

# Mitzi S. Willis

*Candidate for Western Area Nominating Committee*



## *A Letter to My Link Sisters*

Dearest Link Sisters,

In 2019, I was blessed with an appointment to a position on the Western Area Nominating Committee. Today, I respectfully request your support as I seek to be elected to a second term. The role of the Nominating Committee is to ensure the nominating process is performed in accordance with our governing documents and that a slate of qualified candidates are identified and presented to our membership for a vote. This role is an integral part of our operations, enabling the voices of our membership to be heard. Strong Black women from across America have demonstrated that their voices can have an impact on an entire nation. As an organization of strong Black women, it is of paramount importance that all voices have the opportunity to impact our electoral process and that all candidates who seek to serve as leaders are qualified, comply with the rules and regulations promulgated by our organization, and are given an opportunity to present the case for their candidacy to our membership.

As a member of the Western Area Nominating Committee, I have applied my 25+ years of experience as an attorney to support our current Nominating Committee Chair. This has been achieved by reviewing and clarifying our Nominating Procedures Manual and other documents, serving as a liaison between the committee and various Western Area chapters, and performing all other duties and tasks as requested. Collectively, our committee has provided support to the National Nominating Committee while executing our duties to ensure the integrity of the Western Area nominations process. My work on the Nominating Committee has been rewarding, as it has provided me with a greater understanding of the committees and functions associated with service on the area level. As a servant leader, I believe that my purpose is to understand the needs and concerns of members, empower them to pursue a higher office within our organization, and to ensure that the committee's duties are completed with integrity and respect for our governing documents.

Serving on the Western Area Nominating Committee has been a tremendous honor, and I respectfully request the opportunity to continue to serve you, the members of the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated, for another two years!

Your Sister in Linkdom,

*Link Mitzi S. Willis*

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## **National**

National Leadership Summit, 2013  
National Leadership Summit, 2015  
Technology Committee, 2018 National Assembly  
Links Leadership Academy Graduate 2018

## **Western Area**

Nominating Committee, 2019-2021  
Donor Sabbath Chair (North Texas Cluster), 2012  
North Texas Cluster Walk Chair, 2012

## **Greater Denton County (TX) Chapter**

### ***Leadership***

Chapter Organizer  
Chapter President, 2012-2014  
Parliamentarian, 2014-2016  
Bylaws Committee Chair, 2014-2016  
Protocol Chair, 2016-2019  
Scholarship Chair, 2018-2020  
59 for the Future Chair, 2017-2020  
National Trends & Services Chair, 2020-Present

### ***Committees***

Constitution and Bylaws Committee  
International Trends & Services Committee  
Membership Committee  
Protocol Committee  
Special Projects Chair  
Services to Youth Committee

## **Commitment**

### ***National Assembly Attendance***

Orlando, 2012  
Washington DC, 2014  
Las Vegas, 2016  
Indianapolis, 2018

### ***Western Area Conference Attendance***

Houston, 2013  
Denver, 2017  
Austin, 2019

Western Area Leadership Conference: 2012

## **Professional Experience**

### **Commercial Litigator**

**Fee Attorney**, LandAmerica Commonwealth  
**Assistant City Attorney**, City of Dallas,  
**Chief Operating Officer**, Charles E. Willis, II MD. PA

# Recommendations



My Sisters,

I'm pleased to endorse the candidacy of Link Mitzi Willis for Western Area Nominating Committee. She is an active, engaged and enthusiastic leader that I had the privilege of working with during the chartering and subsequent establishment of the Greater Denton County (TX) Chapter. From that time until this, Link Mitzi has exhibited solid organizational skills and a great desire to be a good leader.

I commend Link Mitzi for your consideration with full faith and knowledge that she will continue to be an excellent member of the Western Area Nominating Committee.

With love and affection,

**Link Margot James Copeland**  
15<sup>th</sup> National President  
The Links, Incorporated

Sister Links,

My association with Mitzi Willis began when she approached me about the possibility of a chapter of The Links, Incorporated in the Denton county area. She demonstrated her leadership skills, creativity and boundless energy as the organizer, interest group leader and first chapter president of the Greater Denton County Chapter. I am impressed with her thirst for knowledge and passion for service. Link Mitzi truly displays her dedication to friendship and service in that she has not only worked within her chapter to promote the mission of our beloved organization but has sought opportunities to serve at the area and national levels. I am pleased to support the candidacy of Link Mitzi Willis for member of the Western Area Nominating Committee.

In friendship and service,

**Sandra Dorsey Malone**  
14<sup>th</sup> Western Area Director  
The Links, Incorporated



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Greetings Link Sisters,

As the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Presidents of the Greater Denton County (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, we are delighted to represent our Chapter and endorse our 1st President, Mitzi S. Willis for Western Area Nominating Committee.

Link Mitzi shepherded our members from an interest group to chapter, chartered in 2012, ensuring that all members were engaged, informed, and understood the responsibilities of Linkdom. An organized, committed, and dynamic leader, Link Mitzi continued to lead The Greater Denton County (TX) Chapter for the first two years and then assumed the role of Parliamentarian, Protocol Chair, and other offices and positions as requested. Throughout her tenure Link Mitzi has served as a resource for our Executive Board, demonstrating her passion and commitment to our chapter and our organization.

Seeking to fully understand Linkdom and leadership, Link Mitzi participated in the Links Leadership Academy, and subsequently returned to school to earn her Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership, a task that is still in process.

Link Mitzi will serve our organization at the highest level with integrity, knowledge, and proficiency. We, along with the members of the Greater Denton County (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, wholeheartedly support our 1st President as a candidate for the Western Area Nominating Committee.

Thank you,

**Tracy Madison**, President

**Cassandra McKinney**, 3<sup>rd</sup> President

**Deardra Hayes-Whigham**, 2<sup>nd</sup> President