

## **Aimee Mobley Turney**

### **Houston Area Lead, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America**

### **Gun Safety Issue Chair, League of Women Voters of the Houston Area**

Aimee Mobley Turney, volunteer Gun Safety Issue Chair for the League of Women Voters of Texas and Houston Area Group Lead for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America began her gun violence prevention advocacy after Columbine. She was engaged at the time to be married and her first thought was, "this cannot happen to my children." Everything she has done in politics since then has been to achieve her goal of preventing gun violence by advocating for common sense gun legislation and against bad gun legislation.

Aimee spent many afternoons and weekends at her grandmother's house during her childhood. Rose Mobley was born in 1900, was involved in the Women's Suffrage movement and taught Aimee the importance of participating in elections, voting and engaging elected officials. Growing up in a civically engaged family, Aimee was often carried to political events with her parents. The first campaign for which Aimee volunteered was Sissy Farenthold's campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Texas in 1972 when she block walked with her father in her neighborhood. Aimee was in kindergarten and had a Sissy for Governor sticker on her tricycle.

One of Aimee's passions is grassroots organizing. In 2006 she helped Jim Henley secure the Democratic nomination for Congressional District 7 and Borris Miles secure the Democratic nomination for Texas House District 146. Both victories were upsets within the Party as the Party establishment was behind their opponents in both races. Aimee managed Jim Henley's congressional campaign for the last few months of the race. Mr. Henley, as most of his volunteers addressed him received the largest percentage of votes that had gone to any Democrat in the history of the district.

Aimee served for her high school friend Borris Miles as his deputy district director during his first term in 2007. She noticed how many people simply wanted to know how to find information about what was occurring in the Texas Legislature in real time. This led her to volunteer with the League of Women Voters, the premier organization for promoting civic responsibility through informed and active participation in government. Her term as volunteer President of the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area and the League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund ended last May. She has served as the Gun Safety Issue Chair for the League of Women Voters of Texas since 2016 where she had the exciting opportunity to work with other statewide gun violence prevention organizations to craft good gun violence prevention legislation and play defense at the Capitol to defeat HB 1911, a law that would have allowed anyone who could pass a background check to carry a gun openly without a license or training as well as numerous other pieces of bad gun legislation during the 2017 session of the Texas Legislature.