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Novella Smith Arnold Endorsed by Commercial Appeal, Local Advocacy Groups

Novella Smith Arnold has recently received three important endorsements in her quest for the open seat on the County Commission, District 2, including *The Commercial Appeal*, the Sierra Club, and the Memphis Stonewall Democrats. Arnold is running for the Position 2 seat being vacated by Julian Bolton.

*The Commercial Appeal* in its July 24 edition said: “Arnold, a prison chaplain and social activist, has good ideas about addressing urban sprawl, updating development codes and reducing the county's debt ... She's also been a tireless advocate for sometimes unfashionable causes, including AIDS prevention and conditions at the Shelby County jail. Also, we believe Arnold would be better at building consensus, a useful trait on a commission that has sometimes been sharply divided.”

James Baker, chair of the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club said: “The Sierra Club is pleased to announce that we are endorsing you for the County Commission. We appreciate your environmental sensitivity as evidenced by your answers in the Club’s questionnaire and the discussions that our committee members have had with you.”

Jim Maynard representing the Memphis Stonewall Democrats said: “Novella Smith Arnold has demonstrated a strong commitment to fighting AIDS and supporting people with AIDS. Henri Brooks did not respond to the Memphis Stonewall Democrats questionnaire, but Novella Smith Arnold did ... We hope Democratic voters in District 2 will choose a more progressive candidate, one who supports equal rights for everyone.”

For more information, go to [www.friendsofnovella.org](http://www.friendsofnovella.org).

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