's senior United States Senator. Since joining the Senate, he has focused his work on helping workers, veterans, and families and has led key legislation on health care, climate change, and technology.

Senator Schatz chairs the Indian Affairs Committee, and serves on the Appropriations Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; the Foreign Relations Committee; and the Select Committee on Ethics. He also serves on the

Senate Democratic Caucus's leadership team as Chief Deputy Whip.

Prior to his service in Congress, Senator Schatz was Hawai'i's Lieutenant Governor and served for eight years in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Senator Schatz grew up in Honolulu, and received his bachelor's degree from Pomona College. He is married to Linda Schatz, an architect. They have a son and a daughter.

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CHRIS MURPHY, UNITED STATES SENATOR, CONNECTICUT

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Chris Murphy, the junior United States Senator for Connecticut, has dedicated his career to public service as an advocate for Connecticut families. Senator Murphy has been a strong voice in the Senate fighting for job creation, affordable health care, education, sensible gun laws, and a forward-looking foreign policy.

As a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee (HELP) Senator Murphy has worked to make college

more affordable and ensure that our public education system works to serve all students. Senator Murphy also led a bipartisan effort to reform our mental health system, working across the aisle to craft the first comprehensive mental health bill in the Senate in decades.

Senator Murphy has laid out a forward-thinking foreign policy vision for the United States. As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, he has been an outspoken proponent of diplomacy, international human rights and the need for clear-eyed American leadership abroad.

Following the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook elementary school in 2012, Senator Murphy became one of the leading proponents of commonsense reforms to reduce gun violence. He has championed a number of bipartisan bills aimed at expanding background checks and keeping guns out of the hands of criminals.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Murphy served Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District for three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his time in the House, Murphy worked to improve access to housing for homeless veterans, foster job creation and advocate for affordable healthcare for all Americans. Murphy authored the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act to revitalize housing programs for people with disabilities. The bill was signed into law by the president in 2010.

Before getting elected to Congress, Murphy served for eight years in Connecticut General Assembly where he was the author of the state's historic stem cell investment legislation and the state's workplace smoking ban. Senator Murphy grew up in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and attended Williams College in Massachusetts. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law and practiced real estate and banking law with the firm of Ruben, Johnson & Morgan in Hartford, Connecticut.

He is married to Catherine Holahan, an attorney. They have two sons, Owen and Rider, as well as two cats and two guinea pigs.

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MALCOLM KENYATTA - PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 181ST DISTRICT, AND CANDIDATE FOR PENNSYLVANIA U.S. SENATE
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As a lifelong resident of North Philadelphia, it was Malcolm Kenyatta's vision and passion for his neighborhood that inspired his run, and historic victory, for State Representative of the 181st District in 2018.

He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Philadelphia Delegation and as a member of the Governor's Taskforce on Suicide Prevention and a host of committee leadership positions.

As the first openly LGBT person of color and one of the youngest members elected to the PA General Assembly, he is deeply committed to creating an equitable and inclusive society.

As a legislator, he has championed proposals to address generational poverty, raise the minimum wage, protect workers' rights, increase access to mental healthcare, common-sense measures to address gun violence, and protect our digital infrastructure.

In 2016, he was elected as Delegate to the Democratic Convention (PA 2nd), garnering the second-highest vote total of any delegate in the Commonwealth. He has also appeared on local and national media outlets to discuss systemic poverty, affordable education and childcare, and making government more accountable to citizens. His election was turned in an award-winning short documentary, 'Going Forward' produced by Seven Knot Productions, which premiered on 'The Atlantic Magazine Selects' in 2018.

He has served the diversity and inclusion engagement coordinator for The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia. He is also a certified anti-bias trainer with the Anti-Defamation League. In the summer of 2019 he completed public policy training at Harvard's Kennedy School. Malcolm is currently running to represent Pennsylvania in the U.S. Senate.

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**CYNTHIA MENDES - RHODE ISLAND STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 18,
AND CANDIDATE FOR RHODE ISLAND LT. GOVERNOR**

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Cynthia Mendes is a Democrat representing District 18 (East Providence, Pawtucket) in the Rhode Island Senate. First elected to the Senate in November 2020, she has been active on a number of issues in the legislature.

She has sponsored a proposal to study implementation of a Medicare-for-all, single-payer health care program in Rhode Island, and cosponsored a resolution calling on Congress to adopt a similar program nationally.

She has also sponsored bills to require the Department of Environmental Management to identify environmental justice focus areas throughout the state; set new communications requirements for health insurers; exempt artists, writers and composers in East Providence's arts zone from personal income tax; require public schools to provide feminine hygiene products; set standardized procedures for asset forfeitures across all crimes; expand dental coverage and require pre existing condition coverage; require state contractors to provide affirmative action and equal employment opportunity plans; and address the pay gaps for women and people of color.

Sen. Mendes is a single mother of one daughter, Francesca, who is an artist and actively volunteers with her mom to serve our unhoused fellow Rhode Islanders. She is of Puerto Rican and Cape Verdean descent and proudly serves as a member of the Rhode Island Legislative Black and Latino Caucus. She also was elected to serve on the executive committee of the Rhode Island Democratic Women's Caucus.

She spent much of her career in health care as a Clinical Supervisor and Treatment Coordinator in the dental field. She has also worked as Manager of Employee Benefits and Culture at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island. She is currently a Project Manager at Renew New England. Sen. Mendes is currently running for Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island.

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BRIANA SEWELL - VIRGINIA STATE HOUSE DELEGATE, DISTRICT 51

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Born and raised in Prince William County, Briana is the daughter of high school sweethearts from Selma, Alabama, brought to this community by their service to our country. Both of her parents honorably served our nation as members of the United States Air Force for over 20 years. From a young age, her parents instilled in her the importance of integrity and service to others. After being stationed in the Republic of Panama for three years, Briana and her family returned to Lake Ridge, Virginia—the place she has always called home.

Briana is a proud product of Prince William County Public Schools, where she excelled in the classroom and on the soccer field. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary and a Master's degree in Public Administration from American University.

Briana has always known the government could be a force for good, even when local and state representatives did not embody those values. Not one to sit on the sidelines, Briana made the conscious decision to call Prince William County her forever home and dedicate her life to strengthening the community through public service.

Briana served as Prince William County District Director for Congressman Connolly. In her role, she led the office in local community engagement and provided strong constituent services to include tax abatements to thousands of area residents. Through this experience, Briana saw the endless possibilities for good when moral and compassionate leaders are in office.

In 2018, Briana helped establish the Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy. In this position, Briana worked to bring all factions together to support bipartisan policies like paid family and medical leave, lower-cost child-care, affordable college and job training programs, and more affordable eldercare options. Briana knows that when working families have the support they need, our whole economy benefits, especially during this public health crisis.

As a delegate of the 51st District of Virginia, Briana continues to fight for her constituents and their rights including women's rights, care for veterans and more.

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AMANDA FARIÁS - NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 18

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Amanda Farías is the Council Member for the 18th District, representing parts of Castle Hill, Clason Point, Harding Park, Parkchester, Shorehaven, and Soundview. Amanda is a lifelong Bronxite, born and raised in Soundview as a second-generation Afro-Latina of Puerto Rican and Dominican descent. She is a proud product of local schools and community institutions. Growing up she attended P.S. 69X and Holy Cross School, and spent after-school hours learning to dance and summers at camp in Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. A graduate of Preston High

School and St. John's University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics and Master of Arts in Public Administration, where her passion for community service, activism, and empowerment began. Soon after graduate school, she started her career by fighting voter suppression and mobilizing Black and Latino communities for President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign.

Council Member Farías' extensive experience includes working for the New York City Council from 2013 to 2017 in several different capacities, including Director of Special Projects, managing the Women's Caucus and a districtwide Participatory Budgeting process. After her time in the Council, Amanda joined The Consortium for Worker Education as an Assistant Director in 2017, to manage workforce development programming in the Bronx.

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MARCHE' JOHNSON - MONTGOMERY, AL CITY COUNCILOR

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Councilor Marche' Johnson was born and raised in Montgomery, AL. She received a Bachelor Degree of Science in Psychology and a Master's of Science in Human Services from Troy University. Johnson joined the U.S. Reserves in April 2004 and became Active Army in May 2008.

Marche' is also a published author of a children's book "Dear Bully." While serving in the U.S. Army, Johnson was awarded

Army Commendation Medal (3), Army Achievement Medal (6), Army Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, and Army Service Ribbon.

She is the mother of two boys, Kaleb and Karter. She was featured in the City of Montgomery's documentary "382: Organizing for the future" ; she has also been featured in numerous magazine articles. She also organized the first-ever TedX for women in the City of Montgomery. You can always find Marche' actively engaged in schools and community projects across the City of Montgomery.

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JB SMILEY JR. - MEMPHIS, TN CITY COUNCILMAN, AND CANDIDATE FOR TENNESSEE GOVERNOR

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A native Memphian, with five siblings, born to a social worker and a Bronze Star army soldier, JB Smiley, Jr. knows the value of hard work and a healthy, supportive community.

After JB's collegiate and semi-professional basketball career, he pursued a legal education, and later, a political career. But his life in serving the most vulnerable started from a young age.

JB's first experience with teamwork and leadership was as a Cub Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Never afraid of getting his hands dirty, JB has done everything from working as a landfill cleaner to washing dishes. As his father taught him to "never forget the bridge that brought you over," JB decided to stay in the region to attend college and then law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. While in law school, JB served as a member of the Law Review, Moot Court Board, and as Vice President of the Black Law Students Association. JB successfully passed Arkansas and the Tennessee Bar exams, while writing his first book, *Born With It: Unleashing Your Greatness*.

In 2017, in Memphis, JB started his law practice, Smiley & Associates, PLLC. The following year, JB was named to Memphis Flyer's Top 20, Under 30 class. During that same year, JB was appointed policy advisor to the Shelby County Clerk and served in such capacity until his election to the Memphis City Council in October 2019. As a council member, JB is Chair of the Public Works, Transportation, and General Services Committee and the council liaison for the Urban Art Commission.

In his spare time, JB likes to play basketball, work out, binge watch Netflix shows, and keep his dog, Mighty Mouse, and his nephew, Bryson Maxwell Smiley, smiling! JB is currently running for Governor of Tennessee.

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