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Worrell**

TAMPA, Fla. – In response to **State Attorney Monique Worrell** being removed from her elected position as State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit by **Governor DeSantis**, Florida House Democratic **Leader Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)** issued the following statement.

“In 2020, Monique Worrell was elected overwhelmingly by her community as state attorney. She didn’t finish third behind Vivek Ramaswamy. The people of Orange and Osceola Counties chose her to represent their interests and principles. They did not need Ron DeSantis to throw out their vote and install someone who does not share their values. This is not democracy, but it is Florida today, sadly.

“DeSantis and his allies have said they want to reshape Florida’s circuit court system. Their extremist views are rejected in many of our communities, so they plan to gerrymander Blue counties out of the right to pick their own state attorneys. This is the same playbook that just failed the GOP in Ohio—if you can’t win on your ideas, rig the game.

“This is not what our Constitution lays out, and it’s not what the people of any community in Florida deserve. Monique Worrell’s replacement has been elected by a constituency of one, and he lives in Tallahassee, not the central Florida community of the 9th Circuit.”

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