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South Carolina on political grounds on Wednesday and Thursday.

He'll start by addressing the AFL-CIO before promoting his appeal among red-state moderates and Black voters in a Thursday speech hosted by the Georgetown County Democrats in a region that voted three times for Trump and has a large Black population.

"Democrats have a huge opportunity to seize the middle and win back the voters who have been increasingly skeptical of the Democratic brand. But it's going to take focus and discipline," Beshear is expected to say, according to speech excerpts obtained by the AP.

There are no direct jabs at Newsom in the excerpts, but Beshear is expect-



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Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear delivers his State of The Commonwealth address in the House chamber at the State Capitol in Frankfort on Jan. 8.

ed to continue drawing contrasts with the California governor, who earlier this year suggested his party went too far in embracing "woke" priorities. In his prepared remarks, Beshear doesn't shy

away from such progressive cultural issues.

He will note he made Juneteenth an executive branch holiday for the first time in Kentucky, signed an executive order that prohibits discrimination against state workers for how they wear their hair and ordered the removal of a statue of Jefferson Davis, who served as the president of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

"The current federal administration wants to make diversity a dirty word," Beshear plans to say. "They want people to believe that equity means everyone isn't worthy of opportunities."

WHO ELSE IS STEPPING UP?

Already this year, Walz of Minnesota and Moore of Maryland have addressed South Carolina Democrats.

Biden Cabinet member Pete Buttigieg, a 2020 presidential candidate,

hosted a town hall in Iowa in May. The month before, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker headlined a Democratic fundraiser in New Hampshire.

Others are moving more cautiously.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro has avoided any early state travel this year, focusing instead on his 2026 reelection. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has also focused largely on her day job. Both would be top-tier presidential candidates should they decide to run.

Khanna has been working to build his national profile since before the last election with frequent trips to New Hampshire, among other early voting states.

The California congressman is scheduled to host two town-hall style meetings in South Carolina this weekend with Illinois Rep. Jonathan Jackson, the son of civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

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INVITATION TO BID

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS:
The Paducah-McCracken Joint Sewer Agency (JSA) will receive sealed bids for the purchase of One (1) New Model Year Mid-Size SUV on Tuesday July 22, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. local time. All Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the offices of the JSA, 621 Northview Street, Paducah, Kentucky.

OBTAINING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:
Copies of specifications may be obtained at the JSA Administration Offices located at 621 Northview Street, Paducah, KY 42001.

BID EVALUATION - AWARD OF CONTRACT:
After reasonable consideration of all bids received, a Notice of Award will be given to the responsible bidder who submits the responsive bid with the highest evaluated bid criterion score in accordance with the specifications.

PREFERENCE TO KENTUCKY BIDDERS:
In accordance with KRS 45A.365, prior to a contract being awarded, a resident bidder of the Commonwealth shall be given a preference against a non-resident bidder registered in any state that gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the non-resident bidder.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
The Contractor shall ensure that employees and applicants

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for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:
The JSA has adopted a Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy in compliance with 803 KAR 25.280, in which drug and alcohol use and abuse in the workplace is prohibited. All contractors and subcontractors doing business for the JSA shall adhere to this policy.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED:
The JSA reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any and all bids.

Public Notice
Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan

To all interested citizens of Paducah, Kentucky:

The City of Paducah is in the process of completing a Consolidated Plan for the purpose of securing Community Development Block Grant funding. As part of the completion process, the City is opening a 30-day, public comment period for the Plan.

The following information concerning the CDBG program and Consolidated Plan is available for public inspection at Paducah City Hall in the Projects and Grants Coordinator's Office between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.:
A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
C. Plans for minimizing dis-

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placement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG funded activities.
D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
E. A summary of other important program requirements.
Comments on Application
A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at Paducah City Hall for citizens review and comments during regular business hours from July 15 to August 15, 2025.
Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Hope Reasons, Projects and Grants Coordinator.
Discrimination Clause
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