

Council of African-American Pastors Founder Backs Ted Cruz

Over the weekend, presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) received the endorsement of the Rev. Bill Owens, founder and president of the Coalition of African-American Pastors (CAAP).

Owens is a veteran civil rights activist and leader in the black community for many years. CAAP is a grassroots Christian movement supporting the role of religion in American public life, the lives of the unborn and the sacred institution of marriage.

"No one has a stronger record on the defense of marriage, and no one has a better grasp of the challenges facing our families and the solutions we need than Senator Ted Cruz," he said. "As President, Ted will create a healthy culture for families, defend innocent life and promote widely shared economic growth.

"For too long. Democrats have taken the African-American vote for granted, fostered racial division, poured salt on racial wounds and promoted policies directly harmful to the entire black community and destructive to the African-American family and its pathway to prosperity. Ted will reverse those destructive policies and create an environment where the black community can truly prosper through the enormous talents and skills of its people, instead of languishing behind on the handouts and false promises of liberalism."

Cruz said he is honored to have Owens' support.

"His eloquent and uncompromising defense of the family and of religion in public life is inspiring and will continue to be

effective," he said. "We are excited to have him serve as a spokesperson to pastors and in the African-American community."