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Letters to the Editor about the May 4 election

### **Win with Price**

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When growing up my father taught my brother and me a quote from the poem, "The Ladder of St. Augustine," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept were toiling upward in the night."

McKinley L. Price exemplifies this quote. His service to the community is a solid demonstration of a lengthy history of toiling upward, to initiate, create and implement sustainable institutions and programs. He and his colleagues are continuously building bridges with the community to create the changes that will improve quality of life for citizens of Newport News and Hampton Roads. I consider myself a product of his bridge-building with the next generation of People to People. He has been an informal mentor to me in motivating young adults to unite with his generation and lead. Price will be a mayor who will put action behind a good strategic plan, a plan that seeks to build unity in a community that is divided geographically, economically and culturally. He is a leader who sees through these points of difference and continuously finds the commonalities that unite us. Price is a man of substance and integrity. He moves like a quiet storm to make informed, educated decisions that seek win-win solutions for all.

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