

About Congressman André Carson



Congressman André Carson is a 34-year-old native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Raised and mentored by his grandmother, Congresswoman Julia Carson, he learned from a young age the values of compassion, integrity and determination. Growing up in a rough area of Indianapolis, a young André passed by drug dealers and gang members on his way to school. These experiences shaped him and are responsible for his unyielding commitment to improve our schools, make our neighborhoods safer, expand educational opportunities and give all of our children the help they need to become successful adults.

André is a graduate of Arsenal Technical High School, where his passions for law enforcement and public service first took hold. After high school, he went on to obtain a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice Management from Concordia University-Wisconsin and a Masters in Business Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. For almost a full decade, André devoted himself to law enforcement and the protection of Hoosiers across Indianapolis. He first served as a Local Board Investigative Officer for the Indiana State Excise Police for nine years before being detailed to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Intelligence Fusion Center in 2006.

While detailed to the Department of Homeland Security, he worked in an anti-terrorism unit to protect Indiana and the United States from terrorist threats at home and abroad.

André is a dedicated public servant who believes that strong community involvement has made Indianapolis the world-class city it is today.

Before his election to Congress, André served as a member of the Indianapolis City-County Council, where he worked to improve schools, support local businesses, and promote prosperous neighborhoods for families across Indianapolis.

He also served as a board member of the Citizens Neighborhood Coalition and the Indianapolis Parks Kennedy-King Park Advisory Board, where he turned his attention to the development of safe parks and thriving community organizations.

Congressman Carson currently serves on the prestigious

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, which oversees all components of the nation's housing and financial services sectors including banking, insurance, real estate, public and assisted housing, and securities. He continues to use his position on the committee and as a representative in the House of Representatives to fight for the needs of Indiana's Seventh Congressional District. His ambitious agenda includes working to create economic opportunity for Hoosiers, pushing forward comprehensive affordable healthcare legislation, working to responsibly bring an end to the war in Iraq and to restore America's role as a respected global leader.

He is married to Mariama Carson, an award winning professional educator in the Pike Township School District. They are the proud parents of a two year-old daughter, Salimah, and have lived in the Fall Creek Place neighborhood for five years.

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