

Jesse Jackson steps down as president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition

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Chicago, July 18 (RHC)-- In the U.S., the Reverend Jesse Jackson is stepping down as president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, the civil rights organization he founded in 1996.

Jackson's legacy of activism was honored at the coalition's annual convention in Chicago over the weekend with Vice President Kamala Harris and other prominent Democrats in attendance. In her remarks, Harris described Jackson as "one of America's greatest patriots, someone who deeply believes in the promise of our country."

The Rainbow PUSH Coalition will now be headed by the Rev. Frederick Douglass Haynes III. He spoke at the event Sunday. "The Reverend Jesse Lewis Jackson Sr., I stand here on his shoulders, because no one with sense would try to stand in his shoes. His shoes are too large."

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