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**African-American Coalition's PAC announces endorsements
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Citing the need for dedication to social and racial justice issues, the political action committee for Howard County's largest African-American network released its endorsements for candidates in the Nov. 5 election yesterday.

The committee -- African Americans in Howard County -- is an outgrowth of the African-American Coalition, which represents more than 20 county groups, said Rev. Robert A. F. Turner, the president.

In all but the nonpartisan judicial and school board races, the committee endorsed Democrats:

For president and vice president, President Clinton and Al Gore.

For the congressional 6th District, Steve Crawford.

For the congressional 3rd District, Benjamin L. Cardin.

For Circuit Court judges, Donna Hill Staton and Diane O. Leasure.

For the county school board, Francine Wishnick.

In a newsletter accompanying the endorsements, Turner praised Clinton's fight for universal health care, increase in the minimum wage and fight against school vouchers.

"He's also shown a strong commitment to the racial justice requirements of our Constitution -- as evidenced by the President's appointment of the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history," the newsletter says.

Turner said Cardin's and Crawford's support of affirmative action led to endorsement of them. And in the race for two Circuit Court judgeships, the newsletter said: "The team of {the sitting judges} is overwhelmingly the best."

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