



Goodwine first Black woman elected to Ky. Supreme Court

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LEXINGTON Judge Pamela Goodwine is no stranger to firsts — she was the first Black woman in Lexington to be district judge and, later, the first to be circuit judge.

She became the first Black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals after being elected in 2018.

Now, she’s made history again.

Goodwine won her election Tuesday to the Kentucky Supreme Court, where she will again be the first elected Black woman, by defeating Lexington attorney Erin Izzo.

The race was called around 8:40 p.m. At her watch party at the Elwood Hotel in Lexington, a crowd of about 40 exploded in applause at the news.

“Being elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court tonight gives me the honor of being the first woman and only the fifth person in history to serve at every level (of the judiciary),” Goodwine said in a short



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Judge Pamela Goodwine gives her victory speech to those in attendance at her watch party in Lexington on Tuesday.

speech just before 9 p.m. “Our campaign stood firmly on experience, honesty and a commitment to impartiality and the rule of law to protect and serve every citizen.”

Gov. Andy Beshear said in a statement posted to his personal

X account that Goodwine is “a fair and impartial judge with decades of experience on the bench” and “Kentuckians will be better off with her serving on the court.”

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Carter sees two write-in winners

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On Tuesday, Carter County residents took to the voting booths.

In the county, Donald Trump won with 8,981 votes to Kamala Harris’ 2,305.

While the race at the top of county ballots was not competitive, several races and issues saw close margins across the county.

Contested races

The Grayson City Council had the most candidates of any race in the region, as nine candidates battled for six seats.

The candidates received between 9 and 14% of the vote totals. The fifth-through eighth-place finishers each received 10% of the vote.

Bradley Cotten was the top recipient with 590 votes, followed by Dustin Burchett with 560 votes. Jennifer McGlone also received more than 500 votes, tallying 509.

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Trump wins the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday, an extraordinary comeback for a former president who refused to accept defeat four years ago, sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts.

With a win in Wisconsin, Trump cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency. He won Michigan on Wednesday afternoon, sweeping the “blue wall” along with Pennsylvania — the one-time Democrat-leaning, swing states that all went for Trump in 2016 before flipping to President Joe Biden in 2020.

His Democratic rival, Vice President Kamala Harris, called Trump on Wednesday afternoon to concede the race and congratulate him.

The victory validates Trump’s bare-knuckles approach to politics. He had attacked Harris in deeply personal — often misogynistic and racist — terms as he pushed an apocalyptic picture of a country overrun by violent migrants. The coarse rhetoric, paired with an image of hypermasculinity, resonated with angry voters — particularly men — in a deeply polarized nation.

“I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honor of being elected your 47th president and your 45th president,” Trump told throngs of cheering supporters in Florida even before his victory was confirmed.

In state after state, Trump outperformed what he did in the 2020 election while Harris failed to do as well as Joe Biden did in winning the presidency four years ago. Upon taking office again, Trump will work with a Senate that will now be in Republican hands, while control of the House hadn’t been determined.

“We’ve been through so much together, and today you showed up in record numbers to deliver a victory,” Trump said. “This was something special and we’re going to pay you back,” he said.



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Now President-elect Donald Trump arrives at a campaign rally in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday.

Republicans take Senate majority and eye unified power with Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) Republicans have taken control of the U.S. Senate and are fighting to keep their majority in the U.S. House, which would produce a full sweep of GOP power in Congress alongside President-elect Donald Trump in the White House.

A unified Republican grip on Washington would set the course for Trump’s agenda. Or if Democrats wrest control of the House, it would provide an almost certain backstop, with veto power over the White House.

Trump, speaking early Wednesday at his election night

party in Florida, said the results delivered an “unprecedented and powerful mandate” for Republicans.

He called the Senate rout “incredible,” and he praised House Speaker Mike Johnson, who dashed from his own party in

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