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“Our voice gives us agency, and with agency comes the opportunity to change our communities, our country, and the world. That’s why our voices — individually and collectively — have power.” — Oni K. Blair

Oni K. Blair joined the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas as the executive director in June 2021. As the leader of this statewide, nonpartisan organization, Oni directs the organization’s efforts to protect and advance civil rights and civil liberties for every Texan, no exceptions. Prior to the ACLU of Texas, Oni led LINK Houston, a transportation justice organization that shaped a \$7 billion transit plan and won \$51.5 million for Black and Latinx communities impacted by a highway expansion. Before entering nonprofit leadership, Oni worked as a foreign service officer (U.S. diplomat) with the U.S. Department of State. She served in Washington, DC as well as the U.S. Embassies in Jordan, Pakistan, and Iraq. Oni graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University and a master’s degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.

