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**Pictured is former Ohio state senator Nina Turner, a possible candidate for Ohio Governor**

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Cleveland brings a publicly announced demand from Congressman Tim Ryan, a Youngstown area Democrat, and Democratic U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown of Cleveland, that President Donald Trump fire U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Also this week are an anti -Trump rally in downtown Cleveland on Saturday, March 4 from noon-2 pm at Voinovich Bicentennial Park, and an organizing session by the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus to push former state senator Nina Turner to make a run in 2018 for the Democratic nomination for Ohio governor. (Editor's note: Turner has not yet confirmed one way or another whether she will make a run for Ohio governor and will not be in attendance at Saturday's event, organizers said).

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE ANTI-TRUMP DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND PROTEST FACEBOOK PAGE](#) , a counter protest to a pro-trump rally also at the park, which is named for the late former Cleveland mayor and former U.S. senator George Voinovich. (Editor's note: The March 4 noon pro-Trump rally in Cleveland, one of some 12 advocacy rallies for the president across Ohio that same day, drew about 150 people, police said. And the counter rally in Cleveland, also at Voinovich Park, drew about 80 people. Among the speakers at the pro-Trump rally were Cleveland Heights Pastor Darrell Scott, and Steve Loomis, president of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association. Activists told Cleveland Urban News.Com at the rally that police lined up in rows on horses to separate them from the pro-Trump rally people and in an attempt to silence them. and they even told some to stay away from Trump supporters, an intimidation tactic pushed by Loomis and others, activists claim).

Voinovich Park is named for late George Voinovich, a former Cleveland mayor and former U.S. senator, and a powerful Republican who had political friends across partisan lines. The pro-Turner event will be held from 3 pm -6 pm at the union hall of SEIU, District 1199 at 1771 East 30th Street in Cleveland and organizers have said that it is likely she will run for governor. (Editor's note: Cleveland Urban News.Com also attended that well-attended gathering where Democrats and union members spoke on the need to urge Turner to run for governor). Though on his new job for only a month, Sessions , a former U.S. senator representing Alabama, is under fire from congressional Democrats, and some Republicans, including Republican U.S. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, for having contact with Russian officials during last year's presidential campaign and lying about it to Congress. Sessions, in turn, recused himself from a pending Justice Department investigation on whether Russian officials interfered with the presidential election that saw Democrat Hillary Clinton lose to Trump, the Republican nominee.

But the Democrats want blood and dislike him, saying he is against Civil Rights and Democratic policy agendas, the former of which Sessions denies.

Saturday marks the first major anti-Trump protest in downtown Cleveland since Sessions was confirmed amid opposition congressional Democrats, the NAACP, and a host of other Democratic-leaning groups, a large protest held last year, and shortly after the real estate mogul won the presidency. [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE OF THE 700-PERSON CLEVELAND ANTI-TRUMP RALLY AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, OHIO'S LEADER IN BLACK DIGITAL NEWS](#)

The president, supported by a cadre of people, including Republicans such as international boxing promoter Don King, who is Black and a Cleveland native who owns and publishes the Call and Post Newspaper, a Black weekly, calls all of the hoopla from the Democrats sour

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grapes because of his win over Clinton, a secretary of state under former president Barack Obama, the country's first Black president.

Nina Turner is a popular Black Cleveland Democrat and was a surrogate for Sen Bernie Sander's unsuccessful campaign for president.

She lost a bid for Ohio secretary of state in 2014 against Republican Jon Husted, also a possible gubernatorial candidate.

The push by Turner's supporters for her to join the gubernatorial race follows Congressman Ryan's decision this week not to make a bid for governor, with other likely Democratic candidates being Ohio Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavon of Youngstown, who is a confirmed candidate, he says, former congresswoman Betty Sutton of Copley, former state representative Connie Pillich of greater Cincinnati, former Cleveland mayor and prior congressman Dennis Kucinich, and Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley.

In addition to Husted, Republican gubernatorial possibles include Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, also a former U.S. senator, U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci of Wadsworth, and Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor.

Popular two-term Republican Gov John Kasich, also a former congressman, is term limited and, by state law, cannot seek reelection.

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