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### **Willie Preston Emerges Victorious In Open 16th State Senate Seat**

In the race to fill the vacancy of State Senator Jacqui Collins on Chicago's South Side, Willie Preston has emerged victorious - defeating his opponent by a margin of 54% to 46% (with a few precincts still left to be counted).

Despite being outspent by massive margins, Willie put together a winning coalition on the ground that helped carry him over the finish line on Election Day.

"This was a hard-fought campaign and at the end of the day I am just so proud of the work my team put in to help me pull this out," said Preston, "we focused our campaign intently on the issues that plague our community the most: rising violence, the gun epidemic, and a lack of working-class jobs. I'm so thankful to the voters and supporters who made this victory possible. Now it's time to go to Springfield and fight like hell for my constituents."

Willie Preston is a community organizer and small business owner who was born and raised in the Englewood neighborhood (which is included within the 16th Senate District) and currently lives with his wife and Campaign Manager Brittany Preston and their six amazing children in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood.

Throughout the entire cycle, Preston remained focused on the basics and executed perfectly on a thorough campaign plan including knocking on thousands of doors and running an aggressive Early Vote campaign. This plan ultimately resulted in his victory on Tuesday night despite tremendous resources and obstacles sent against the Willie Preston team.

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