



TALKING POINTS

About Kendall Qualls

- A leader with both military and corporate experience that is outside the world of politics, Qualls grew up in poverty in Harlem, New York, and in an Oklahoma trailer park. He worked full-time to pay for college and later earned graduate degrees from University of Oklahoma and an MBA from the University of Michigan.
- Kendall and his wife, Sheila, have been married 34 years and have five children. They live in Medina with their children and black lab Largo.
- After serving our country in the U.S. Army for five-years as an Artillery Officer, Qualls led global teams in the healthcare industry with Fortune 100 companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Roche Labs and Medtronic.
- For the past 15 years, Qualls has worked to transform stagnant or declining business units in the pharmaceutical and medical technology industries. Most recently, he worked for an innovative health-care startup that helps cancer patients.



Leadership We Can Count On

- Kendall is a leader with both military and corporate healthcare experience that is *outside the world of politics*. He creates a vision and inspires people toward a goal that is larger than each individual and that transcends racial, economic and gender differences.
- Kendall will ensure the safety and security of our communities by funding the police and giving them the support, training, and reform, they need. As the child of a single mother during the turmoil of the late 1960s and early 1970s in Harlem, Kendall knows what it feels like to live amongst violence and destruction. The one thing he needed, like all children, was safety and security. That starts with supporting the police.
- The coronavirus pandemic established that there are two things Washington needs: leadership & healthcare experience. Kendall Qualls has both – leadership experience as a Captain in the U.S. Army and healthcare experience from a 25-year career in the industry.
- He will reopen and revitalize our economy by getting people back to work and allow businesses to make necessary decisions to protect customers and operate safely.
- Kendall will challenge those who seek to redefine America as a systemically racist country. In its place, Kendall, a Black-American descended from slaves, offers a vision of hope because “America is an exceptional place full of exceptional people” with opportunity for all.