

## **Women for Kevin Powell**

*Influential Women across the Nation Endorse Kevin Powell for Congress*

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June 24, 2008, New York, New York- Kevin Powell for Congress is proud to announce the major female supporters Kevin has garnered for his campaign in his initiative, "Women for Kevin Powell", which features progressive luminaries such as Gloria Steinem, Ilyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X, and Afeni Shakur, mother of Tupac Shakur. Over 90 prominent women across the country have pledged their support to Kevin Powell as they are a believer in Kevin's platform and vision for the 10th Congressional District in Brooklyn and America.

Women for Kevin Powell is an initiative to galvanize a broad base of support amongst those who share Kevin's commitment to ending violence against women and girls. Kevin's recovery from past issues with sexism and violence has made him an outspoken advocate. He was humbled and honored to serve as part of the United Nations' Secretary-General's "Unite To End Violence Against Women" campaign across the globe. He continues to work closely with Amnesty International in that organization's effort to prevent violence against girls in schools—both in America and abroad. Women consistently show their support by visiting [www.kevinpowellforcongress.org](http://www.kevinpowellforcongress.org), with the plan to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, September, 9th, 2008 with Kevin Powell as their choice for Congress.

### About Kevin Powell

Born in Jersey City, NJ, this long-time resident of Brooklyn is a passionate social activist, part of a new generation of leaders, who like Barack Obama, want to bring innovative ideas to Washington, and want to reconnect government with the people he represents. Powell sees a nation in flux that needs strong direction, unifying ideas and idealistic leadership. For the past several years Kevin Powell has devoted himself to organizing, speaking, and writing about sexism and misogyny in the African-American community, preaching opposition to violence against women and girls, and undertaking projects which promote economic empowerment for all Americans.. Powell has criss-crossed the country speaking at a host of community events, colleges and universities, and town hall meetings in hopes of raising awareness to these pressing challenges. He was an early supporter of Barack Obama's Presidential campaign and worked hard for Obama in Brooklyn. 60% of the constituents in his district voted for Obama in the February 5th primary; his opponent, a super delegate, remained pledged to Hillary Clinton until she conceded.

As an elected official Kevin Powell's agenda would include an immediate end to the War in Iraq, a massive increase in education funding, a genuine government effort to build affordable housing, implementation of a single-payer universal healthcare system, an immigration policy making all who come welcome, real government involvement in addressing global warming, and expanded job training addressed to the 21st Century, and restoration of the civil liberties so seriously eroded by the Bush Administration. Powell, unlike his opponent, has pledged to accept no money from corporate lobbyists, or companies seeking favors in Washington. Powell has pledged to create a synergy between politics and popular culture to reach Generation X and Y voters. "It is time for new leadership, a new generation, to push us forward, and I want

to be a part of that wave of fresh ideas, of new visions, for these times, for the 21st century”, he says.

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