## Community Change Agents

COMMUNITY Power from the ground up CHANGE

## What is a community change agent?

A Community Change Agents is someone that takes an active role in transforming themselves, their peers and their local communities, to create equitable access for all.

Examples of such are Rosa Parks(for the Civil Rights movement), Michelle Obama(for her impact on child obesity and Let Girls Learn) and Greta Thunberg(for Environmental action),.

However, the quintessential example of a change agent is Adrianne Baughns-Wallace





## Adrianne Baughns-Wallace

She worked as the first African American news anchor in New England, producer, and reporter for Channel 3, all while being a part-time student.

While at work and school, she was doubted by her peers because of her race. She didn't want other minorities to be treated as she was.

So, she and others documented how African-Americans at her job were being treated and with this information, got to do a profiling piece on the African-American middle class, something that hadn't been done before.



#### What did she teach us about representation?

Since then, news has become an integral piece of society and is more diverse. But it is important to look at who is behind the scenes.

Representation in the news can only go so far on-screen, as the people deciding what is news, and what are opinions, are the people with the power.

It's important to the growth of our nation that people making decisions are diverse. This is what draws me to my desired career in Law.



#### Empathy & Justice

- I believe that to be a lawyer, you must understand empathy, and what it means in terms of justice.
- Justice is the process of using laws to fairly judge criminals. However, if you cannot understand a person's situation, how can you make a fair, and just decision? A lack of empathy fuels injustice.
- When people lack empathy with others, it can be easy to not see them as worthy of moral concern or values. This can dehumanize humans in other's eyes. This is why it's ever important to be able to understand all Americans, to achieve equal justice.



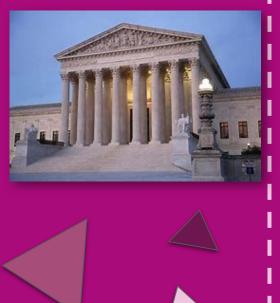
#### Supreme Court Representation

- Although people of color make up almost 40% of the United States population, just 17% of justices are people of color.
- And currently, twenty-four states have an all-White State Supreme Court
- The Supreme Court doesn't match America's Diversity. This is why I want to be a Supreme Court Justice.



## Making a difference

- I think by become the second African American female Supreme Court Justice, I can make a big difference in our country.
- I plan to help with issues that disproportionately affect minority groups.
- I want to help maintain equal justice and be a role model to women of color, showing them that they can achieve their goals.
- And as a community change agent, I want to contribute to the diversifying of positions of power.



# Thank you!!

