



At eight, I knew my parents thought I was too fat. Finally, at 53, I've embraced who I am

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■ **U.S. President quits race and endorses his divisive deputy**

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DEMOCRATS were last night rushing to crown Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's successor after he dramatically ended his re-election campaign.

Bill and Hillary Clinton led the calls for the Vice President to become the Democratic presidential candidate following Mr Biden's much-anticipated announcement.

Top Democrats circulated a letter saying Ms Harris was the 'strongest candidate' as the Clintons urged the

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party to 'fight with everything we've got to elect her'.

Earlier, Mr Biden said it was 'in the best interest of my party and my country for me to stand down' and not take on Donald Trump, 78, in November.

Mr Biden, 81, the oldest US President in history, endorsed Ms Harris, 59, as his replacement and called on his party to 'come together and beat Trump'.

Barack Obama said Mr Biden was a 'patriot of the highest order', but he stopped short of backing Ms Harris. The former President said only that he

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Standing down: US President Joe Biden with Kamala Harris