



## LOUISIANA SENATE

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### **SENATOR WESLEY BISHOP TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS NEW DISTRICT 4 STATE SENATOR**

Wesley Bishop is the new state senator for Senate District 4. The New Orleans Democrat is one of eleven new members sworn in during an organizational session of the Senate at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

“I am once again humbled and honored to serve the residents of my city and community,” said Sen. Bishop. “I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the legislature and with the citizens of Senate District 4 to raise the quality of life and meet the needs of the citizens of New Orleans and the entire State of Louisiana.”

The newly seated Senator’s highest priority is to chart a progressive course of action for the community, state and nation. He plans to focus primarily on economic development and job creation, improving educational opportunities for every child, reducing crime, and instituting criminal justice reforms.

Senator Bishop is an attorney and educator. In addition to practicing law, he serves as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). He has served on the boards of the New Orleans International Airport, New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, Gentilly Development District, St. Mary’s Academy and McDonogh City Park Academy. He is also a past member of the Louisiana Army National Guard and Vice President of the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association.

In addition, the Senator already has extensive legislative experience. Elected to the House of Representatives in 2011, he served on the Appropriations, Ways and Means, Education, Commerce, Municipal committees as well as the Joint Committees on the Budget and Capitol Outlay. Senator Bishop also serves as First Vice Chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus.

Senator Bishop is married to Judge Shannon Bruno Bishop and they are the parents of two sons, John Wesley and Justin. The family attends Franklin Avenue Baptist Church and he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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