

# HARLEM WOMEN'S

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The founder of the new Harlem Women's Republican Club, the former GOP candidate for elective office contemplates stepping into the political ring again for the 2008 election. The publication of the first volume of the club's newsletter is an affirmative action, pointing to the prospect of her candidacy in 2008.

A popular personality in the boxing and fighting sports industry as an intrepid reporter and public relations professional Ms. Morrisey has developed links with the notables in the boxing game. Commonly referred to as, El Boxing Empress, Keisha, and her inconspicuous camera can go where others fear to tread.

A supporter of Senator John McCain the young grassroots Republican believes that the McCain campaign will address some of the local party infrastructure weaknesses at the poll inspector level to minimize the disproportional Democratic advantage. And according to Ms. Morrisey, "I am convinced that the Senator in reaching out to serious local candidates to campaign with in the Black community. Therefore, at this point I am inclined toward running on the McCain ticket."

### ARE NEW YORK PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS IN QUESTION?

In the wake of the expected overwhelming victory by Senator Hillary Clinton over Senator Barack Obama in the Democratic Party's New York presidential primary election, interesting issues and questions are emerging concerning the veracity of the February 5, election results.

The overwhelming number of endorsements of Senator Clinton in her bid for the Democratic Party nomination by "mainstream" Black elected officials and the civil rights leadership seemed to crystallize her strong support among Black Americans. And the political vituperation visited against prominent Senator Obama supporters on local radio talk shows in the initial stages made the Clinton victory appear as a foregone conclusion.

Some political analysts are suggesting that there is a connection between Senator Clinton's endorsement by the conventional New York Black political leadership and the fact that the New York Senator has added approximately 340 million dollars in "earmarks" to the 2009 Budget for her New York constituents.

Alton Chase a former candidate for the New York State Senate from the Bronx said, "The mainstream Black elected leadership have pet projects and not-for-profit organizations as their constituent base, and the Black Pastors have a troth from which their programs etc. must feed. That is how the current political process works and the Senators supporters may have done the right political thing on behalf of their constituents. Apparently the junior Senator bought the bacon home.

This is the expectation of constituents.

While the prevailing electoral political exercise accounts for the nexus between political "earmarks" and the constituent base of an elected official, some of the questions associated with the February 5, primary election process may have a more sinister origin. Sam Roberts of the New York Times wrote a piece on February 16, headlined "Harlem Districts Report Zero Votes for Obama."

The report says that Black voters are heavily represented in the 94th Election District in Harlem's 70th Assembly District. Yet according to the unofficial results from the New York Democratic primary last week, not a single vote in the district was cast for Senator Barack Obama. That anomaly was not unique. In fact, a review by The New York Times of the unofficial results reported on primary night found about 80 election districts among the city's 6,106 where Mr. Obama supposedly did not receive even one vote, including cases where he ran a respectable race in a nearby district.

City election officials this week said that their formal review of the results, which will not be completed for weeks, had confirmed some major discrepancies between the vote totals reported publicly — and unofficially — on primary night and the actual tally on hundreds of voting machines across the city.

Keisha Morrisey, former GOP candidate for the New York State Assembly and New York City Council in 2002 and 2003 respectively, looks at the "anomaly" from a different political angle. Ms. Morrisey said,