

Pictured are Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Shontel Brown (wearing red suit jacket), who is the newly elected chairperson of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, Brown political mentor Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge (D-11) (wearing blue-green suit jacket), and Ohio State Senator Sandra Williams (wearing black suit jacket)

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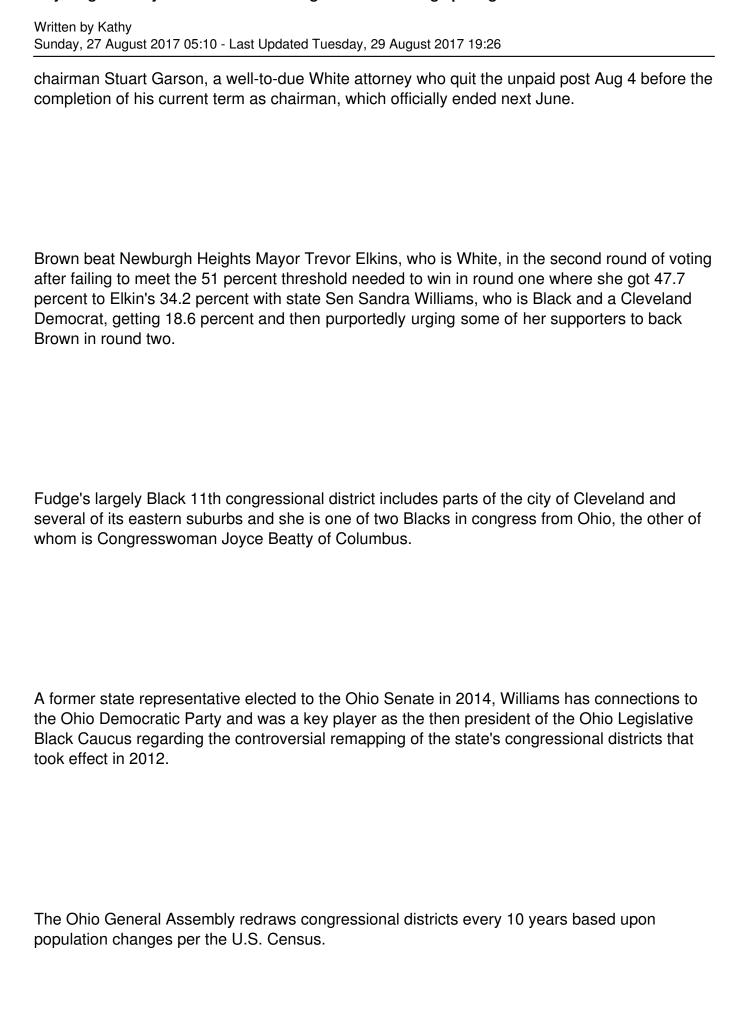
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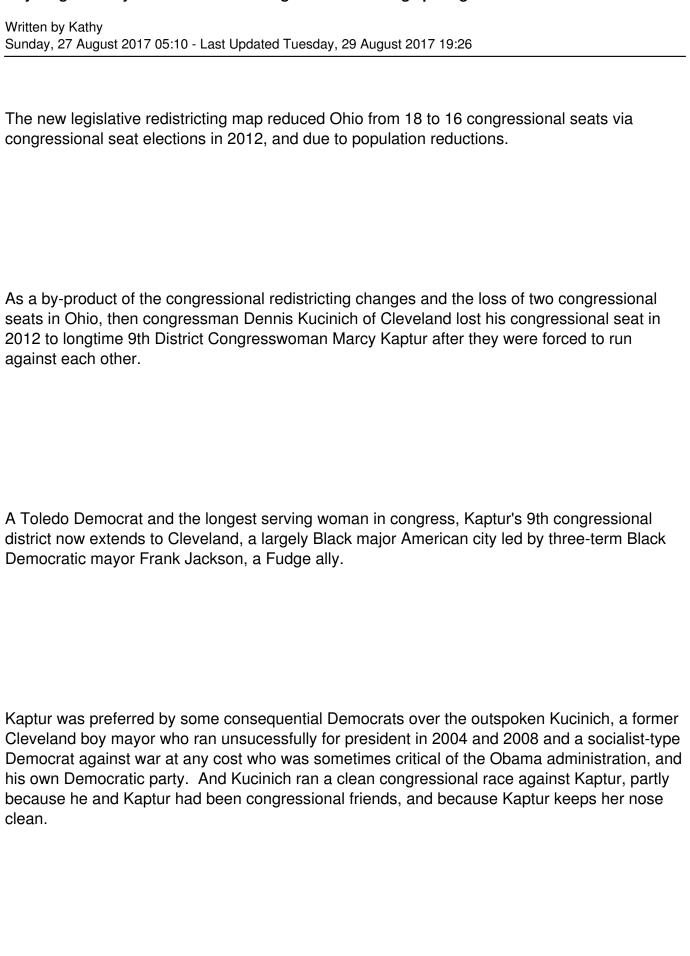
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CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM- EUCLID, Ohio- Executive committee members of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party elected Cuyhoga County Councilwoman Shontel Brown of Warrensville Heights its first Black and first woman chairperson at a meeting at Euclid High School on Saturday morning, the outcome of which was a show of power of the political machine of 11th Congressional District Congresswoman Marcia fudge, also a Warrensville Heights Democrat like Brown, and Brown's political mentor.

Other key elected officials supporting Brown in her successful bid to lead the powerful county Democratic party include Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley, and Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, a Fudge ally.

Brown, 42, and a Black female leader in her own right, replaces former county Democratic Party





State Sen Williams backed the official 2012 redistricting map supported by then Ohio

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Democratic Party chairman Chris Redfern, whose successor is now state party chairman David Pepper, and to the purported dissatisfaction of Fudge, some influential Democrats in general, and a cadre of greater Cleveland Black leaders, including George Forbes, the former longtime president of the Cleveland NAACP and a former longtime Cleveland City Council president.

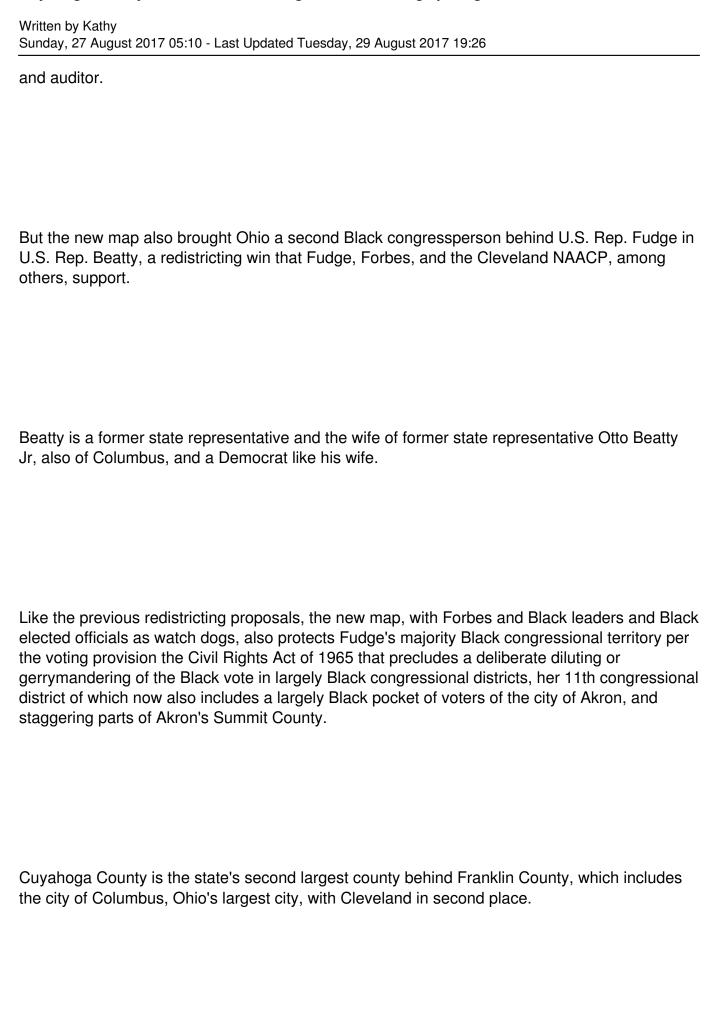
Williams is obviously a sophisticated political player within the party who has support, and who should not be taken lightly, sources said yesterday.

Also an attorney, Forbes had been conferring with then Republican state House Speaker William Batchelder relative to the map, which, per his recommendation to Batchelder, would have given Kucinich a better chance of winning, and required an ultimate vote of the Republican-dominated Ohio General Assembly, as do all of the every-10-years redistricting maps of congressional districts in Ohio.

Batchelder is also a former Ohio 9th District Court of Appeals judge and the husband of Judge Alice Batchhelder, a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals of the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati.

The new map, and proposed redistricting maps leading to the new map, favor Republican congressional candidates, Democrats complained, although they had little leverage up against Republicans who run Ohio, essentially, and of whom hold all of the state non-judicial offices, including the governorship held by term-limited John Kasich, attorney general, secretary of state

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It is a roughly 29 percent Black county and a Democratic stronghold that helped former president Barack Obama win the pivotal state of Ohio in the general election in 2008, and when the first Black president of the United States of America won a second four-year term in 2012.

The county Dems continue to recover from a long term public corruption and FBI probe that brought some 61 guilty pleas or convictions since 2008, mainly White businessmen associated with the county Democratic party, and including two former Democratic common pleas judges that served federal prison sentences, and former Cuyahoga Country Commissioner Jimmy Dimora, a former county party chairperson serving a 28-year federal prison sentence for racketeering and public corruption.

Dimora's sidekick and once a powerful county Democratic party operative, former county auditor Frank Russo took a plea deal for a 22-year prison sentence for his public -corruption- in -office illegalities.

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