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Dr. Carla Brailey is a mother, scholar, strategist, influencer, entrepreneur, and consultant who earned her three graduate degrees from Howard University which include a Ph.D. in philosophy of sociology from in 2007; a Master of Divinity with a primary focus in Black Religion in the U.S. and a women's studies certificate in 2006; a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology in 1997, and in 1994 a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Texas State University. Dr. Brailey is an educator of over 20 years and has proudly taught primary, secondary and college at both private and public institutions including serving as an Assistant Principal at Harmony Science Academy. Currently, she serves as an Associate Professor of Sociology and Senior Fellow of the Barbara Jordan Institute of Policy Analysis at Texas Southern University. Her primary areas of specialization are teaching and researching in the societal issues related to Black women, social inequality, and social justice. She has several publications including an edited book on Women and Inequality in the 21st Century addressing inequality and inequity of women in various facets, and an upcoming edited book, Black Perspectives in Sociology to be released in August 2023. Her most recent research project examines Black maternal health related to mortality and morbidity in the third and fifth ward areas of Houston.

Dr. Brailey speaks across the nation on issues related to diversity and inclusion, justice and equity, and women and public life. She enjoys being a mother to her daughter; empowering collegiate students with the ability to think creatively and critically about every aspect of human life; and engaging in public and civic service, particularly in Texas politics. Most recently, she was the first Black woman Democrat candidate to run as Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and she proudly served as the Vice Chair of the Texas Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Interfaith Council Co-Chair.