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**Shelton Becomes Nebraska's Second Woman of Color to Run for U.S. Senate**

OMAHA, Neb. - Democrat Alisha Shelton has officially filed to run for the U.S. Senate, becoming only the second black woman in Nebraska history to seek the office.

This comes during Black History Month, where Shelton is making history as the first black woman to run for the seat in Nebraska in some 40 years. In 1976, Lenore Etchison was the first first woman of color to run for U.S. Senate in Nebraska. Etchison ran again in 1978.

"As a resident of Omaha, I see a need for Nebraska's senators to reflect the population they represent and their Nebraska values," Shelton said. "Shelton's platform includes: reducing gun violence, making quality healthcare accessible, strengthening trade and agriculture and mitigating climate change."

Shelton is running to defeat current Republican Senator Ben Sasse, and has coined the phrase "Drain the Gas out of Sasse" as her tagline to remove him from office.

Shelton is a licensed independent mental health practitioner who has worked out of Winnebago, Neb., for nearly four years.

Shelton's run for office has inspired those from marginalized backgrounds. When responding to a post on Shelton's Facebook page regarding being the only ethnic minority candidate in the senate race, RaDaniel Arvie, an African-American student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said "Your courage & transparency is inspiring."

Shelton will host a campaign kickoff at 6 p.m. on "Super Tuesday" March 3, 2020 at Jack & Mary's, [655 N. 114<sup>th</sup> St. in Omaha.](#)

There will also be a kickoff at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at La Mesa Mexican Restaurant, [1405 Fort Crook Rd. South, Bellevue.](#)

To learn more about Alisha Shelton and her historic campaign for U.S. Senate, visit [www.sheltonforsenate.com](http://www.sheltonforsenate.com).

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[Image of Shelton filing for office](#)

[Head shot of Shelton](#)

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