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WASHINGTON, DC - Kamala Harris faces a crucial challenge this week at the Democratic convention in convincing parts of the party to enthusiastically support a Biden-Harris ticket despite a record on crime and justice that many associate with mass incarceration and racial inequality.

Harris's elevation is intended to bolster Biden with young voters and people of color. The California senator, 55, is the first woman of color on a major party's presidential ticket, and her background, age and gender all contrast with the top of the Democratic ticket.

The nod was also welcomed warmly by large parts of the Democratic Party, including the leading progressive presidential candidates, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.).

Yet among the young progressives who have been the most difficult group on the left for Biden to win over, doubts are still audible about whether a Biden-Harris ticket will come through.

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