



# VOTERS GUIDE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON EDUCATION FUND

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# THINGS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

## PHOTO ID IS NOW REQUIRED TO VOTE IN PERSON IN ALL TEXAS ELECTIONS

Texas' photo ID requirements are now in effect. Those voting in person, whether voting early or on Election Day, will be required to present one of 7 acceptable forms of photo ID issued by either the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or the United States Government. A list of acceptable forms of identification can be found in "What do I take to the Poll" on page 2 of this *Voters Guide*. Photo ID will not be required in order to vote by mail.

Should you encounter any problems at the poll, remember that you may always cast a Provisional Ballot. You may also contact the County Clerk's office at 713.755.6411, the Texas Secretary of State Election Division at 1.800.252.8683, or the United States Department of Justice at 1.800.253.3931 or [Voting.Section@usdoj.gov](mailto:Voting.Section@usdoj.gov) if you believe that your right to vote is being denied unlawfully.

## EARLY VOTING AND BALLOTS-BY-MAIL

The dates for Early Voting by Personal Appearance are Oct 21 - Nov 1. Early voting polling locations and early voting hours can be found on page 23 of this *Voters Guide*. Any registered Harris County voter may cast an early ballot at any early voting location in Harris County.

Some voters qualify to vote by mail. The request for a mail-in ballot must be received by the County Clerk's office by **October 25**. Except for mail ballots coming from overseas, all voted mail ballots must arrive at the County Clerk's office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. For complete details and to see if you qualify, see "When can I vote" on page 2 of this *Voters Guide*.

## SAVE TIME ON ELECTION DAY - CHECK OUT YOUR PRECINCT POLLING PLACE LOCATION BEFORE YOU HEAD TO THE POLL

On Election Day you **MUST** vote at the location that is designated for your precinct. Although during early voting you may vote at any one of the 40 early voting locations in Harris County, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, you **MUST** vote in your precinct. Your precinct number appears on your Voter Registration Certificate (VRC). To get a list, by precinct, of election day voting locations go to [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) or call the Harris County Clerk's office at 713.755.6965. This information also appears in the Houston Chronicle prior to Election Day.

## LEAGUE OFFERS INTERACTIVE VOTER INFORMATION RESOURCES ONLINE

An interactive version of this *Voters Guide* is available online at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). Enter your address and zip code and view all of the candidates who will appear on your ballot. You will be able to compare candidates side-by-side and create a print-out that you can take to the polling place. For more information online, visit us on [Facebook.com/LWVHouston](http://Facebook.com/LWVHouston), [Twitter.com/LWV](http://Twitter.com/LWV), or [www.lwvhouston.org](http://www.lwvhouston.org).

## THINK YELLOW AND WHITE

Your current Voter Registration Certificate (VRC) is yellow and white. It contains the most up-to-date information about your precinct number and representative jurisdictions.

## ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND THIS VOTERS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization. The League of Women Voters and the League of Women Voters Education Fund do not support or oppose any political party or candidate. For more than 90 years, the League's mission has been to support active and informed citizen participation in government. The League believes that voting is a vital part of *Making Democracy Work*.

The League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund publishes the *Voters Guide* to help each voter cast an informed vote. Inside you will find information about the voting process, the duties and responsibilities of the offices that are included in this election, the names of candidates and their responses to

selected policy questions. This publication also includes ballot issues being offered for voter consideration.

The responses provided by candidates are reproduced without editing or verification. Each candidate is personally and solely responsible for the content of his/her response. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. (More about the process used to assemble this *Voters Guide* can be found on page 3.)

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## SPECIAL COLLABORATION WITH MI FAMILIA VOTA EDUCATION FUND MAKES SPANISH GUIDE POSSIBLE

The League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund is pleased to offer the *Voters Guide* in both English and Spanish thanks to a collaboration with Mi Familia Vota Education Fund, which helped us secure professional translation services to produce the Spanish language edition. Our organizations are also proud to provide English and Spanish versions of the *Voters Guide* online at [www.lwvhouston.org](http://www.lwvhouston.org).

## LWV/TEXAS EDUCATION FUND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON 9 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Our thanks to our state organization, the League of Women Voters of Texas, for providing English and Spanish versions of information about the proposed constitutional amendments. All Texas voters are asked to vote to accept or reject each of these Constitutional Amendments. In this *Voters Guide* you will find the exact wording for each amendment, an explanation, and pro and con arguments.



## TAKE THE BUS TO THE POLL ON ELECTION DAY - RIDE FREE!

METRO is providing free rides to the poll on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Take advantage of this great opportunity—determine the location of your polling place and get bus route information by going to [www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org) or calling 713.635.4000.

## Can I register to vote?

You are eligible to register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You are a resident of the county where you submit the application;
- You must be at least 17 years and 10 months old to register, and you must be 18 years of age by Election Day;
- You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and,
- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

## How do I register to vote?

Each county has a Voter Registrar. In Harris County the Voter Registrar is the County Tax Assessor-Collector. You may register in person at 1001 Preston Avenue – 1st Floor, Room 100, in downtown Houston; any of 16 Tax Office substations throughout the County <http://www.hctax.net/Default>; any Texas Department of Public Safety Office (DPS); or several other state agency offices. Or you can mail in your application to Mike Sullivan, Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar, P.O. Box 3527, Houston, 77253-3527. Applications are available at all of these locations, online at <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/vrapp/index.asp>, by emailing [tax\\_office@hctx.net](mailto:tax_office@hctx.net) or by calling 713-368-VOTE (8683) to request one via mail. During voter registration drives you can register with a deputized volunteer voter registrar. The last day to register to vote in the November 5, 2013 Uniform Election is October 7, 2013.

After you register, you should receive your Voters Registration Certificate (VRC) within 30 days. Every 2 years you will be mailed a replacement VRC. To maintain your registered status you must notify the Voter Registrar of any address or name change.

## Where do I vote?

During the Early Voting Period, October 21 – November 1, 2013, you may vote at any of the designated Early Voting Locations. Go to page 23 for a list of these locations. They are posted online at <http://www.harrisvotes.com> or you can call 713.755.6965.

On Election Day, you must vote in the polling location designated for your precinct of residence. Polling locations for each precinct usually are listed in the newspaper the week of the election. Also, they are online at <http://www.harrisvotes.com> or you can call 713.755.6965.

## Where do I find my Precinct Number?

Your Precinct Number (Pct. No.) is in the middle of the left side of your Voter Registration Certificate (VRC). Check the precinct number on your VRC before going to the polling location. Or, you can contact the Voter Registrar at 713-368-VOTE (8683) or <http://www.hctax.net/voter/Search>. Enter your name in the blank space.

## New! What identification will be required at the Poll?

A voter will be **required** to show one of the following forms of **photo identification** at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote.

- Texas driver license—unexpired or expired less than 60 days — issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS. For more information on the EIC application process enter <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS—unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS—unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph - unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport—unexpired or expired less than 60 days

If a voter does not present proper identification, the voter will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have six (6) days to present proper identification to the county voter registrar for the voter's ballot to be accepted.

### Exemption/Exceptions to the photo identification requirements:

Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a **permanent exemption**. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing he or she has been determined to have a disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.

Voters who have a consistent **religious objection** to being photographed and voters who do not have any valid form of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for your ballot to be counted.

## What else should I take to the Poll?

It's recommended you also take your Voter Registration Certificate issued by the Voter Registrar as it contains useful voter information.

You can take this *Voters Guide* or other written material into the Voting Booth. However, voters are not allowed to display or share any campaign material in the polling place.

## New! What will be the procedures for voting under the new photo identification requirements?

When a voter arrives at a polling location, the voter will be asked to present one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo ID. Election officials will now be required by State law to determine whether the voter's name on the identification provided matches the name on the official list of registered voters ("OLRV"). After a voter presents their ID, the election worker will compare it to the OLRV. If the name on the ID matches the name on the list of registered voters, the voter will follow the regular procedures for voting.

If the name does not match exactly but is "substantially similar" to the name on the OLRV, the voter will be permitted to vote as long as the voter signs an affidavit stating that the voter is the same person on the list of registered voters.

If a voter does not have proper identification, the voter will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have (six) 6 days to present proper identification to the county voter registrar, or the voter's ballot will be rejected.

## What if my name is not on the list of registered voters and the Voter Registrar has no record of my registration but I think I have registered?

If your name is not on the list and you think you have registered, the Precinct Judge will contact the Voter Registrar. If the Voter Registrar cannot verify your registration, you may vote a "provisional ballot." First, you must complete an affidavit stating that you are a registered voter in the precinct in which you are attempting to vote and that you are eligible to vote in this election and you must present valid identification. Your ballot will be counted only if state or local officials determine you are eligible under State law. You will receive a letter after the election notifying you whether your provisional ballot was accepted or rejected.

## What is "provisional voting"?

See answer to previous question. For more information on the provisional ballot process visit <http://www.votetexas.gov/faq/> and scroll down to Provisional Voting.

## What can I vote on in this election?

If you are a resident of the City of Houston, you may vote for candidates running for Mayor, Controller, and City Council. If you live in an area zoned to the Houston Independent School District Board or Houston Community College, you may vote for members of their Boards of Trustees. Since not all Board Positions will be voted on in this election, you will have to check your specific ballot. There are also 9 state propositions that will be voted on by voters in all jurisdictions. Two Harris County propositions will be on the ballot. Several Independent School, Municipal Utility and Improvement District elections are on the ballot in their jurisdictions, however, they are not included in this *Voters Guide*. To find out which City Council, HISD or HCC Districts you are in, go to <http://www.hctax.net/voter/Registration> and on the highlighted bar click Voter Registration. On drop down list, click Voter Registration Search. In blank space enter your name and click highlighted Search button. Scroll down to your information and click your Certificate Number. You will see an image of your VRC and additional information with precinct and district numbers. Or call the Voter Registrar, 713.368.VOTE (8683), or the County Clerk's Voter Information Line, 713.755.6965.

The County Clerk's Elections Office has Your Specific Ballot on line at <http://www.harrisvotes.com>. You may view which races and candidates will be on your specific ballot. See instructions pages 3 and 22. To obtain this information via telephone, call 713.755.6965, the County Clerk's Voter Information Line, during regular hours.

## When can I vote?

You may vote:

- On Election Day at your assigned precinct's polling place.
- Early at designated times and locations from October 21 - November 1, 2013 – see schedule on page 23.
- By ballot-by-mail if you are at least age 65, disabled, confined in jail, or if absence from the county will prevent you from voting early or on Election Day. For this election your application to get a ballot-by-mail must be received between September 6 – October 25, 2013 (received, not postmarked), and you must follow the requirements for voting by mail. Contact the County Clerk's Office, 713.755.6965 or visit <http://www.harrisvotes.com> to print an application for a ballot-by-mail.

## How does a student who is a registered voter and attends school outside the county vote?

- A student can return home to vote on Election Day or during the Early Voting Period.
- A student can vote absentee by using a ballot-by-mail. For ballot-by-mail instructions, see the answer to the previous question.

VOTER INFORMATION, continued on next page

**What do I do if I change my address and still live in Harris County?**

Change your address online at <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager> or in writing by completing a voter registration application form or by correcting the information on your current Voter Registration Certificate and returning it to the Harris County Voter Registrar. Voter registration application forms also are used for changes and are available from the Voter Registrar, 713.368.VOTE (8683), or the Texas Secretary of State's office, 1.800.252.8683, and online at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml>.

You will be able to vote in your new precinct 30 days after your notice has been received by the Voter Registrar. Meanwhile, you may vote a full ballot in your former precinct if your registration has not become effective in your new precinct. You will be required to complete a Statement of Residence form confirming your new address.

**What do I do if I change my address and move to another county?**

You must reregister. Complete an application and mail it or take it in person to the Voter Registrar of your new county. You will be registered 30 days after your application is submitted.

You may be eligible to vote a limited ballot, i.e. on measures in common between your former and new county, in your new county of residence after moving if you were qualified to vote in your former county

at the time you moved, and if your registration in the new county is not yet effective. You must apply for a limited ballot and vote by personal appearance with the early voting clerk conducting the election in your new county during the Early Voting Period – not on Election Day.

**What does the term “suspense” mean on a voter’s record?**

The term “suspense” is used to designate those voters for whom the Harris County Voter Registrar does not have a current address. A voter in “suspense” status on the rolls will be allowed to vote after completing a Statement of Residence form. Once the address is corrected, the “suspense” designation will be removed from the voter’s record. On November 30 of even-numbered years, the Voter Registrar cancels registrations of suspense list voters if two general elections have occurred since the voter was first listed as a suspense voter and the voter has not submitted an address correction.

**New! For Military and Overseas Voters**

Eligible Military Personnel, Spouses or Dependents of the Military, and Civilians Overseas now have the ability to complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online. For more information and instructions visit <http://www.harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo/MilOverseas.aspx>.

**5 SIMPLE STEPS TO VIEW YOUR SPECIFIC BALLOT ONLINE**

1. Go to [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com).
2. Click on **English, Spanish, Vietnamese or Chinese**.
3. Click on “**Find your Election Day Poll**” and “**View Voter Specific Ballot.**”
4. Enter your **name**, your **address** or your **Voter Registration Certificate Number**.
5. Click on **Search**. Your precinct number, name, address, polling location and the words “Sample Ballot” will appear. Make sure your personal information is correct, then click on “**Sample Ballot**” to view your ballot just as it will look when you go to vote.

**HOW THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ASSEMBLES THE VOTERS GUIDE**

The League of Women Voters contacts all candidates individually and requests that they respond to our candidate questionnaire with biographical information and answers to questions about important issues.

Each candidate’s response is reproduced exactly as submitted without editing or verification. Each candidate is personally and solely responsible for the content of his/her response.

Candidates are advised that their responses to questions are word limited. Replies that exceed the word limit are indicated by slashes (///). Candidates who fail to respond to our invitation to participate in the *Voters Guide* are listed with the notation, “No response received.” Candidates without a photo did not submit one.

Candidates are advised that the League of Women Voters reserves the right not to print obscenities, slurs, or egregious personal attacks. All candidates are listed in ballot order. The League of Women Voters does not print responses from unopposed candidates in the of the *Voters Guide*. Names of unopposed candidates are listed, followed by the notation “Unopposed.”

**NEW!**

**PHOTO  
ID  
REQUIRED**

**TEXAS NOW REQUIRES ONE OF 7 PHOTO IDS FOR THOSE VOTING IN PERSON: (INCLUDING EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY)**

- Only the 7 photo IDs listed can be accepted at the polls.
- Other photo IDs including student IDs and employer IDs cannot be accepted.
- Photo ID needs to be current or have expired no more than 60 days before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- The name on the ID should match the voter registration card. If names don’t match, a voter may be accepted if names are “substantially similar.” Addresses need not match.
- Voters with a documented disability can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card.
- Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the poll can vote a provisional ballot and must show the required photo ID by Tuesday, November 12, 2013.
- Photo ID is not required to vote by mail. Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on election day.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) ISSUED:**

- Driver’s license
- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election identification certificate (EIC)

**U.S. GOVERNMENT ISSUED:**

- Military identification card with photograph
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph
- Passport

# STATE OF TEXAS

NOVEMBER 5, 2013 ELECTION

## TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

The Texas Constitution is among the longest of state constitutions in the United States. Since its initial adoption in 1876, a total of 653 amendments have been proposed, of which 474 were approved by voters and 179 were rejected. An amendment is proposed in a joint resolution that can originate in either house of the state legislature during a regular or special session. A joint resolution specifies the election date and may contain more than one amendment. The joint resolution must receive a vote of two-thirds of each house before it is presented to the voters. The governor cannot veto a joint resolution.

The governor can, however, veto the enabling legislation, the bill to enact the amendment if it is passed by voters. Not all amendments require enabling legislation. If the voters reject an amendment, the enabling legislation does not take effect. If the amendment fails, the legislature may resubmit it in a future legislative session. Amendments take effect when the official vote canvass confirms statewide voter approval, unless a later date is specified in the joint resolution.

### PROPOSITION 1

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION OF ALL OR PART OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS KILLED IN ACTION.

##### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment would allow the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who was killed in action to be exempt from paying local property taxes based on all or part of the total appraised value of the homestead. This proposed amendment follows prior amendments that have passed, granting property tax exemptions to veterans who are 100% disabled and their surviving spouses.

Under Proposition 1 and its enabling bill SB 163, a surviving spouse is eligible if he or she has not remarried since the death of the spouse who served in the armed forces and if the qualifying homestead was the residence of the spouse at the time of death. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse would lose the property tax exemption. The surviving spouse would be able to transfer the exemption to a new homestead, but it would be limited to the dollar amount of the prior homestead exemption.

##### ARGUMENTS FOR

- The proposed amendment would allow local governments in Texas to assist surviving spouses of U.S. armed services members who have been killed in action by providing valuable relief during such a difficult time. Surviving spouses who qualify would be able to save money on property taxes and could use this money elsewhere.
- Surviving spouses would be able to transfer the exemption to a new residence if the surviving spouse chose to move within the state.

##### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- School districts would receive less revenue from property taxes so the state would have to cover the reduction by pulling from state general revenue, creating a cost to the state.
- Local governments would lose revenue, especially in cities and towns where military families largely populate the area. This would result in a projected yearly loss of up to \$84,000 from counties, \$93,000 from cities, and \$45,000 from school districts by 2018 (SB 163 Fiscal Note). An increase in the number of people who receive property tax exemptions might require local governments to increase taxes for other taxpayers.

### PROPOSITION 2

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELIMINATING AN OBSOLETE REQUIREMENT FOR A STATE MEDICAL EDUCATION BOARD AND A STATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FUND, NEITHER OF WHICH IS OPERATIONAL.

##### EXPLANATION

In 1952, voters amended the constitution to direct the Texas Legislature to create the State Medical Education Board (SMEB) and a scholarship fund to issue loans to medical students who agreed to practice in rural areas of Texas. In 1973, the Legislature created the SMEB. In 1987, the Legislative Budget Board reported that only 11 percent of loan recipients since 1973 were practicing in rural Texas counties, and only 14 percent of those were in medically underserved areas. No new loans have been issued since January 1988.

In 1989, after a recommendation by the Sunset Advisory Commission, the Legislature attached the SMEB to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). All existing loans have been serviced or turned over to the attorney general for default collection. Loan repayment programs are now used instead of direct loans to medical students to attract physicians to practice in rural Texas.

The proposed constitutional amendment, and its enabling bill HB 1061, would remove references to these defunct entities in the constitution and state law.

##### ARGUMENT FOR

- Since the SMEB and its education fund are no longer operational, references to them should be removed from the state's unwieldy constitution.

##### ARGUMENT AGAINST

- The SMEB and its education fund are obsolete and no loans have been issued since 1988, so a constitutional amendment to remove references to them is unnecessary.

### PROPOSITION 3

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE TO EXTEND THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT AIRCRAFT PARTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION DUE TO THEIR LOCATION IN THIS STATE FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD MAY BE LOCATED IN THIS STATE FOR PURPOSES OF QUALIFYING FOR THE TAX EXEMPTION.

##### EXPLANATION

Currently, in order to promote economic development in the state, the Texas Constitution allows local taxing authorities to exempt from ad valorem taxation property that is in Texas temporarily. This tax exemption is commonly referred to as a "freeport exemption." Eligible property includes goods, wares, merchandise, other tangible property, and ores, other than oil, natural gas, and other petroleum products. To be eligible for the exemption, the property must be acquired in or imported into Texas for export; detained for assembly, storage, manufacturing, processing, or fabrication; and shipped out of Texas no later than 175 days after acquisition or importation.

Eligible property currently includes aircraft and aircraft parts used for maintenance or repairs by certified air carriers. The proposed amendment and its enabling bill HB 3121 authorize the governing body of a political subdivision that already grants a freeport exemption to extend, up to 730 days (two years) after acquisition or importation, the date when aircraft parts with an exemption have to be transported outside of the state. The extension would apply only to the political subdivision that grants it.

If passed, the amendment would take effect January 1, 2014, and apply only to a tax year that begins on or after that date.

##### ARGUMENTS FOR

- The proposed extension of the freeport exemption would provide an economic development tool designed to make Texas competitive in the aerospace industry that contributes billions to the state's economy. Texas is one of only a few states with a tax on inventory. Since aerospace suppliers often require inventory to be onsite for much longer than 175 days, at least one aerospace company has moved its storage or operations to another state because of the inventory tax.
- Granting an extension would be totally at the option of each local government already granting an exemption.
- Loss of tax revenue to a school district that grants a freeport exemption may be offset by additional state aid, since the amount of the exemption is subtracted from the market value of inventory or property to determine the taxable value for the taxing authority. Any extra cost to the state could be offset by additional revenues from increased economic development and jobs.

##### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- Singling out one group for special tax exemption status raises issues of uniformity in taxation. If the extension is authorized for aircraft parts, similar industries that make specialized parts and have a high portion of idle inventory may seek similar extensions.
- Granting an extension reduces tax revenues for local governments.
- An increase in exemptions by school districts could result in higher costs to the state.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION, continued on next page

**PROPOSITION 4**

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION OF PART OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF A PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN OR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN IF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD WAS DONATED TO THE DISABLED VETERAN BY A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.**

**EXPLANATION**

Currently, the Texas Constitution provides that a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran, or the veteran's surviving spouse, is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the market value of the disabled veteran's resident homestead, subject to certain restrictions.

This proposed amendment, and its enabling legislation HB 97, would provide a similar exemption to a partially disabled veteran or surviving spouse, if the homestead has been donated by a charitable

organization at no cost to the veteran. The amount of the exemption would be a percentage of the market value of the residence homestead that is equal to the percentage of disability of the veteran. Proposition 4 would allow the legislature to provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption, and would not affect whether a qualified disabled veteran was entitled to another exemption for veterans for which he or she may qualify. It also allows partially disabled veterans to be added to the list of individuals authorized to pay property taxes in installments as provided by current law.

**ARGUMENTS FOR**

- Texas charitable organizations have given homes to disabled veterans, but in some cases the veteran is unable to pay the property taxes, resulting in an unintended consequence of foreclosure. These veterans have sacrificed for our country and are deserving of help. The cost of the exemption is small because only a dozen or so homes per year are donated cost-free to disabled veterans.
- Partially disabled veterans who receive these homes are not likely to return to full employment and need help with their taxes.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST**

- Singling out one group for special tax exemption status, even though deserving, raises issues of uniformity in taxation and could open the door to continued erosion of the tax base.
- If the purpose of the bill is to help partially disabled veterans keep their homes while they are unable to pay property taxes, the exemption should not be permanent. It should expire when the veteran can afford to pay property taxes.

**PROPOSITION 5**

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF A REVERSE MORTGAGE LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOMESTEAD PROPERTY AND TO AMEND LENDER DISCLOSURES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A REVERSE MORTGAGE LOAN.**

**EXPLANATION**

A "reverse mortgage for purchase" allows a senior aged 62 or older to purchase a new principal residence and obtain a reverse mortgage within a single transaction. Texas is the second largest market in the country for reverse mortgages, but the only state that does not offer the "reverse mortgage for purchase" because it is not authorized in the state constitution.

A reverse mortgage is a form of home equity loan that does not require a monthly payment. During the course of the loan, the debt increases with the addition of various costs such as interest, mortgage

insurance premiums, and servicing fees, while the homeowner's equity decreases. Repayment of the loan is deferred until the borrower dies, sells, or moves out of the residence. While reverse mortgages are a small market nationally, approximately 70,000 originated per year, it could grow dramatically in the decades ahead spurred by an aging baby boomer population.

Proposition 5 would enable Texas seniors to use "reverse mortgages for purchase" to acquire a new residence. It would also require reverse mortgage lenders to expand currently required counseling to borrowers to include disclosure of the specific behaviors that can lead to foreclosure on a property.

**ARGUMENTS FOR**

- This proposition saves costs for seniors by allowing a reverse mortgage loan to be set up as part of a purchase rather than after a purchase to eliminate duplicative processes.
- Using a "reverse mortgage for purchase," the homeowner can occupy a new residence without making a single mortgage payment. This helps seniors relocate to other geographical areas or downsize to homes that better meet their needs.
- Reverse mortgage loans are typically easier to qualify for than traditional loans, which have income and credit score requirements to support the borrower's ability to meet repayment commitments.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST**

- All reverse mortgages are complex financial products. Surveys have found that consumers struggle to understand and make good decisions even after required counseling.
- Homeowners can lose a lifetime of home equity as a result of fraud, scams, misleading advertising, aggressive sales tactics and discriminatory practices sometimes associated with reverse mortgages. This risk increases significantly when state regulation and enforcement are weak.
- As baby boomers consider the reverse mortgage market, their choices may put them at considerable risk at a time in their lives when making a financial recovery is unlikely.

**PROPOSITION 6**

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION FUND FOR TEXAS AND THE STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION REVENUE FUND FOR TEXAS TO ASSIST IN THE FINANCING OF PRIORITY PROJECTS IN THE STATE WATER PLAN TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE WATER RESOURCES.**

**EXPLANATION**

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) develops a state water plan based on information from each of 16 regional water-planning groups. Existing state funding relies primarily on issuance of general obligation bonds, legislative appropriations, and federal grants that finance loans to local and regional water suppliers. In November 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment that authorized the TWDB to issue additional general obligation bonds not to exceed \$6 billion at any time. Proposition 6 establishes two funds to finance water plan projects: the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT). The two funds would receive financial resources for water projects, including revenue authorized by the state legislature, investment earnings and interest, and proceeds from the sale of bonds. The two funds would be part of the state treasury but outside the general revenue fund, a constitutional requirement to give the legislature control over disbursements.

Under Proposition 6, TWDB would have the power to enter into bond enhancement agreements to make bonds more attractive to purchasers. If the legislature provides authorization and the Legislative Budget Board approves, TWDB would have the authority to issue bonds and related credit agreements and to make direct loans for water projects in the state water plan. Repayment of loans would provide a revolving cash flow for additional loans.

HB 1025 authorizes the transfer of \$2 billion from the economic stabilization fund, commonly known as the Rainy Day Fund, if the amendment passes. Money in the fund would be available to provide support for low-interest loans, longer repayment terms for loans, incremental repurchase terms for projects in which the state owns an interest, and deferral of loan payments. The enabling legislation for the proposed amendment, HB 4, prescribes how the funds are to be invested and how they may be apportioned within the state water plan. At least 10 percent of funds would be applied to projects designed to serve rural areas and 20 percent for water conservation or reuse.

**ARGUMENTS FOR**

- Ensuring an adequate water supply is essential to the public and economic health of Texas. These two funds provide a sustainable mechanism for funding water development projects with an initial transfer of \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to seed a revolving cash flow for making loans for water projects.
- Responding to the current drought emergency is an appropriate use of the Rainy Day Fund and will provide a better return on investment than if the money were left in that fund.
- Without the necessary funding for priority projects in the state water plan, Texas stands to lose millions of jobs and suffer reduced economic activity and decreased tax revenues.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST**

- These two new funds are unnecessary as there is already available funding for water development projects administered by TWDB.
- While TWDB needs to proceed with priority projects, taking money from the Rainy Day Fund is inappropriate. Reducing the amount in this fund could reduce the state's excellent credit rating and affect the state's ability to respond to a natural disaster or other emergency situations. The legislature should make a separate appropriation from the general fund.
- The state should not take on the financing of water plan projects. Financing should be provided by those benefiting from the projects.

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**PROPOSITION 7**  
**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING A HOME-RULE MUNICIPALITY TO PROVIDE IN ITS CHARTER THE PROCEDURE TO FILL A VACANCY ON ITS GOVERNING BODY FOR WHICH THE UNEXPIRED TERM IS 12 MONTHS OR LESS.**

**EXPLANATION**

Almost all Texas cities of more than 5,000 population have adopted a home rule or an independent city charter. A home rule city can pass any regulations or laws it deems necessary as long as they are consistent with the state constitution and statutes.

Section 11, Article XI of the Texas Constitution prohibits a city with terms of office between two and

four years from filling vacancies by appointment. These cities must fill vacancies by majority vote during a special election held within 120 days after the start of the vacancy.

The proposed constitutional amendment and its enabling bill HB 1372 would authorize a home rule city to provide in its charter a procedure other than a special election to fill a vacancy in its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

**ARGUMENTS FOR**

- Proposition 7 would cut taxpayer costs. When an elected city official passes away or otherwise leaves office, the Constitution requires the city to hold a special election within 120 days even if only a few months remain in the term. Taxpayers pay thousands of dollars to hold special elections only a few months before a regular election.
- This proposition would provide parity in election regulations. Vacancies for elected city officials with terms of office of less than two years can be filled by appointment. This proposition would allow vacancies to be filled by the same process for all elected officials. It would preserve democratic accountability because cities would have to hold elections as usual after the expiration of an appointed official's term.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST**

- Proposition 7 might increase the opportunity for corruption by allowing city officials to appoint one another.
- Voting and elections are the best way to ensure democratic accountability. The cost of special elections is a small price to pay to ensure accountability.

**PROPOSITION 8**  
**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPEALING SECTION 7, ARTICLE IX, TEXAS CONSTITUTION, WHICH RELATES TO THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL DISTRICT IN HIDALGO COUNTY.**

**EXPLANATION**

Proposition 8 would remove from the Texas Constitution a 1960 amendment that authorized the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County with a maximum tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property. This limit is below all other counties in Texas, and no hospital district has been created in Hidalgo County. Repealing the 1960 amendment, which applies only to Hidalgo

County, would allow it to come under Section 4 of the Texas Constitution which provides for hospital districts in all counties, with a maximum tax rate of 75 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property. If Proposition 8 is passed, the formation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County and the district's tax rate would require approval from the county's voters during an election.

**ARGUMENTS FOR**

- Hidalgo is the only county in the state with a tax limitation of 10 cents per \$100 property valuation. It is also the largest county without a hospital district. The existing limitation hinders its ability to create and operate a sustainable district. Passage of Proposition 8 would allow Hidalgo County the same taxing rate that other counties have.
- Hidalgo County has a high rate of uninsured residents, and this proposition could help the county establish a hospital district and obtain federal funds for much-needed emergency care for the poor.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST**

- Passage of this proposition would likely increase the taxes for property owners in Hidalgo County, since a hospital district could be created with a tax rate as high as 75 cents per \$100 valuation of all property.
- An increase in taxes could hurt the very people this proposition is hoping to serve: the poor.

**PROPOSITION 9**  
**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO EXPANDING THE TYPES OF SANCTIONS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A JUDGE OR JUSTICE FOLLOWING A FORMAL PROCEEDING INSTITUTED BY THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONTACT.**

**EXPLANATION**

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) was created in 1965, through a constitutional amendment, to investigate allegations of judicial misconduct or disability and to discipline judges. The SCJC is responsible for ensuring that Texas judges comply with standards of conduct established in the Texas Constitution and by the Texas Supreme Court. Currently, after a formal disciplinary proceeding, the SCJC may issue an order of public censure or recommend removal or retirement of the judge/justice.

During its review of the SCJC, the Sunset Advisory Commission recommended that the SCJC be authorized to use its full range of disciplinary actions following a formal proceeding. If this proposed amendment passes, the SCJC may at its discretion issue a private or public admonition, warning, reprimand, or requirement that the person obtain additional training or education, as well as the censure or formal recommendations of resignation or retirement.

**ARGUMENT FOR**

- Proposition 9 would lead to greater public accountability for judges and justices; continue to promote public confidence in the integrity, independence, competence, and impartiality of the judiciary, and encourage judges to maintain high standards of conduct both on and off the bench.

**ARGUMENT AGAINST**

- Stronger measures than those provided by Proposition 9 are needed to reinforce the SCJC's authority to discipline judges and hold them accountable for judicial misconduct.

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# CITY OF HOUSTON ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2013 RACES AND CANDIDATES

## HOUSTON MAYOR

AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, AND OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE THE MAYOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSTON'S GENERAL MANAGEMENT; SEES THAT ALL LAWS ARE ENFORCED; MAKES ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; PRESIDES OVER CITY COUNCIL; ADVISES ON THE CITY'S FINANCES; AND PROPOSES THE ANNUAL BUDGET. LIMITED TO THREE 2-YEAR TERMS.

**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:** *If elected, what issues will be your three top priorities over the next two years? Explain why.*

*What steps will you take to resolve the financial shortfall between the City's pension commitments and the City's ability to fund for them?*

*What do you see as the role of city planning in creating a community that can attract and retain businesses in the global economy and appeal to a 21st Century workforce that is seeking a high quality of life?*

**CHARYL L. DRAB** UNABLE TO CONTACT



**ERIC B. DICK**

To save the city we must go back to the basics. For Houston to survive it must focus on its core government functions and do a good job at them. These functions are 1) public safety, 2) infrastructure, and 3) basic city services. Currently, our crime rates are on the rise, our streets are in deplorable condition, and in some areas our water is subpar. Furthermore, we need !!!

Houston has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. In fact, next year Houston is looking at a \$80 million shortfall in its budget and has a net liability of \$13.1 billion. The current administration's solution is to borrow more money. As a leader, Eric will deal with this deficit by setting the example. For instance, he will reduce his own salary and cap salaries of hi !!!

Houston is the best place to live because it follows a simple formula - the cost of living is low and it has a strong economy. Our economy is the result of the leadership of the Texas governor and not of our current administration. In fact, the current administration has repeatedly increased costs and fees which has lead the growth of Houston to become stagnant while the s !!!

*Education:* Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, Thomas M. Cooley; Masters of Laws and Letters, University of Alabama | *Experience:* Small business owner. Served at Michigan's Attorney General's Office in Tobacco Law. Served at Harris County District Attorney's Office in Welfare Fraud. | *Community Involvement:* Eric Dick is a third-generation native Houstonian and a proud republican activist. For example, he has fought against Houston's mayor criminalizing sharing food with the homeless. | *Website:* ericdickformayor.com | *Email:* ericdickformayor@gmail.com



**DON COOK**

1) A carbon anti-pollution ordinance to protect the health of our citizens, the climate of the city, and the coastline so close to us. 2) Tax abatement reprioritization to support small businesses, markets, and co-ops in challenged "hoods," not corporate welfare. 3) A citizens' review board for HPD with subpoena powers to insure accountability and human rights protections.

Proper tax abatements will insure that the city economy is healthy. The city WILL grow, but cutting unemployment from its current 6% to zero will put more money in circulation and raise the city revenues. In the Sequester Slump, I will start a city bank for cheap loans and micro-lending, issue local currency, & NOT fire workers, cut services, raise taxes, or cut pensions.

With oil and the port, maintaining and retaining business is not a problem. We have historically resisted zoning, but planning combining local and cross-town transit can encourage multiple, self-contained urban areas which are affordable, walkable, and sustainable; communities that combine work, entertainment, park, and recreation areas with vegetable gardens and markets.

*Education:* BA Psychology, University of Houston, 1970. MS Psychology, University of Oklahoma, 1973 | *Experience:* Masters level Psychologist at institution for the mentally impaired. Youth Counselor, Probation & Parole Office, Parole Officer | *Community Involvement:* Community activist/organizer 16 years, in areas of ecology & environment, social justice, grassroots democracy, nonviolence, overlapping with political activist/organizer 14 years | *Website:* www.DonCookforMayor.webs.com | *Email:* zenblews@hotmail.com

**KERYL BURGESS DOUGLAS** NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



**BEN HALL**

1. Economic Growth 2. Neighborhood Safety & Crime Reduction 3. Education; Regional economic growth does little to help Houston families suffering with unemployment. Joblessness is a driver of property crime and robbery. As Mayor, you can count on me to aggressively work to increase good paying jobs INSIDE Houston and to promote workforce training for the jobs of tomorrow.

I have an innovative approach to restructuring the city's pension liabilities. The current thinking treats these long-term liabilities as if all payouts will behave the same over three separate ten-year periods. My administration will work with insurance carriers to cover the risks associated with the later of those periods in exchange for reasonable annual premiums.

We also believe in the power of fresh ideas and forward-looking policies. I intend to encourage job and economic growth through tax incentives and business-friendly policies. I want to grow the private sector so that jobs will be created, new businesses developed, small businesses be given an opportunity to grow, and to provide a prosperous environment for our citizens.

*Education:* Univ. of South Carolina - B.A., Duke University - Master of Divinity and Ph.D., Harvard Law School - Juris Doctorate | *Experience:* I began working at the Vinson & Elkins law firm in 1986. I was later selected to serve as the City Attorney of Houston during Mayor Bob Lanier's administration. After my time as City Attorney, I went on to practice law with John O. Quinn. In 2000, I founded the Hall Law Firm. | *Community Involvement:* I serve the Houston community through pro bono efforts on behalf of groups, corporations and individuals in need of representation. I am a lifetime member of the NAACP, a longtime supporter of the SHAPE Community Center, have built homes through Habitat for Humanity, and have devoted my career to fighting civil rights abuses and environmental injustices in Houston communities. | *Website:* www.benhallformayor.com | *Email:* schedule@benhallformayor.com



**ANNISE D. PARKER**

Houston is on a roll and we need to keep it going! I will continue to focus on creating jobs through initiatives like Hire Houston First, making Houston safer by adding more police officers and helping our kids succeed by funding after-school summer job programs.

Our city must continue to be able to fund the vital services on which its residents depend. At the same time, current and future city retirees deserve secure and stable retirements. The first step is gaining local control over pension negotiations. We are making substantial progress with our municipal employees and police retirement systems through direct negotiations.

As a city without zoning, Houston can benefit greatly from thoughtful planning. I will continue to use available land use tools to incentivize thoughtful development and access to parks and greenspace. For instance, we recently revised our development ordinance to allow for more housing that is affordable to teachers, firefighters and working families.

*Education:* Bachelor of Arts, Rice University | *Experience:* I served six years as a City Council member and six years as City Controller. In the private sector, I spent 20 years working in the oil and gas industry, including 18 years with Mosbacher Energy Company. | *Community Involvement:* I serve in a leadership capacity with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, as a member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary's Advisory Council and on the boards of the Texas Environmental Research Consortium and Houston Galveston Area Council. I also serve as an advisory board member of the Holocaust Museum, Center for Houston's Future and Montrose Center. | *Website:* www.anniseparker.com | *Email:* annise@anniseparker.com



**MICHAEL FITZSIMMONS**

Join with working people resisting the effects of the deep economic crisis of the capitalist system: for a big increase in the minimum wage; defend union struggles; and organize workers. End participation in anti-immigrant Secure Communities and E-Verify programs and defend women's right to choose abortion. Join others demanding return of US troops from around the world.

My campaign demands no cuts to pensions; end taxation of workers income and property; and for government-funded health care for all. Workers transform nature and create all wealth, but only a fraction is returned in wages, Social Security, and other social benefits -- all of them won through the organization, solidarity, and disciplined struggle of millions.

I will continue to campaign for a massive, government-funded jobs program. A struggle for this would unite working people and counter the divisions fostered by the bosses. It points toward independent working-class political action that can lead to building a movement to take political power from the propertied rulers, the way working people did in Cuba.

*Experience:* Socialist Workers Party candidate for US Senate in Ohio in 2000 | *Community Involvement:* Active life long in trade union struggles, immigrant rights, and defending women's right to choose abortion. Participant in protests against racist Confederate flag monument in Palestine, Texas; and demonstrations against police brutality. Supporter of worldwide effort to free the Cuban Five. Cuban revolutionaries framed up and serving time in US prisons for accepting assignments from the Cuban government to monitor rightist Cuban-American groups that carry out terrorist attacks against Cuba and supporters of the Cuban revolution. | *Email:* houstonswp@att.net



**VICTORIA LANE**

My priorities are to improve the economy by making Houston the Tourism Capital of Texas, improve the education system, and bring back morality in running our city government. These three are major concerns for the city.

The first step is to review the budget and see what non-essential expenditure can be scrapped to fund the pensions. One example of this is money spent on biking and hiking trails. If this is not yet enough, the next step is to impose sin taxes targeting those who can afford. An example of this is a 1% tax on alcoholic beverages purchased in night clubs and bars.

City planning is critical to the progress of a city. A mayor should be able to plan for the future expansion of the city to accommodate the influx of new businesses. Critical to these endeavors are the expansion or the building of new roads and infrastructures to the outlying areas of Houston to encourage builders to build more hotels and new communities.

*Education:* Nursing and Business Administration | *Experience:* Financial Consultant, Marketing, Accounting, Tax Preparation 38 years, sell IRA Life & Annuities, Debt consolidation, Do wills & trust. | *Community Involvement:* President HACS 5 years, Treasurer 6 years SDA Church, do fund raising for Lions Club, non-profit organizations & churches, feed children in need & retired people, and philanthropist | *Website:* www.victorialanefor mayor.com | *Email:* victorialane53@yahoo.com

**DEREK A. JENKINS** NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

MAYOR

# HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL IS HOUSTON'S LEGISLATIVE BODY. MEMBERS ENACT AND ENFORCE ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET; CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS; AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPROPRIATION AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS, AWARDING OF CONTRACTS AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$50,000. LIMITED TO THREE 2-YEAR TERMS.

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*How will you represent the needs and interests of your district while also working collaboratively with your City Council colleagues to address issues that affect the entire city?*

*What do you see as the role of city planning in creating a community that can attract and retain businesses in the global economy and appeal to a 21st Century workforce that is seeking a high quality of life?*



## AMY PECK

1. Protect Us From Crime, Fire, and Flooding: I will focus on these necessary city functions. 2. Responsibly Care for Our Tax Dollars: I will thoroughly audit each city program to be better stewards of our tax dollars. 3. Improve Constituent Services: With almost eight years of experience, I understand the importance of assisting constituents.

Having worked on the state level of government for many years, I know what it means to represent constituents. Representation doesn't mean voting yes every time, and it doesn't mean voting no every time. It takes a leader to make tough decisions. I will fight for District A with every vote, but that doesn't mean I have to alienate the other council members in the process.

The best way to attract and retain business is to give businesses reliability that city council won't change the rules on them. When government stays out as much as possible and allows those who truly understand their industry to make decisions, businesses thrive.

*Education:* UT-Austin: BA Psychology, BA Government; UH: M.Ed. Counseling Psychology | *Experience:* I have worked for Senator Jon Lindsay and am currently the District Director for Senator Dan Patrick. With almost eight years of experience working on the state level, I am excited to bring this experience and knowledge to the city level, where knowledge and experience are both so desperately needed. | *Community Involvement:* I have worked on numerous campaigns, such as SBOE Member Donna Bahorich, State House Representative Allen Fletcher, and State Senator Dan Patrick. I have been involved in many republican groups over the years and volunteer regularly with the Harris County Republican Party. I have also volunteered at Texas Children's Hospital and have counseled at the VA Hospital. | *Website:* AmyPeck.org | *Email:* Amy@AmyPeck.org



## BRENDA STARDIG

My top priorities will be to use conservative approaches to enhance public safety, find solutions to our flooding problems and provide homeowners with real tax relief, especially our senior citizens. Safe, dry and affordable neighborhoods will continue to attract middle-class families to the area, which in turn strengthens our economy and builds our community.

When I previously served on City Council, I was able to work well with my city council colleagues, city employees and neighborhood leaders to get things done for District A and Houstonians citywide. Working together we were able to get long-delayed street projects moving forward, dangerous buildings bulldozed, and schools and churches exempted from the drainage fee.

Homeowners and businesses want predictability when they invest in property, and planning can help provide that predictability. But city imposed rules must respect property rights, not cause unnecessary delays and be fairly enforced. As Houston's population continues to grow we must find ways to put the right rules in place to protect our investments and neighborhoods.

*Education:* Attended Stephen F. Austin University and University of Houston | *Experience:* Worked in the financial industry 20 years prior to a successful transition to a residential real estate broker. City of Houston Council Member District A (Jan 2010-Dec 2011) | *Community Involvement:* I bring years of institutional knowledge I gained as a volunteer community leader in the district -- serving as a civic club president, super neighborhood leader, TIRZ board member and member of local organizations such as the YMCA. Recognizing the importance of being inclusive, I have learned sign language and regularly collaborate with the hearing impaired community and support the ADA. | *Website:* www.brendastardig.com | *Email:* brenda@brendastardig.com



## RON HALE

My first priority is jobs by creating an environment by which job creation is possible developing a program with the city to help new small business start-ups. Second is public safety creating improvements to the programs that are already being used to inform citizen what they can do to help stop crime. Stop the wasteful spending in CIP projects by balancing the books.

The needs of my District are the needs of all the Districts in Houston and that is jobs, public safety, and CIP projects being started. I will show the other council members how we can put more CIP projects on the books by stopping wasteful spending. Also, by showing we all have the same goals is the best way to get things done.

The role of city planning is to make sure we are using the best technology when starting improvements in areas to attract businesses to also invest capital in the area. We have to stay ahead of all other cities when it comes to quality of life improvements to retain businesses and attract new ones.

*Education:* Spring Branch ISD, Tomball College, NICET II Engineer, and Security Level 1 & 2 | *Experience:* 16 years working in the private security sector with HOAs, Civic Clubs, business owners, and government agencies. | *Community Involvement:* Houston Bretheran Church, Houston Young Professionals Society, NRA, SPJST, Boy Scouts of America Alumni. | *Website:* ronaldrayhale.com | *Email:* info@RonaldRayHale.com



## HELENA BROWN

My #1 priority has been constituent service. Over the past 2 years we have delivered an unprecedented level of constituent service & attention. Secondly, streets & drainage must be the priority of the City. Unfortunately the Drainage Fund is being tapped to pay city salaries & buy new vehicles. Finally, we'll continue to advocate for good city policy & responsible spending

District A residents deserve a representative that voices their interests & values independent of the political tides at City Hall. Yet, I've voted with the majority 90% of the time. I'll continue to apply my motto: "the best ideas do not come from the halls of government but from the people in our community." My re-election campaign is joined by over 70 civic leaders.

I successfully fought bad policies that would have harmed business & cost Houston jobs. The 250% increase on permitting fees & 40% water rate hike initiated by my predecessor must be reversed. I voted the will of District A against Chapter 42 high density development. I co-authored the Bradford-Burks-Brown Amendment which raised the city property tax exemption for seniors.

*Education:* Honors Graduate, University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX), BA History/Math 2001 | *Experience:* - Business professional with 10 years of experience in administration, marketing, and technology. - Worked in City Government at Bunker Hill Village. - Elected to Houston City Council December of 2011 | *Community Involvement:* - 23 year resident of District A. - Lifelong community activist and volunteer. - 17 year Member of the Harris County Republican Party Executive Committee. - Board Member, Institute of Hispanic Culture of Houston. - Member of the Houston Property Rights Association. - Former Board President of Moritz Village Townhomes Association. - Leader and organizer of numerous church, political, and community groups and projects. - Named one of "Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2012" by Houston Woman Magazine. - Named 2012 "Political Woman of the Year" by Sucesos Newspaper and Solo Mujeres Magazine. - Endorsed by more than 70 District A Civic Leaders | *Website:* www.helenabrown.com | *Email:* helenabrowncampaign@gmail.com

## MIKE KNOX NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



## KATHY BLUEFORD-DANIELS

1. Infrastructure: Streets have not been paved/resurfaced in more than 25 years. Poor infrastructure will not attract potential homeowners and/or businesses. 2. Safety: Abandoned properties, overgrown lots, poor lighting, narrow & dead end streets attract illegal activity, rodents, and are a safe haven for transients and stray dogs. 3. Jobs: Crime will decrease as jobs increase

To represent the needs and interest of the district/city: I would meet, listen, review and evaluate concerns of constituents. I would also suggest that each council member visit, and interact with constituents in all districts, to visualize, personalize, and prioritize the needs of the individual communities.

City Planning must first adequately invest in the infrastructure to attract affordable homebuilders, homeowners and food chains. Areas identified as food deserts: incentives should be offered to operate in these areas. As Houston's population continues to grow, foresight should be given to affordable mass transportation to improve traffic jams and air quality.

*Education:* Champions Real Estate - Completed May 2013, Phillis Wheatley High School, Houston Community College - Studied Nursing, Massey Business College - Studied Accounting/Bookkeeping, William F. Bolger Management - Studied Business Management | *Experience:* 23 Years Business Management | *Community Involvement:* Houston Black American Democrats, NAACP, Tejano Democrats, Acres Homes Chamber for Business and Economic Development, Inc., NorthEast Concerned Citizens Civic League, Superneighborhood #55 (5th Ward), Black, Latino, Asian, Caucasian - Mourners of Murder (BLAC MoM), Founder, Active member: Greater True Vine Baptist Church, Rev. Matthew R. Alix, Sr., Pastor | *Website:* www.kathyfordistrictb.com | *Email:* mzkat@att.net



## KENNETH PERKINS

My top three priorities are: a) Job creation/training, community safety/awareness and economic development. We must keep Dist. B vibrant and productive. b) Reducing crime and promoting safety. (We are our brother's keeper) c) Clean and attractive neighborhoods without debris and illegal dumping, brings about new businesses into our community.

I am a problem solver and will do all I can to make sure that Dist. B is well represented, while working with the mayor and all of city council colleagues. I will see that the best interests of all Houstonians are well represented in all decisions that are made. I want the people to know that my fundamental duty would be to serve the people of the community.

City planning plays an important role in making sure that our communities are livable and attractive. It is also important that those businesses that locate in Dist. B are able to have a workforce that is technically advanced and prepared with the proper training. We must work with our school districts and community colleges to see that adequate training is provided.

*Education:* Attend: North Forest I.S.D. (Shadydale and Fondwood (Elementary) Northwood (Middle School) Forest Brook (High School). Graduate of: Houston Technical Institute/ Houston Community College (Associate Degree) Mountain State University (Bachelor Of Science) | *Experience:* Worked in law Enforcement nearly 30; as a Police Officer/ Police Sergeant. (HPD) (Precinct 2 Constable) Read/Write and Speak Spanish. Up and coming author of a great book. Seasonal U.S. Postal-worker. | *Community Involvement:* Community Leader: Getting kids back in school. Visiting the elderly and sick in their homes. Three month meeting with the older church members. Works with Shady-dale Church of God on neighborhood programs for the community. Cut grass and pick trash with others to help those that are not able. I could go on however, I don't really like talking much about what I do for the people it's because I do it from my heart and as long as God's knows I am good and happy. A hard working Democrat. | *Website:* Vote Kenneth Perkins.com | *Email:* mrkrp@hotmail.com

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DISTRICT A

DISTRICT B



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DISTRICT B (CONTINUED)



## JAMES "JOE" JOSEPH

As Council Member of District B, over the next two years I shall advocate for; 1. Safer Neighborhoods - Community Patrol (i.e. neighborhood protection, business owner safety program) - infrastructure improvements (i.e. home repairs, community/business development) 2. Economic Opportunity - Women Owned Business - Job Training 3. Education - Fund School Programs

*Education:* HISD/NFISD, Prairie View A&M - Business Management | *Experience:* Founder/ CEO, NEX (Neighborhood Enrichment Xchange) 501c3 Non-Profit Organization | *Community Involvement:* President, BOND (Blocks Organizing Neighborhood Defense) Fifth Ward Civic League, Est.. 1989 by Police Chief Lee P. Brown | *Website:* www.jamesjoseph4B.com | *Email:* jjoseph4B@jamesjoseph4B.com

As Council Member of District B, team work will be a major resource tool for the advancement of the district. I will represent the needs of my community by Planning and Developing solid partnerships, strong relationships and vested collaboration alone with the colleagues of council to address issues that affect the tax payer, citizens and women minority businesses.

City planning for a global economy must develop a proactive CIP (Community Improvement Plans) that address the needs of communities that sustains the growth of this great city and attract companies that want to do business here. When people can feel better about their services, business move in and "Food Deserts" are eradicated, the pursuit of happiness can be achieved.



## JERRY DAVIS

My top 3 priorities for my district for the next 2 years are jobs, illegal dumping and cleaning up the district. District B is a place with skilled and talented people that should have access to good jobs. It is a wonderful place to live and I want the District to reflect that by tearing down abandoned buildings, improving the roads and closely monitoring illegal dumping.

*Education:* B.A. from Washington College, Master's in Educational Administration from Prairie View A&M University | *Experience:* Teacher, Administrator, Successful business owner and co-owner of the breakfast klub, Reggae Hut and The Alley Kat Bar and Lounge. | *Community Involvement:* CEO of Making it Better a nonprofit started to address the severe disadvantages faced by low-income children in the Houston area by providing them with academic intervention, positive activities, and adult role models. Also a board member on Change Happens!, local community-based nonprofit serving adults and at risk youths. | *Website:* www.jerryvdavis.com | *Email:* jvd@jerryvdavis.com

I believe that working collaboratively is in the best needs and interests of the people in District B as well as all of Houston. I have and will continue to take a proactive role on Council with issues that affect my district, fighting hard for my district and keeping District B and its residents at the forefront of my mind when deciding how to vote.

While I believe city planning can be beneficial to a city and its economy, I also believe that Houston and its strong economy has achieved much acclaim both nationally and internationally while lacking zoning laws. The lack of zoning laws is just one of Houston's unique features and I do not believe it detracts from businesses coming our area and succeeding.

## DISTRICT C

## ELLEN COHEN *Running Unopposed*



## TRAVIS MCGEE

My priorities will be Crime, Drainage, and Education. Our neighborhoods have to be safe to live in. Drainage is important because our communities are flooding on a regular basis due to years of neglect. Education is the key to economic development through trades in school. Most of the crime is being committed by minors, so it important to keep our schools open.

*Education:* B.H Grimes Elementary, Crispus Attucks Middle School, Evan E. Worthing High School, Attended: Texas Southern University for (Criminal Justice) did complete due to denial of financial aid, Texas Barber College C/O 2002 | *Experience:* McGee's Hall Of Famer's Barbershop (Owner), The Jireh Community Life Center 501(c)3 -CEO | *Community Involvement:* President of We The People of Sunnyside Garden/ Bayou Estates Civic, Vice President; Sunnyside /Southpark Superneighborhood 3M Scholarship Fund- President | *Website:* Mcgee4districtd.com | *Email:* mcgeetravis@sbcglobal.net

I think the needs of all people should be prioritized, but my constituents would be my # 1 priority. All spending of our tax dollars should be prioritized. Drainage, crime, and education affects us all some just worst than others.

Again drainage, crime, and education has to be priority to make us a great city. If all entities we pay taxes to would work together and put people before politics, we can and will appeal to anyone.



## KEITH CALDWELL

Safer Communities, Economic Development, Improving and Maintaining Quality of Life for Seniors.

*Education:* University of Phoenix, Houston Campus | *Experience:* Nearly two decades of managerial experience and 15 of those years were spent in Health Care Management | *Community Involvement:* I am a Board Member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), Operation Food Basket, Member of the Saint James Lodge 429, Member of the Black Coalition of Trade Unionist, Member of the Transportation Worker's Union, and the NAACP Houston Chapter. | *Website:* www.keithcaldwellfordistrictd.com | *Email:* caldwell081@gmail.com

I will work diligently with other city council members to address the needs in District D and the City of Houston. This includes working with city council members to address any obstacles or conflicts, as well as, creating a strong foundation for economic development.

It is imperative that we develop more productive communities by focusing on beautification, economic infrastructure, creating healthy environments to raise our families, and stronger school systems throughout the city. Furthermore, providing tax breaks, attracting and retaining global support is critical to the growth and support of our city.

DISTRICT D



## CHRISTINA SANDERS

Expanding and restoring after-school programs for young people to decrease crime and violence in our neighborhoods; Small business and economic development, including a key focus on addressing unemployment and underemployment; Community revitalization/Balanced business and real estate development by welcoming businesses and residential investments in our communities.

*Education:* B.S., Political Science and M.P.A., Public Policy from Texas Southern University | *Experience:* I have 8 years of experience in public policy in the following capacities: State Director, Texas League of Young Voters Education Fund; Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Texas Southern University; Consultant, White House Project; District Aide/Policy Analyst, Office of State Senator Rodney Ellis; Policy Coordinator, Houston Communities for Safe Indoor Air (HSCIA) | *Community Involvement:* I attended Grimes Elementary, Cullen Middle, and spent time at Yates High School. I received two degrees from Texas Southern University including a Masters in Public Policy; where I now serve as an adjunct professor of Political Science - educating young people on how government works and how to make government work for them. I have spent the last 11 years of my life organizing in this community and on behalf of this community...my community; and, the last eight years I've directly worked on major public policy with successful progressive policy changes. I know firsthand the challenges we face and I have the energy and skill to take on our challenges in City Hall. | *Website:* www.christinaforhouston.com | *Email:* info@christinaforhouston.com

I will work in a collaborative effort with my colleagues on City Council to address the needs of District D and Houston through a high standard of quality leadership, teamwork and communication. We are all in this together to make Houston a better city for all!

District D has a very beautiful, vibrant and diverse population. We have to bring a balanced approach to city planning and development that will work for the community. This includes incentives to attract and retain businesses to the District and in Houston. In addition, we must have a well-educated 21st Century workforce ready and prepared to fill these new jobs.



## DEMETRIA SMITH

1. Creating entrepreneurs because it will help our economy. 2. Promoting education through partnerships with the school district to reduce drop out rates by working with the community and to promote education to adults to get them skillfully trained and prepared to enter into the workforce to enhance families livability. 3. Increasing prosperity to help reduce poverty by !!!

*Education:* Studying bachelors in political science. | *Experience:* Mortgage Loan Officer and Underwriter, Tax expert, Financial Consultant, Insurance agent background, Medical Business College Instructor, Financial Radio Talk Show Host, Theater Playwright, Producer, and Director. | *Community Involvement:* Financial and Credit Education through workshops and seminars. | *Website:* demetriasmithcampaign.nationbuilder.com | *Email:* dsmith9550@yahoo.com

By keeping my district informed of the resources that is made available to their needs through town hall meetings and news letters.

By creating a policy that can help develop entrepreneurs and technology programs to implement throughout the community, I believe if we can promote education and skillfully train our community along with building community assets through taxation, we can then attract new investors and retain them.

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## N. "ASSATA" RICHARDS

My priorities will be to increase development and revitalization, build community capacity and improve transparency and responsiveness of city government. With the necessary investment of resources and support from officials in local government, I believe that communities become the best advocates to create changes most needed to improve their collective quality of life.

I will continue in my role an effective bridge builder between community, the public sector and private entities. As Vice Chair of the Houston Housing Authority, I have a proven track record of building consensus for progressive policies and major initiatives that improve the lives of individual residents and contribute to revitalizing and developing key areas in our city.

The role of city planning is to build strong partnerships with the private sector and community stakeholders, which include business owners, non-profits, civic associations and property owners. Such coalitions are well-positioned to work effectively together developing strategies to maximize resources and to build upon every community's historical and cultural assets.

*Education:* BA in Sociology from the University of Houston, Masters and PhD in Sociology from Pennsylvania State University | *Experience:* Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Houston Housing Authority (Mayoral appointment), Program Manager, Young Mother's Residential Program at Project Row Houses, working with single mothers and their children to complete their educations and become self-sufficient, Co-founder and Director, Sankofa Research Institute (SRI), a community centered research institute focused on identifying, developing and advancing strategies to build effective communities for the purpose of mobilizing meaningful social change, Professor in Sociology, University of Pittsburg Sociology Department, Adjunct Professor in Sociology, University of Houston Sociology Department, Advisory Council Member, Center for Women's Heart and Vascular Health at Texas Heart Institute | *Community Involvement:* Shape Community Center, Third Ward Community Cloth, Sankofa Community Empowerment, Sankofa Research Institute, Project Row Houses | *Website:* www.assatarichards.com | *Email:* arichards@assatarichards.com



## DWIGHT BOYKINS

Improving infrastructure specifically street and drainage reconstruction, improving quality of life for senior citizens and sustainable job creation

I will cross collaborate on issues of importance with each district council member in exchange for support of projects favorable toward District D.

Effective city planning recognizes the unique aspects of each community while ensuring all individuals have a great quality of life. As a local governing body it is in the best interest of a city to offer incentives that attract businesses to the city such as the City of Houston 380 agreement and State of Texas Enterprise Fund.

*Education:* BBA in Marketing from Texas Southern University | *Experience:* I am President and CEO of d Boykins Consulting Firm, LLC | *Community Involvement:* Sustaining Member of Harris County Democratic Party, Life member of the NAACP, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Tejano Democrats, Harris County Black Democrats, Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce, Southbelt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Black Heritage Committee, Former Commissioner of City of Houston Rebuild Houston and Former Board Member of Hurricane Ike Relief Fund | *Website:* boykins2013.com/ | *Email:* boykins2013@gmail.com



## LANA EDWARDS

Crime, drainage and infrastructure, and After School Programs will be my priorities. The reduction of crime is necessary for the safety and security of constituents to have an improved quality of life. Additional businesses and jobs will come to safer communities. Improved drainage and filling ditches for safety, and more use of After School Programs will assist families.

I will get input from the communities of District D to assure that their needs and interests are addressed. I will continue to communicate with them through community meetings and media and remain available to work for their interests first. I will collaborate with City Council for I know that many of our decisions affect the quality of life for the entire city.

The role of city planning is crucial in creating and maintaining safe communities to attract and retain businesses in the global economy and appeal to a 21st Century workforce seeking a high quality of life. This must be done by increasing law enforcement cadet classes, establishing trained and monitored neighborhood watch volunteers, and having more security visibility.

*Education:* University of Houston, Advanced Studies; Texas Southern University, Master of Education; Dillard University, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Xavier University Preparatory High School | *Experience:* Educational Consultant, Principal, HISD's Windsor Village Elementary; Assistant Principal, HSPVA, High School for the Performing and Visual Arts; Magnet Coordinator, Teacher, English Dept. Chairperson, High School for Health Professions (DeBakey); Teacher, Houston Technical Institute (HTI); Lamar High School, Fondren Middle School, Samuel J. Green Jr. High, New Orleans, La.; Fieldston Ethical Culture School, Bronx, NY | *Community Involvement:* Mentoring youth, assisting Rita/Katrina donation drives, providing scholarships for youth, fundraising for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and St. Jude's Hospital, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness, volunteering in political campaigns, serving as Secretary to State Democratic Convention and delegate in 1984, Democratic National Convention | *Website:* lanaedwardsfordistrictd.com | *Email:* lanacedwards@gmail.com



## LARRY MCKINZIE

Public Safety, Community Infrastructure and Community Involvement. Public Safety is always a concern. District D seems to have been left behind in the consideration for better Public Safety and improved Infrastructure. Community Involvement should not be factor in getting Safety and Infrastructure but it is; so, it is a priority that is be doubled or tripled in District D.

I will communicate with my constituents so that I will be able to communicate the wishes to City Council so that there will be an efficient collaboration. I am a public servant. I do not know all the answers but I will know what "The People" want in District D.

The City of Houston acts as a liaison between the people and the World. The needs of the people of Houston's District D comes first. If we can create a global environment that insures a high quality of life and perpetuates a good economic state in Houston's District D then I am for it.

*Education:* BS Biology, BS Medical Technology (ASCP) | *Experience:* Certified Teacher, Certified Medical Technologist | *Community Involvement:* Former Precinct Chairperson #180, Scott Terrace Civic Club Member, Community Advocate | *Website:* www.larrymckinzie.com | *Email:* campaign@larrymckinzie.com



## ANTHONY ROBINSON

1-Public Safety: The safety of residents has a direct impact on the ability to secure economic development and Quality of Life. 2-Infrastructure: Addressing current flooding situation, public lighting, stop illegal dumping and abandoned houses are essential to improving Quality of Life and support economic development. 3-Economic Empowerment/Economic Development: Create a su //

The needs of all citizens are essential the same, only the distribution of resources, services and policy implementation create a disparity in Quality of Life issues. My responsibilities will center on obtaining a higher rate of return in city services and resources while working to create opportunities for investment and development in the District.

To incorporate in the City's growth plan opportunities and allocation of resources that are sustainable in the District, both economically and maintainable under current projected growth models.

*Education:* JD, Ph.D. applicant - Urban Planning Environmental Policy, LL.M. - Chinese Law LL.B. equivalent - Chinese Basic Law, MA. - Humanities, BA. - Sociology, AS. - Accounting/Small Business Entrepreneurial | *Experience:* General Counsel, Of Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, International Logistics Coordinator | *Community Involvement:* Community Public Safety Advocate | *Website:* anthonyrobinson.org | *Email:* robinson4districtD@gmail.com

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## GEORGIA D. PROVOST

1. Infrastructure improvement in our high flood areas. Much of the sunnyside and southpark areas are low plain areas that suffers with immense flooding. 2. Crime reduction; partnership with HPD; Install brighter street lights; cut weeded lots. 3. Develop active communities; network of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will yield social, economic and environmental benefits.

There must be open dialog with citizens. Conduct town hall meetings, workshops and forums. I will meet with my colleagues outside of council chambers to seek agreements that will benefit the city as a whole. We may not always agree. But we can find middle ground.

There must be a grand vision in the creation of our communities to offer a higher quality of life for citizens. Organize community-wide workshops and leadership training sessions to develop small businesses. Solicit investors to enhance and strengthen our community businesses and expansion of other businesses. Partner with T.S.U and U.of H. for additional resources.

*Education:* B.S. Degree in Technology. | *Experience:* Business owner (65 Yrs. Photography Firm). Community Relations Director for The Houston Forward Times Newspaper. Inter-Collegiate Press, Marketing/sales; Public Relations MacGregor Publicity. *Community Involvement:* Helfman/Provost Fundraising Team (31 yrs); Community Activist; Executive Director, TSU Bayou Bend Alumni Assoc., Inc.; Youth for Christ Foundation, Bayou Bend Academy; OMOM Civil Right classes. Board member, Youth Freedom Institute, and a host of others. | *Website:* www.gdprovost.com | *Email:* gdprovost@hotmail.com



## IVIS JOHNSON

Taxes: Promote lower taxes by using citizens tax dollars wisely. School Safety: Keeping our children safe to and from school by creating a community safety committee. Infrastructure: Improve our streets and sidewalks; concentrate on key drainage problems throughout District D. to avoid flooding.

All citizens of Houston are concerned about property taxes, crime, sidewalks, streets, school safety and assisting the elderly. All Council Persons are concerned with these problems. We must work together to ensure that all districts are given an equal amount of funds to remedy the problems of the City.

We must create a safe environment, a trained and educated work force to bring in new businesses and job growth.

*Education:* Bachelors of Science Degree in Technology and a Teacher's Certification | *Experience:* Manager, Business Owner and Contractor. | *Community Involvement:* H O A Board Member, Organized the family Christmas Fund for families in need. Creator of City of Houston Employees.com and Urban Workforce.com websites | *Website:* ivisjohnson.com | *Email:* ivisjohnson@gmail.com

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## DISTRICT E

**DAVE MARTIN** *Running Unopposed*

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### RICHARD NGUYEN

District F is underserved. The top three priorities for District F are: 1) Public Safety - HPD and HFD must be efficiently funded; 2) Infrastructure - roads, water mains, and sewers must be maintained, repaired or constructed accordingly and timely; and 3) Quality representation of the citizens in City Hall.

The most pressing issue that is affecting every municipality, including ours, is unemployment. I will be a team player, not a rogue Councilman, in working with other Council members to bring more business to not just our city, but to all districts as well. When our constituents prosper, the communities benefit from such growth.

Although we are living in the early 21st Century, I feel that we need to look well beyond that. We need to have visions further than what we believe we are capable of. Houston, therefore, must plan to create a community that not only attracts but retain corporations, manufacturers, and businesses of all caliber. Lower tax rates, better housing and schools are the forces

*Education:* BA Psychology - Capital University, Columbus, Ohio; MS Oriental Medicine - Texas College of TCM, Austin, Texas | *Experience:* Former Teacher, former health care worker, writer, cartoonist | *Community Involvement:* Lien Hoa Buddhist Center, former Catalina Square Improvement Committee Member | *Email:* dandelion63@yahoo.com

DISTRICT F



### AL HOANG

To continue the achievements of my council tenure the last four years: 1. Crime reduction about 18% each year in four consecutive years. 2. Job growth via the relocation of giant companies to District F such as Datavox and Emerson and foreign investments. 3. Infrastructure construction on major thoroughfares such as Bellaire, Beechnut, and expansion of Westpark. 4. funding ///

For the last four years, I have worked with the Administration and other councilmembers effectively by listening and reciprocal communications as well as compromise. The Mayor and 16 councilmembers are a team working for the best interest of the City; therefore, it requires a team-player spirit.

First: The quality of life by low crime, good parks, safe streets and better infrastructure, nice libraries and public arts, great transportation, effective airports, reasonable taxes, no over-regulation, first class hotels and restaurants, first class medical services, effective emergency responses such as police & ambulance services, sport oriented, business incentives vi ///

*Education:* BA in Philosophy from UH and Juris Doctor from TSU. | *Experience:* Attorney-at-Law since 1997. Member of Texas Criminal Defense Attorney. | *Community Involvement:* President of Vietnamese Community 2007-2009. Member of Asian Chamber of Commerce. Member of Asian Crime Advisory Board. Member of Christ Incarnate Word. Pro bono Family Law teacher for Our Lady of Lourdes. | *Website:* Votealhoang.com | *Email:* Votealhoang@gmail.com

DISTRICT G



### BRIAN TAEF

Budget: The City of Houston is in deep financial trouble. I hope to bring my experience in the professional world to the table at City Hall. Infrastructure: Both district G and Houston have a infrastructure problem that needs to be dealt with immediately. Crime: Houston is a #1 hub for Human Trafficking, I will work with HPD and HCSD to put an end to that.

Considering Houston's size we know that most of the issues that affects our city affects our district directly. So the need of the City is the need of District G as well, I will work my colleagues to assure that the good people of Houston have a voice in City Hall.

Houston is the 4th largest City in the United States, I believe knowing that fact we should start acting like it. City Hall has let down our town over and over by letting the growing rate of our State to cover their short coming, I believe with focusing on our infrastructure, and expanding to become more modern we will help our town stay competitive.

*Education:* High School Diploma | *Experience:* TAwesome Property Holding INC, GFP Petroleum LLC, GNC-League City | *Community Involvement:* Former board member of Houston Young Republicans. | *Website:* www.BrianTaef.com | *Email:* Brian@BrianTaef.com



### OLIVER PENNINGTON

Neighborhood services, safety of residents and budget matters. Delivering critical city services in an effective, efficient and fiscally responsible manner are vital to sustaining a high quality of life for the citizens of District G. Working with the leadership of Super Neighborhoods and law enforcement to ensure the safety of families will remain a major priority.

I have a strong reputation of working in collaboration with the Mayor and my fellow Councilmembers to comprehensively address public policy issues. Properly addressing the specific needs of the citizens of District G such a police protection, streets, drainage and a vibrant business climate are directly linked to the long-term resiliency and vitality of our entire city.

It is imperative we continue carrying the message that without proper investment and attention to infrastructure, Houston's economic stability, global competitiveness, and ability to retain and attract new businesses and their employees are threatened. It is also important that we listen to citizens regarding the impact of a project on traffic and neighborhood integrity.

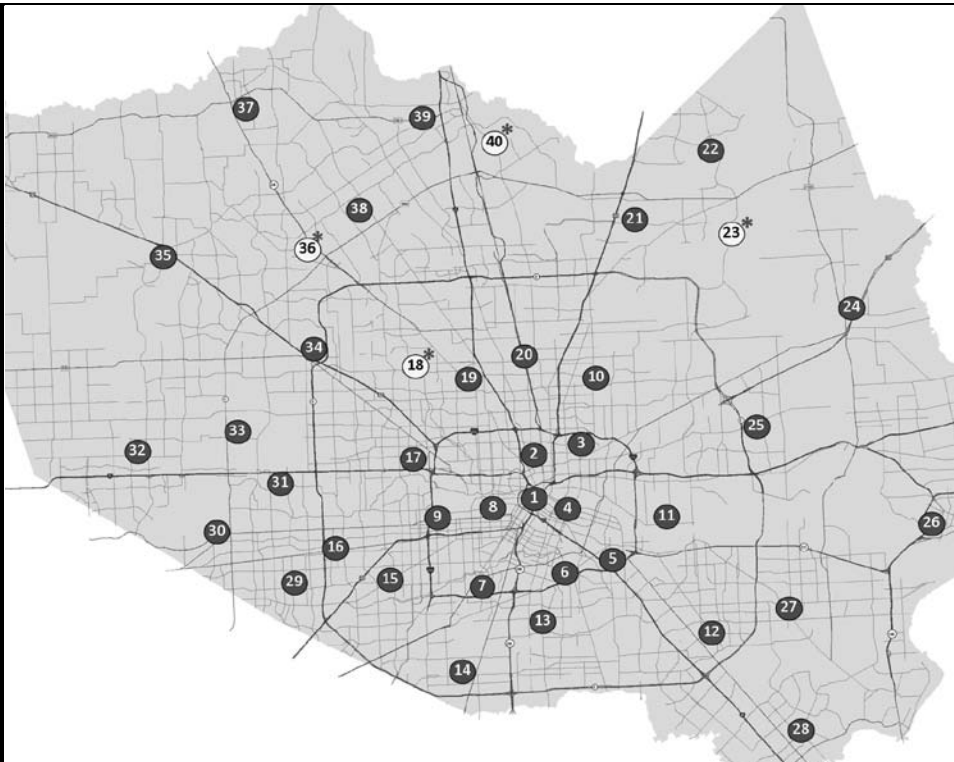
*Education:* B.A. in History from Rice University; J.D. from The University of Texas at Austin School of Law | *Experience:* Prior to his election to Houston City Council, Council Member Pennington was a partner at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP. | *Community Involvement:* Former Chairman of the Houston Civil Service Commission. Former Board Member of the Memorial Park Conservancy. Member of the Houston Bar Association. Member of the Greater Houston Partnership where he is or has been a member of the Water Laws Committee, the Environmental Committee and the Economic Development Committee. Former member of the Board of Directors of North Houston Association. | *Website:* www.oliverpennington.com | *Email:* info@oliverpennington.com

## DISTRICT H

**EDWARD "ED" GONZALEZ** *Running Unopposed*

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EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS



### THESE LOCATIONS ARE FOR EARLY VOTING ONLY.

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DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD, OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 1, 2013, YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY OF THE DESIGNATED EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS.

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DISTRICT I



## LETICIA GUTIERREZ ABLAZA

Economic Development - Creating an environment in which the district can attract decent food choices and retail shops. Not halfway houses and payday loan shops. Rising Fees - Making the fees that businesses and people pay to sustain the city more fair and equitable. Community First - Supporting what the community wants first and foremost.

*Education:* University of St. Thomas Finance / Economics With Honors | *Experience:* Fraud investigation, real estate development. | *Community Involvement:* Board Cossaboom YMCA, Board Institute of Hispanic Culture, Mentoring Young Females, Community Organizing | *Website:* voteablaza.com | *Email:* info@voteablaza.com



## ROBERT GALLEGOS

I will work to direct Rebuild Houston Funds collected in District I to be invested in the decaying infrastructure. Quality of Life by addressing air pollution issues of District I, work to provide after school and summer programs for our youth that directly affects the quality of life of the entire family and communities. Increase public safety in District I neighborhoods.

I have 30 years experience working in the communities of District I as a community activist and as a professional community liaison. My record is bringing people together and advocating a position. I will take these skills to Council first representing the needs and concerns of District I while working collaboratively to move Houston forward as the city of opportunity,

The City of Houston should have a Planning and Development Department charged with the task to insure that Houston remains a vibrant and sustainable city by partnering with decision makers and the community to balance needs and interest to address density, transportation while providing welcoming neighborhoods for working families. City planning is essential for success.

*Education:* Ashford University, BA in Organizational Management; Spencer School of Real Estate, Date of completion July, 2012. Houston International University, BA Public Administration, Houston Community College, AA International Trade and Distribution, TECLCSE Certified | *Experience:* I'm the only candidate in this race who was born, raised and always resided in the District. My Government and Civic experience is unmatched; I worked for former County Commissioner, Sylvia R. Garcia (now State Senator) for many, many years where I served Districts I & H, Galena Park, Jacinto City and Aldine. I was successful with managing a budget; infrastructure improvements; I helped bring jobs into the Precinct; I worked on programs that are important to me, which are for the seniors, veterans and youth; I worked very closely with Leadership relative to Parks, Libraries and Community Centers. There was a lot more that went into my role, but this is an overview. I currently work for the Harris County Sheriff's Department. | *Community Involvement:* I have worked with the District's Civic and Community Leaders throughout the years on issues that are important to District I, such as fighting for the Harrisburg Underpass; fighting to save the Historic Rufus Gage Elementary School building; fighting for the first quiet zone in the District's east end; I'm the Founder and first President of the Eastwood/Lawndale Super Neighborhood Council; I was very instrumental in organizing the Downtown Super Neighborhood Council with the Founder and First President, James Dinkins; and, I served as President of my Civic Club, Houston Country Club Place, for over 15 years! The majority of current Civic, Super Neighborhood and Community Leaders are backing me because they know me, I have been effective and I have always been here for them. I'm the most qualified person for the role as Houston City Council Member District I. | *Website:* www.voterobertgallegos.com | *Email:* robertgallegoshtx@gmail.com



## GRACI GARCÉS

Helping initiate smart economic development projects that create jobs and generate tax revenues, public safety, and quality of life issues.

I have excellent working relationships with members of City Council and their staffs and key decision makers at City Hall. I also have excellent working relationships with District I community leaders and stakeholders. I also have ten years of experience working at City Hall. This will go a long way toward being an effective member of City Council.

We do it by leveraging the City's assets like in the case of the Southwest Airlines - Hobby Airport expansion initiative, the construction of the second convention center hotel that will bring more convention business to Houston, and the construction of the BBVA Compass Stadium that further enhances our image and reputation as an international destination.

*Education:* Baccalaureate of Arts, Texas State University, 2002 | *Experience:* Chief of Staff, City Council, District I (2007 - present) Council Aide, City Council, District I (2004 - 2007) | *Community Involvement:* Denver Harbor Seniors Board (Immediate Past President), Latino Learning Center Board (Former Member), Tejano Democrats, Member, Barrio Dogs, Member, Unity for a Solution, Member | *Website:* www.votegraci.com | *Email:* votegraci@gmail.com



## BEN MENDEZ

1. Housing for Seniors - There is a need for more affordable senior living facilities. 2. Infrastructure - There are many neighborhoods in District I that are in need of underground utilities, streets, and sidewalks. 3. Quality of Life - This encompasses a wide range of issues that advance the economic, civic, social, educational and environmental progress of Houston.

It is important to maintain good relationships with City Council colleagues in order to move the City of Houston and District I in a positive direction. Many issues that affect District I also affect the entire City. Working together on these issues is a must.

City planning should always consider the future impact of a growing city. Having the proper infrastructure to accommodate this growth is a must. However, the quality of life issues must be considered before any major projects are taken on.

*Education:* Houston Community College System - Associates Degree in General Studies; University of Houston - Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering | *Experience:* Houston City Council Aide for District I, Math Teacher for Austin High School and Houston Community College, Youth Counselor at Ripley House and Community Family Center, Program Manager for the University of Houston, Program Manager for the Houston Police Department Design & Construction Division, Manager of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for City of Houston Building Services Department, Owner of Project Management Group, LLC | *Community Involvement:* Board Member of American Red Cross, Graduate of the American Leadership Forum, Founder of the Leadership Institute, Founder of Youth Leadership Program, Chairman of the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce, Baseball Coach at East End Little League | *Website:* www.benmendez4houston.com | *Email:* ben@benmendez4houston.com

### DISTRICT J

**MIKE LASTER** *Running Unopposed*

### DISTRICT K

**LARRY V. GREEN** *Running Unopposed*

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TEXAS NOW REQUIRES ONE OF 7 PHOTO IDS FOR THOSE VOTING IN PERSON:

(INCLUDING EARLY VOTING & ON ELECTION DAY)

- Only the 7 photo IDs listed can be accepted at the polls.
- Other photo IDs including student IDs and employer IDs cannot be accepted.
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- The name on the ID should match the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." Addresses need not match.
- Voters with a documented disability can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card.
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AT-LARGE 1



## STEPHEN C. COSTELLO

A. Long Term Unfunded Liabilities; B. Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life; C. Infrastructure and Facilities Investments-continue to

Air quality is a regional issue as such we need to continue working with the HGAC. The city is building the Luce Bayou project designed to convey surface water providing an adequate supply through 2060. Mobility is a regional issue where we need to find a balance between the automobile, mass transit (rail) and bus forms of transportation.

Due to the absence of zoning there are opportunities and challenges facing the city-planning department. The passage of revisions to Chapter 42 enables dense development opportunities beyond loop 610. We need to find a balance between encouraging development and maintaining the unique characteristics of the existing residential communities.

*Education:* BS from New York University at Buffalo, MBA from University of Houston Clear Lake | *Experience:* Costello Engineering | *Community Involvement:* Memorial Park Conservancy, Marathon Kids and Texas Council of Engineering Companies  
*Website:* Stephencostelloforcouncil.com | *Email:* scostello@coseng.com



## MIKE "GRIFF" GRIFFIN

Traffic is one of the main concerns of HOUSTON citizens. Open all hov lanes on Weekends Free. Extend all late hours from 8pm-11pm which would allow all citizens who attend the theatre, sporting events, festivals and conventions Downtown to be able to return to their homes on the hov lanes. 2nd I would make our City the small business capitol of the USA .

Find and listen to the Experts and then make a decision based on their findings. Mobility to me is something that has to be addressed immediately, according to the experts over 4000 people a week are arriving in Houston and you can see it all around Town. Our freeways are crowded all day long.

As a small business owner for over 40 years this sounds a little like Zoning which 20 years ago I led the battle to defeat . If you look at our City Midtown is booming, Downtown is starting to come alive, the Heights area is on fire and the only role of the city planning would be as a watchdog to make sure that what is taking place is conducive to our quality of life.

*Education:* University Of Saint Thomas Houston Texas. Degree in Sociology and History | *Experience:* Former Teacher Coach And Athletic Director Of St Theresa Grammer School in Houston. Former Ast Dean Of Men Univ Of St Thomas. Owner and operator of Griffs Inn for over 30 Years. For the last 18 years I have been a private Investigator with Kgriffs Investigations | *Community Involvement:* President of the Concerned Citizens Of Houston . Board of Directors Sheraton Oaks Civic Assoc . President of the Irish 100 club. Co Chairman of the ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE. CREATED THE 311 self help line which helps over 8000 people a day and CREATED the first ever family section for all our professional sports stadiums. | *Website:* Griff for Houston.com | *Email:* mgriffin@kgriff.com



## DAVID W. ROBINSON

1) We need to be sure that our neighborhoods are safe for everyone and that our first-responders are prepared for natural and human crises. 2) We need to capitalize on opportunity by providing excellent schools and learning opportunities all across this great city. 3) We need to make wise investments, ensuring the effectiveness and vitality of our transportation corridors.

As a LEED Accredited Professional I have a proven record in planning certifiably sustainable and efficient buildings and public projects. As a community leader I have spearheaded transportation and responsible urban development efforts. Advocating for multi-modal public and private approaches, we can connect citizens with all of the city's work and activity centers.

The city should look to balance the interests of commercial development and neighborhoods in addressing city growth. With so many rich and diverse neighborhoods, local leaders need help protecting established communities while enabling positive development and improvement. Opportunities exist for mixed-use facilities to provide local access to life's wants and needs.

*Education:* BA Architecture, Yale University; Master of Architecture, Rice University | *Experience:* Early in his architectural career, David Robinson assisted with the new U.S. Embassy in Amman Jordan and then contributed to the development and production of the master planning document for the campus of the Texas Children's Hospital. In 1999, he started his own company as a sole practitioner with an emphasis on building large commercial and institutional buildings. As a small business owner, David has kept his practice going through good times and lean. Currently, he is fortunate to have a healthy list of projects mostly located in the Houston area. He also teaches a graduate level course here in Houston for Texas Tech University on planning and development called "Infrastructure in the Urban Environment." | *Community Involvement:* David has been actively involved with neighborhood issues, serving eight years as an officer of the Neartown (Montrose) Association, including a couple of terms as president. With the nomination of civic club representatives from across Houston, he was elected to serve as chairman and president of the citywide Super Neighborhood Alliance to a maximum two year term that concluded in January 2013. While serving on the board of directors of the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, David was appointed to the City of Houston Planning Commission by Mayor Bill White in 2007 and re-appointed by Mayor Annise Parker in 2009 – becoming the first licensed architect to serve the city as a commissioner since the 1970's. | *Website:* www.davidwrobinson.org | *Email:* campaign@davidwrobinson.org



## MOE RIVERA

1. Address the City of Houston's (COH) negative budgetary issues. 2. Reduce governmental waste purchases, programs and services. 3. Address and solve its aging infrastructure (Streets, bridges, water and sewage). All issues need to be addressed, analyzed, brain stormed by committee(s) then have that same group(s) recommend possible solutions to Council Members and our Mayor. Th ///

1. Promote better air quality and mobility by reducing the number of vehicles by: A. Promoting Metro's Park & Ride and Vanpool programs. B. Provide incentives to its own employees and private companies. C. Replace the COH's low MPG gasoline fleet with Hybrid and electrical vehicles. D. Expand rail to areas apt to increased traffic congestion. 2. Address long-term water su ///

Continue the COH General Plan for new development of vacant unproductive properties. Encourage the need to re-develop commercial and residential properties that have reached its 40-50 year old useful life. Propose affordable lower income housing for minimum wage citizens or retired citizens that live on a low fixed income. Insure that deed restrictions are followed and enf ///

*Education:* University of Puerto Rico - BBA Accounting, Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS- Military Science, (1991) University of Phoenix, MBA (2009). | *Experience:* In addition 20+ years in Income Tax, Corporate and City Governmental Accounting. | *Community Involvement:* Hispanic Executive Society International; fund raising for economically disadvantaged high school students. President of a local Full Gospel Business Men Group. | *Website:* friendsformoeivera.org | *Email:* mod.rivera55@gmail.com



## ANDREW C. BURKS, JR.

Hiring of veterans and disabled individuals, improving the economy of the city and increasing property tax homestead exemption for senior citizens

It is best to address the issues of air quality by strictly enforcing the current laws governing pollution and vehicular emissions. In regards to mobility, it is best to implement more bike lanes and ensure pedestrian safety at Metro Rail and railroad crossings. Individuals need to be educated on water conservation and management, such as choosing home appliances sensibly.

The City Planning and Development Department must partner with the major Chambers of Commerce, universities and trade schools to develop action plans for growing the city and growing new employment. It is also imperative that we support the "Hire Houston First" mission and promote small business presence throughout the city.

*Education:* 1988 graduate of Texas Southern University | *Experience:* I am the current At-Large 2 Houston City Council Member, CEO of AM-PM Telephone Service, Inc., the first African-American owned Telephone Company in Houston and Asst. Pastor of Metropolitan C.M.E. Church. | *Community Involvement:* President of the 276 Community Club, Inc. (A Civic Club in Southeast Houston), member of the Martin Luther King Association of Civic Clubs, Palm Center Association of Civic Clubs, I wrote the book entitled Blue Print to Democratic Party Victory, Southeast PIP's (Positive Interaction Prevention) Southeast Command Station of HPD, Member of the Houston Black American Democrats, former Member of Montrose Area Democrats and member of the Southeast Coalition of Civic Clubs | *Website:* burksforhouston.com/ | *Email:* burksforcitycouncil@gmail.com



## TREBOR GORDON

1. Economic Revitalization: This is essential to our "growing city" for sustainable growth & development. 2. Budget accountability: We cannot continue to allow our debt to grow. This requires a new approach in the budgeting process and it's maintenance. 3. Infrastructure: With the recent amendments to chapter 42, new requirements to chapter 10 are essential.

Air Quality: Currently, I am not sufficiently educated on this subject. In quick research, I discovered the following: Houston's levels of outdoor CO pollution are far below the national health based standards. I would seek fact from experts on this subject. Mobility: Quality Mobility is an essential area for a "world Class" city to operate. We need to greatly reduce t ///

The City plays the most essential role in creating an atmosphere that is conducive to not only small business growth but also in attracting fortune 500 companies. This includes, but should not be limited to: 1. Creating a non-burdensome format/cost for companies to follow permitting and fee requirements. 2. Insuring the current infrastructure is suitable and compatibl ///

*Education:* Seneca High School; University of Maryland; Houston Community College Police Academy; United States Army Intelligence Corp, 1988; United States Medical Corp, 1979; Neighborhood Works Community Leadership; NHPO (National Hispanic Professionals Organization) - Leadership Institute; Canaan Ministries Bible Institute, completed studies - 2010 (Ordained Minister). | *Experience:* Pastoral Community Outreach & Youth Services; Denver Harbor Seniors Board; Super Neighbor 51 Board; Immigration Reform (new effort); Associate Pastor; Co-Administrator; Sr High & Young adult Instructor; Worship service and Audio/visual supervisor; Community Organization; Team Building | *Community Involvement:* Super Neighborhood #51, Committee Member- 3 years; Near Northside Steering Committee, Committee Member - 3 years; Denver Harbor Seniors Board, Board Member - 2 years (current in active, due to campaign); Northside Community Coordinating Team, Member - 3 years; NHPO Leadership Institute, Alumni - 3 years; Quantum Thinking Houston, Founder/Moderator - 3 years; Next Step magazine, Editor-in-Chief | *Website:* Gordon4Houston.com | *Email:* Trebor@gordon4Houston.com

AT-LARGE 2

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## J. BRAD BATTEAU

Safety and security, neighborhood redevelopment, and job creation. We have to make sure that our neighborhoods are safe for all of our residents, especially the children and senior citizens. Our inner-city is growing so we have to manage growth to avoid displacing existing residents. I will work with the mayor and other council members to insure we attract jobs to the city ///

I would promote public transportation including building more rail and putting a more efficient bus fleet to better get Houstonians from place to place while causing the least amount of pollution. I don't have the answer to the long-term water supply problem, however, i will work with those explore ways of conservation, restrictions, and better drainage in new developments //

To attract and retain businesses, we have to have quality neighborhoods, schools, and good infrastructure. If we can work with the school district to assure that we have good schools, and utilize our budget to make sure that we have good public transportations, streets, and roads, we will be able to develop the kind of communities that employees of businesses want to live.

*Education:* Jack Yates High School, Texas Southern University | *Experience:* Real Estate Development and Investor, Property Management | *Community Involvement:* Holman Street Baptist Church, Project Row Houses, Golden Age Hobby House, *Email:* Jbradbatteau@yahoo.com



## ROLAND M. CHAVEZ

As a full-time councilmember, my top priorities will be public safety, building a strong economy and providing a responsive government. As a firefighter for over 30 years I have an expertise in public safety. A lifelong Houstonian, I know our city cannot continue to prosper without a dynamic and diverse business community. And I want to work to provide for all Houstonians.

Quality of life issues must be addressed as our population grows. While our air quality has improved, we must continue to monitor industry & tackle traffic congestion. To reduce traffic congestion we should take advantage of options; mass transit, better highways & bike-friendly streets & paths. And a statewide effort must be included for long-term water supply issues.

Living in the Heights & 1st Ward I have seen these neighborhoods change over time. They have experienced good & bad. I believe neighborhood-based planning is needed to protect the quality of our communities & continue to attract new businesses, & their employees as well. But Houston is too big & diverse for a one-size-fits-all approach. This has to be neighborhood based.

*Education:* John H. Reagan Sr. High, 1972 - 1975; San Jacinto College, 1975 - 1977; University of Houston/Downtown, 1977 - 1978 | *Experience:* City of Houston Fire Department, June 1979 - June 2013; President, Houston Professional Fire Fighters Assn., Local 341, 2003 - 2007 | *Community Involvement:* Co-Founder, Fire Fighter Foundation Houston; Chairman, Metro North Corridor Expansion Committee; Chairman, Muscular Dystrophy Assn, Fire Fighters Assn. Local 341 | *Website:* www.rolandchavez.com | *Email:* rochav341@gmail.com



## ROGENE GEE CALVERT

1) Create walkable neighborhoods w/alternate ways to travel while addressing crumbling infrastructure & pot-hole riddled streets 2) Ensure quality education & training to recruit & retain a viable work force & economic opportunities/development 3) While we have seen violent crimes drop, burglaries & property crimes on the rise. Need to figure out how to lower these crimes.

Convene the best and brightest to help identify the scope of the problem and issues to address; then investigate best practices and state of the art technology or design, develop the proposed solution(s), then mobilize the resources, create policies or practices and garner political support to make them reality. We need committed, collaborative & persistent leadership.

It is CRITICAL. As the most diverse city in the country, we must plan & lead the way for: inclusive & collaborative political participation, ensuring that all voices are heard. Paramount are issues of quality education and workforce training, good jobs, clean air & water, safe & pleasant neighborhoods, affordable housing, viable transportation options, cultural/recreation.

*Education:* BA, Political Science, UT-Austin | *Experience:* 30+ years in nonprofit in areas such as children & families, elderly, health/mental health, education, leadership & diversity; 10 yrs.in City government as Chief of Staff for Council Member Gordon Quan and Director of Personnel & Volunteer Initiatives for Mayor Bill White; 5 years in business and economic development as President of the Asian Chamber of Commerce and currently a partner in a local Public Affairs/PR firm. | *Community Involvement:* Care for Elders Leadership Council member, Asian American Health Coalition/HOPE Clinic co-founder and former president, University of Houston Center for Public Policy Advisory Committee member, Blueprint Houston Vice Chair, Houston 80-20 PAC co-founder and board member, American Leadership Forum Board of Directors, OCA-Greater Houston Chapter Board member and former president and national VP, VN Teamwork Advisory Committee member, Asian American Giving Circle Co-chair | *Website:* rogenecalvert.com | *Email:* info@rogenecalvert.com

## MICHAEL KUBOSH NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



## JENIFER RENE POOL

a) Pension insolvency; Finding solutions to the pension issue will affect future economic growth of the City; b) Illegal dumping, sidewalks & dangerous buildings; All these affect the safety and security of neighborhoods; c) Infrastructure repair priorities; We must examine the current priorities for current and future projects

A) Air Quality (Lobby the TCEQ to enforce existing requirements); B) I believe we should expand rail and bus routes to provide convenient transportation options; c) Support new water projects for our region of Texas, IE the Brazos river and other projects

I believe we should work to create a blue print for the future development of the City by bringing together government, builders & developers (Commercial & Residential), citizen's groups, and labor to address their varied concerns to build a better Houston where it matters.

*Education:* McNeese State University: Bachelor of Science Degree, Business Administration | *Experience:* Expeditor Permitting; Licensing; Business Consultant; Troubleshooting; Project Manager; Minister; | *Community Involvement:* 1)Service to City of Houston: Houston Buildings & Standards Commission; Houston Public Safety Advisory Committee; Special Task Force on Film in Houston - GHBA; Houston Police Advisory Committee; Mayor's Special Blue Ribbon Task Force on Buildings & Standards; Sheriff Adrian Garcia's Special Committee for Jail Intake Procedures BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Last Chance Recovery Center; Equality Texas Foundation; Transgender Unity Committee; Victory Fund Campaign Board; MEMBERSHIPS: W.I.F.T.-Women in Film & Television; Writers Guild of America; S.W.A.M.P. (Southwest Area Media Program); MS Gala Committee - "Celebrity Waiters"; VOLUNTEER: Super Feast; Bering Omega; Aids Foundation; Aids Walk; PRIDE Houston; Walk for the Cure - Breast Cancer; Neighborhood Watch; Houston Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Noah's Landing - Youth Recovery Center; Queer Voices -Co-Host (KPFT Radio 90.1 FM) (Named Best Female Radio Voice - 2010 & 2011) OTHER SERVICE: PRIDE Parade Grant Marshal 2012; Speaker - Transgender day of Remembrance 2011; Seminar Presenter - Business Organization and Business Success; Ministering to Recovering and Lost Individuals; POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: Candidate for Houston City Council - 2011 & 2013; Lobbied HISD and Teachers Union for expanded anti-discrimination policy; Houston GLBT Political Caucus - 3 Term President & 2 Team Board Member; Deputy Voter Registrar -2006-2012; Organized Voter Registration drives; Precinct 312 - Chairperson 2010 & 2013; Delegate Democratic State Convention (2006,2010,& 2012); Volunteer - Annise Parker Campaign; Volunteer - Diane Trautman Campaign; Political Consultant - Alan Rosen Campaign; Steering Committee - Ann Bennett Campaign; MEMBER OF: Tejano Democrats; River Oaks Area Democrats - Women; Oak Forest Democrats; Texas Democratic Women; N.A.A.C.P. (Education Committee); Women's Political Action Group; HRC - Human Rights Campaign (Houston Steering Committee); Transgender Lobby Day -Texas (3 Sessions); Equality Texas Lobby Day-Texas(3 Sessions) | *Website:* jeniferrenepool.com | *Email:* jeniferpool@att.net



## ROY MORALES

My top three priorities are: 1. Conduct audits of every department to find the wasteful spending. 2. Solve the pension problems. We must honor existing agreements with our city employees. Future contracts should transition from a defined benefit system to a defined contribution system. 3. Address Houston's crumbling infrastructure which will determine our future.

We need more buses to improve our mobility. We need to convert our bus fleet to electrical hybrids and compressed natural gas. Natural gas buses will eliminate pollutants. Our planet has over 250 years of natural gas reserves. We need to move this direction on our metro buses, city vehicles, school buses and promote (NOT REGULATE) its use in the private sector.

We need to build a global economic power. We have the key components to lead the world in commerce, technology and trade. The city's needs to be a business friendly city. We need lower taxes and less regulations that will attract new businesses. More businesses provides more jobs and more tax revenue for the city to improve the quality of life and make us a safer city.

*Education:* B.A. Psychology (summa cum laude); B.S. Computer Science; M.S. Space Operations | *Experience:* United States Air Force 3 years Enlisted; United States Air Force 23 years - Retired Lt Colonel; Chief Technology Officer Houston Emergency Center; President, Durango Technologies; Harris County School Trustee | *Community Involvement:* Sponsored La Rosa Family Services' Christmas Party for several years. It is an organization helping battered women and children. Former President of Ambassador International Ballet Folklorico. | *Website:* roymorales.com | *Email:* info@roymorales.com

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## C. O. "BRAD" BRADFORD

Public Safety, Infrastructure Issues and Business Development. The city of Houston must re-focus on the delivery of core services which include water, garbage, infrastructure issues and safety services. Citizens and businesses tend to flourish in environments that are safe and supported with sound infrastructure.

Use all authority to ensure that citizens and businesses have broad and substantive input into proposed new ordinances or changes. Neighborhoods must be given maximum options to control land use. Work to enhance public safety, economic development, neighborhood parks, pedestrian and bike trails, critical infrastructure repairs, mobility, and other issues by implementing re ///

City Planning must act as a conduit and resource center to assist in the design, development and implementation of complete neighborhood plans. The planning must include a regional model. Houston has to provide incentives and financial encouragement that ensure adequate safety, and other services, which lead to new development that enhances growth and revenue opportunities ///

*Education:* Degrees in Law, Criminal Justice, Public Affairs and graduate of the FBI Academy. | *Experience:* Houston Police officer for 24 years, Chief of Police for 7 years. Attorney for 20 years, including partner in law firm. Consultant in public safety and homeland security. Judicial Administration and Police Administration Professor. Citywide Council Member for 4 years. | *Community Involvement:* Served as Precinct Chair, Election Judge and Deputy Voter Registrar in Harris County. Holds memberships and volunteers in numerous community activities including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Education Foundation of Harris County, American Education Technologies Youth Counselor, Grambling State University's Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Wiley College Criminal Justice Institute, 100 Club, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 & 7 Advisory Board and frequently serves as a guest lecturer, crime prevention and safety awareness speaker. | *Website:* www.cobradford.com | *Email:* info@cobradford.com



## ISSA Z. DADOUSH

(1) Open Government - A true representative body that listens to constituents and makes decisions in terms of what is best for Houston, (2) Limited government with fewer regulations that allows the highly efficient private sector to grow at a faster rate, and (3) Work Force - The next generation's workforce is provided the best education, training, and development

Congestion and air quality go together. I will ensure that Metro, city and management districts are working together in high density areas to improve mobility and improve air quality including the implementation of smart control traffic system. As to Water supply, ensure the implementation of the Water Conservation Task Force recommendations of 2012.

Sustainable growth is Key! City planning should engage the business community and the people from the neighborhoods aggressively in an effort to create a diverse work environment with high living standards at reasonable cost. Also, City planning role is to sell Houston and communicate the message that our City is a leading "Hub" in the global economy.

*Education:* I am a Texas registered professional engineer. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology and an Executive Master in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Houston. | *Experience:* Private Sector Experience: I was the Commercial Vice President with Parsons, a multi-national organization with more than 250 offices worldwide. I led the Houston office in the identification, development and executive oversight of large programs primarily in the education and local government sectors. Educational Sector Experience: I was the General Manager of the Construction & Facility Services with Houston Independent School District (HISD). I led a team of 2000+ employees and was responsible for managing one of the largest building assets in the USA. Also, I was responsible for the District's \$1.2 billion capital improvement plan. City of Houston Experience: I had a 23 year professional career with the City of Houston and held four executive level positions including the Director of General Services Department (a top executive level position appointed by the Mayor). I was responsible for managing a diverse portfolio of building assets. I also directed the planning, design and construction of the City's \$800 million facilities capital improvement plan. | *Community Involvement:* 25 Years of public service | *Website:* Issa4Houston.com | *Email:* issa.dadoush@sbcglobal.net



## JACK CHRISTIE

Increase cooperation between the COH & Harris County. Cooperation will lead to a more effective use of tax dollars. Reduce Health care Costs. Promoting a health care system not a disease care system by fostering wellness and prevention will lead to reduced costs. Reduce pension costs. Not controlling unsustainable pension costs will lead to a reduction in city services.

I support Complete Streets and Metro transit usage. Though the city has ample long-term water rights, I encourage water conservation measures.

I believe that city planning must work to ensure the city's infrastructure keeps pace with growth in population and business centers. We must work to keep regulatory burdens low and develop a long term plan for our great city.

*Education:* Christie received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Texas Chiropractic College and served in the Army Reserves Medical Corps for six years. He received a certificate in International Relations upon completion of graduate courses at the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M | *Experience:* Christie runs two successful Houston-area practices that care for over 20,000 patients. | *Community Involvement:* Jack's previous elected positions prior to arriving at Houston City Council include his three terms as a State Board of Education board member and three terms on the Board of Trustees of Spring Branch Independent School District. Christie was elected President of Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees and was appointed Chairman of Texas State Board of Education from 1995-2000. Thirty years ago Jack founded the Annual 5th Ward Ice Skating Party and has acted as its organizer and underwriter every year since. He served on the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Houston Board of Directors for five years; he volunteered as a Big Brother himself for eight years | *Website:* www.christieforhouston.net/index.php | *Email:* jennifer@jenniferaedler.com

AT-LARGE 5



## CAROLYN EVANS-SHABAZZ

I would like to see 1:a collaboration and accountability between the city and the school districts as the state of the schools affects the commerce of the city; 2:the required implementation of technology particularly cameras in high crime, high occupancy apartment complexes to deter criminal activity; 3:the end of food deserts for equal access to quality, affordable food

I have become increasingly aware of the air quality conditions after meeting with the Healthy Port Communities Coalition. There needs to be policy changes at the state, regional, and local level that will encourage economic growth in port areas while improving public health. There needs to be discussions regarding drought-plagued states in regards to new water sources.

City planning must consider new development locations. The city has a vast amount of undeveloped and underdeveloped property. The character of neighborhoods must be preserved and there is a need for infrastructure repairs throughout the city. City planning must also determine the impact of this new development on the surrounding communities to ensure proper drainage.

*Education:* B.A. Spelman College (Political Science); M.A. Texas Southern University (Psychology); Ed.D. Texas Southern University (Counselor Education) | *Experience:* My primary career was an Evaluation Specialist in the school setting. I retired in 2009. I have been a real estate professional for over 30 years. I am not currently teaching but I am an adjunct professor at Texas Southern University in the Counselor Education Department. | *Community Involvement:* I am the Education Chair of the NAACP-Houston Branch. I am also an Executive Committee member at the branch and am therefore involved in many community activities. I am also a volunteer grief facilitator at Bo's Place. My sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., keeps me pretty busy with community service activities. I am active in my church as well as on the board of Angel Outreach, a 501(c) (3) organization. I participate in many community coalitions that address concerns of equity in education and in the delivery of city services. | *Website:* drevansshabazz.com | *Email:* drevansshabazz@yahoo.com



## JAMES S. HORWITZ

(1) restore integrity & common sense to the seat; (2) to enact legislation protecting LGBT community; and (3) to expand the successful recycling program throughout the entire city. Jack Christie, the incumbent, took the ludicrous position of denigrating flu vaccinations, making the absurd comment that vaccines do more harm than good by "creating synthetic immunity" Amend t ///

I support the implementation of the revised Chapter 42 city ordinance. It is imperative to create an impressive public transit network by fixing the decrepit state our mass transit is in by more reliable bus service, the full expansion of the METRORail and eventual full commuter rail service. The transit authority could publish a mobile app that informs the reader in real ///

Offer tax abatements to corporations who erect serious economic developments within the City of Houston. Chevron's recent decision to build a 50 floor skyscraper downtown is a perfect example. Another example of these economic actions occurred when the Mayor and a taskforce announced a plan to create a major shopping center downtown along Dallas Street. The update density r ///

*Education:* B.S. Psychology -- University of Houston, Doctor of Jurisprudence -- University of Houston Law School | *Experience:* James Horwitz, P.C., Attorney at Law, 1977 to present | *Community Involvement:* Before law school, while I was in college, I was a leader in the youth services field through my development and operation of the first half-way houses for runaway and throwaway kids in the greater Houston and Texas area. These activities resulted in my participation at the national level in the creation of the National Runaway Youth Hotline as well as the National Runaway Youth Act that funded centers for young people in distress throughout Houston, Texas, and the United States. During law school, I continued my work with tax exempt organizations that serviced the needs of families in distress in Houston. My experience, while working with youth service oriented organizations, resulted in my frequent attendance in juvenile court on behalf of children and their families as well as being a resource for juvenile court judges on many cases. I continued to work with city, county, state, and federal agencies in an effort to improve the lives of families throughout the United States. I also co-wrote the first test utilized by the State of Texas to license child-care administrators. These experiences laid a solid foundation for my later work in juvenile, criminal, and family law as well my representation of businesses interacting with governmental interests. After competing law school more than 35 years ago, I then built my law firm with a single focus: representing business owners as their general counsel. The experiences I gained from operating organizations as well as my own law firm for decades has given me the unique perspective and sound judgment that business owners as well as the citizens of Houston need and should seek on a day to day every day basis in order to have Houston continue to be a dynamic city. | *Website:* www.horwitz4houston.com | *Email:* jim@horwitz4houston.com

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**QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

*If elected, what issues will be your three top priorities over the next two years? Explain why.*

*What criteria will you use in developing an investment strategy for Houston that will adequately address the funding needs of both the city's pension commitments and city services?*

*What criteria will you use to trigger a management and/or financial audit of a city department?*

CONTROLLER



**BILL FRAZER**

1. The City's pension issues. The largest uncontrolled cost and biggest issue. 2. A comprehensive study of each major department by "subject matter" experts to recommend operating improvements and cost efficiencies. 3. Creation of an independent Audit Committee to remove politics from the reporting process, for more transparency and much needed credibility.

There are no discretionary funds to invest. The City has NEGATIVE unrestricted assets of \$2.3 Billion. A CPA Controller is required by law to tell the truth about Houston's financial status. The Street Repair Fund has been short-changed. Streets are not being fixed. Taxpayers need a CPA to provide accurate reports of fees and transfers.

Management audits will be based on the reports from an independent study of major departments. Financial audits of departments will be prioritized based on a thorough review of internal controls and control mechanisms in place. Those areas with weakest internal controls and highest potential for adverse risk in terms of cost will be audited first.

*Education:* BBA-Accounting, University of Texas, 1973; Licensed as Certified Public Accountant in Texas since 1975 | *Experience:* Houston deserves a CPA to serve as City Controller. In order to make the changes necessary to improve the City's financial shape, taxpayers and pension plan beneficiaries need to have a financial management professional occupy the City Controller position, someone who brings professional qualifications to the table on their behalf when pension plan negotiations take place and who has met the ongoing professional and ethical standards of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. I have been a licensed CPA since 1975, serving as CFO/Controller of several private companies. I have made financial management and accounting my profession for nearly 40 years and am uniquely and professionally qualified in this race to manage the City of Houston's financial records on behalf of taxpayers. Over the last 12 years, I worked in the private sector as Chief Financial Officer of one of the largest commercial real estate loan management and advisory service companies, issuing accurate, timely, and comprehensive financial reports. I have also served as a past president of the Houston CPA Society and have 20 years of service on the Board of Directors of the Texas Society of CPAs. | *Community Involvement:* I served as 2006-2007 President of the Houston CPA Society and have served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Society of CPAs for 20 years. My wife and I are members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, and I have served on its Vestry and am a current member of its Senior Council. I also serve on the Advisory Committee of the Episcopal Diocese's Camp Allen. | *Website:* www.FrazerForController.com | *Email:* Bill@FrazerForController.com



**RONALD C. GREEN**

My top priorities for a final term as Controller are: timely and accurate reporting on the City's financial condition and forecasting on projected revenues and expenses; prudently managing the City's investment and debt portfolios, as well as auditing City departments where appropriate; and serving as the people of Houston's financial voice at City Hall.

Investment of all city funds are governed by four objectives: Safety, Liquidity, Return on Investments and Legal Requirements. The Investment Committee seeks to preserve capital for the portfolio and limit undue exposure to individual sectors of the market. Within the confines of City policy and Texas law, we strive to achieve the best possible rate of return.

Audits are conducted based on the Annual Audit Plan as well as an assessment of each department to determine the highest risk priorities (financial, process, fraud, etc.). We solicit input from the audit committee and elected officials, consider significant structural, economic or legislative changes that affect the audit universe, and consider prior audits as well.

*Education:* B.S., University of Houston; M.B.A., University of Houston; J.D., Texas Southern University | *Experience:* Houston City Controller, 2010 - present; Houston City Council Member, 2004 - 2010; Practicing Houston Attorney, 1996 - present | *Community Involvement:* Member, UH Alumni Organization, UH Black Alumni Association, Government Finance Officers Association, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Houston Lawyers Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 100 Black Men of America, Inc. National League of Cities' Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Policy and Advocacy Committee, NLG's 2013 Community and Economic Development Steering Committee. Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) Member. | *Website:* www.ronaldgreen.com | *Email:* info@ronaldgreen.com

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**YOLANDA NAVARRO FLORES**

The best interest of the college and students is paramount to the HCC Board. As a Board, we cooperate in trustworthy and thoughtful deliberation of college matters, articulate and promote its mission for all students, staff, and faculty in academics, workforce, and career development. I will continue to be effective decision-maker in the best interest of our students.

HCC's primary challenges are to sustain affordable tuition, to increase enrollment, to be accessible to more students, and to increase graduation, transfer and persistence rates as we protect taxpayer interests. Creating a culture of evidence and making substantial improvements in institutional efficiency is essential to academic and workforce training success.

Effective partnerships with both industry and school districts are based in regular dialogue and communication of workforce and educational needs. My commitment is to promote creation of additional workforce, education, and community-based advisory committees to jointly deliberate on, and establish clear, and consistent direction on educational and industry workforce needs

*Education:* University of Houston Law Center, Juris Doctor; Sam Houston State University Community College Leadership Doctoral Studies; Texas Southern University, Bachelor of Arts, Radio & Television | *Experience:* Houston Community College Board Chair; Houston Community College Board Vice-Chair; Houston Community College Board Secretary; Adjunct Professor, San Jacinto Jr. College; Attorney at Law; American Bar Association; Texas Bar Association; Former State Representative; Association of Community College Trustees, Member; American Association of Community College, Member; National Scholars Honors Society, Doctoral Studies | *Community Involvement:* Former Commissioner, Keep Houston Beautiful; Alumni Board, University of Houston Law Center; Association of Community College Trustees; National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO); Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges; Lindale Civic Club; Northside Chamber of Commerce | *Website:* www.re-electyolanda.com | *Email:* ynfhcc2013@gmail.com



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**ZEPH CAPO**

Our HCC Trustees must always act in the best interest of the college. Communication and dialogue must be more respectful and inclusive of all stakeholders, including our students, tax payers and our constituents as a whole. I think trustees should work across communities to better understand the needs of our workforce.

By far the biggest challenge facing HCC is the lack of a strong board ethics policy that creates a firewall between trustees and the contracting process and provides for greater transparency in the business practices of the college system. I will focus on creating a coalition to pass a comprehensive policy within the first year.

I would like to see a more formal advisory role for employers in industries with hard to fill jobs. We must do a better job communicating the benefits of community college to our high school students. Students should be made aware of all opportunities, especially considering many high-paying, available jobs require skills resulting in a certificate or A.S. degree.

*Education:* Bachelor of Arts, Florida International University | *Experience:* I have been in education as a classroom teacher and/or education policy advocate for the past twenty years. | *Community Involvement:* Founding Member, Friends of Frank Black Middle School; Founding Member, Good Behavior Game Preventative Practice Advisory Board; Vice-president, Houston Federation of Teachers; Member, Greater Houston Partnership Higher Education Committee; Member, American Leadership Forum Public Ed Class 2; Member, Houston ISD Career/Technical Advisory Committee; Member, Houston ISD Alternative Certification Advisory Committee; Member/partner, US Hispanic Leadership Institute Student Leadership Series; Member, Cohen Ambassador Program for City of Houston District C; Chair, Regional Educational Alliance of Labor (REAL); Past president, Oak Forest Area Democrats; Former vice-president, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA); Former trustee, Harris County AFL-CIO; Former board member, TOP Education Fund | *Website:* www.zephcapoforhcc.com | *Email:* zcapo@att.net



**KEVIN J. HOFFMAN**

I will work together with my fellow trustees to move HCC forward. I will work to bring back vision, integrity and leadership back to the board of HCC. I will work to make sure that the funds allotted will help us train our workforce with the most up to date tools and information. We need to have our students be highly marketable after their completion of a degree program

1.Hiring of a new Chancellor for HCCS. 2.Ethics of the Board Members and staff. HCC must follow its rules / code on ethics that it adopted.the new HCC Board should also work to add to these rules to make them stronger. 3. HCC must address the issue of students not prepared for college by working. HCC must begin a dialog with our local ISDs about how we can do better.

The HCC must have an ongoing dialog with our area business leaders to find out more about the needs of the local workforce. HCC and the business leaders need to work together to design degrees and training programs that match local needs. Out of these meetings should come a plan to assist students with tuition reimbursement and other incentives.

*Education:* BFA, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC | *Experience:* Kevin has over twenty (20) years' experience in the Oil, Natural Gas and Power industry as an Analyst in Project Management, Land Administration, Contract Administration, Regulatory Compliance, Acquisition and Divestiture, and Customer Service / Customer Relations. Prior to his current career in the energy field Kevin worked for non-profit theater companies as a department head. He gained experience in: Project and departmental budget management; Administration of department production schedules; Staff leadership; Negotiations with vendors for the procured equipment, supplies and donations; and the hiring, training and coaching of department staff (both union and non-union). | *Community Involvement:* Community Organizations: Former President, Near Northside Super Neighborhood Council #51; Former Board Member & Former President, Lindale Park Civic Club. Former Board Member, Northside Village Weed & Seed Program, Mayor's Anti-Gang Office; Board Member, Metro Solutions, North Corridor Community Advisory Board; Former City Of Houston, Health Department, HIV Prevention, grant review panel; Political Organizations: PCT 207 - Chair, Harris County, Texas; Election Judge, Harris County, Texas; Former Candidate for Houston Community College Board - District 1; 2007 Ballot Board Member, Harris County, Texas; Delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention 2006, 2008 and 2012 Delegate to the Texas Democratic Convention; President, Greater Heights Democratic Club; Treasurer, Houston Area Stonewall Democrats; Sustaining Member, Harris County and Texas Democratic Party; Member, Human Rights Campaign; Member, Houston GLBT Political Caucus; Member, Harris County Tejano Democrats; Member, LULAC Council 402 | *Website:* www.hoffman4hcc.com | *Email:* kihman12002@yahoo.com

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DISTRICT II



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**DAVE WILSON**

My entire life has been devoted to learning how to work with people.

Declining enrollment; increase in tuition, costs, and taxes. Because of declining enrollment and increasing costs, HCC cannot compete with Lone Star College and San Jacinto College.

I encourage and support the involvement of the business community but not at the expense of the taxpayers or the students. Business-College partnerships should not supplant decisions by the officials selected to represent the electorate.

*Education:* Three years as an electrical engineering student at University of Houston. | *Experience:* Master Electrician, small business owner, Instructor | *Community Involvement:* Installed lights and fixtures at Lutheran High North, Score board at St. Pius, installed score board at Northland Christian, installed baseball fields lights at Ripley House. All of the work was donated at no cost to the organizations. | *Website:* www.davewilsonforhcc.com | *Email:* wilson@southwestsigns.biz



**BRUCE A. AUSTIN**

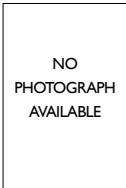
Working as a unit should be stressed. Only when we convene as a body do we have any authority. If members were to focus on our comprehensive components, the citizens would be advanced (Transfer education to universities; Career education – in 16 nationally recognized pathways; More effective Developmental education; Continuing Education; Business and Industry contract tra //

Funding and the ability to compensate faculty and staff competitively is what is needed. Other jurisdictions are partnering with business and industry to make capital improvements, reducing debt payments and redirecting savings to compensation enhancements is the proper direction. Partnerships with K-12 systems gets students through the college faster and into universities //

I will continue to advance efforts to be the best Community College in the Nation. With the compliments of a rigorous Dual Enrollment Program, Career Academies focused on contextual and applied education, better melding of career clusters with industry clusters of geographic concentrations of interconnected businesses, suppliers, and associated institutions in particular //

*Education:* BA-Political Science, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas; MPA- Public Administration; JD, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, Texas | *Experience:* Policy Analyst, Budget Analyst, Special Assistant Asst AG Justice Management Division; Executive Assistant, Commissioner El Franco Lee; Director Harris County Housing and Community Development; Special Assistant Commissioner El Franco Lee. | *Community Involvement:* Board of Urban League, Chairman National Housing Foundation-Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; MLK Memorial Committee; Acres Homes Chamber of Commerce; Board of Julia C. Hester House, Kashmere Gardens SuperNeighborhood, Northeast Concerned Citizens Civic League. | *Website:* www.baustincampaign.com | *Email:* AustinforTrustee2013@gmail.com

DISTRICT III



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**DANE D. COOK**

Houston residents deserve to have HCC adopt an open and transparent contracting and budget processes. A detailed budget along with contractors and there disclosure of any contractors donating to political campaigns placed on the HCC trustees website. Successful student's come from quality educators, HCC needs to look at policies that encourage quality educators to rem //

As a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp and a student that has gone through the veteran's affairs office at HCC I am very aware of how it is being operated The Veteran Affairs office not only needs to know how to process and receive the tuition and fees from the federal government for the school But also have to be able to assist the veteran in navigating the federal //

Now not all of our students desire to move on into a four-year degree program. This is where HCC workforce program comes into play. We need to have students leave our school with real world certificates that employers are seeking For example currently HCC a NCCR certification in welding. This certification is not sought after by employers the AWS American welders society i //

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**ADRIANA TAMEZ**

My experience has prepared me to understand the importance of a shared vision and strategic planning. If elected, I will quickly move forward with my colleagues to begin the process of establishing a shared vision as a baseline from which all the Board's work will take place - I will stand firm - we must hold ourselves accountable for the highest standards!

First and foremost, HCC must regain the community's confidence and trust! Additional challenges include the search, identification, and employment of a highly qualified Chancellor, the alignment of HCC programs and practices to meet workforce demands, and the creation of additional revenue sources.

I strongly believe that the business community and local school districts are a vital partner in HCC's purpose and work. I will create opportunities for business/industry and school district leaders to form part of a committee/s to give input and to hold HCC accountable for aligning programs/ services to meet the needs of the workforce demands.

*Education:* Ed.D. Educational Administration, The Cooperative Superintendency Program, The University of Texas at Austin, M.Ed., Educational Administration and Supervision, University of Houston, B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Houston | *Experience:* 2012 – Present, Educational Consultant, 2010- 2011, Assistant Executive Director, Region 4 Education Service Center, 2005 – 2010, Regional Superintendent, Central Region, Houston Independent School District, 2004-2005, Principal, Edison Middle School, Houston Independent School District, 1999-2004, Principal, Cage Elementary and Project Chrysalis Middle School, Houston Independent School District, 1995-1999, Co-founder and Principal, The Raul Yzaguirre School for Success (RYSS), Houston, TX, 1995-1996, Parental Involvement Specialist, Houston Independent School District, 1994-1995, Associate Director of Development, College of Education, University of Houston, 1992-1994, Bilingual Educator, Gallegos Elementary School, Houston Independent School District, 1982-1991 Banker, First City Bank/International Bank of Houston | *Community Involvement:* I have attained numerous awards and distinctions for my work in the Houston community and I have and continue to serve on several Houston area community and professional Boards and Committees. I am co-founding board member of the Tejano Center for Community Concerns, a community based non-profit organization, was recently reappointed by the Houston City Council to serve on both the Houston Clean City Commission and the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors, I serve on the Houston Independent School District's Hispanic Advisory Committee, LULAC Council Member | *Website:* www.adrianatamez.com | *Email:* change4hcc@adrianatamez.com



**HERLINDA GARCIA**

HCCS trustees comply with the strategic plan to meet the college's mission of providing affordable education for academic advancement, workforce training, and career and economic development. As fiduciaries and policy makers I will ensure that we act solely and exclusively for the benefit of the college.

Access to education, breaking down barriers to success, workforce development are three issues of great importance to my constituents. We must be at the forefront of breaking down barriers for our students. I spearheaded efforts to incorporate dual credit programs that allow high school seniors to take college level courses and lessen financial burdens to families.

We must respond to the needs of business and industry for skilled workers and cultivate an entrepreneurial culture across the institution. As the supplier of skilled workers to business and industry, we have a responsibility to build partnerships and engage industry leaders in dialogue to identify present and future needs.

*Education:* 1967 Bachelor of Science in Education - University of Houston; 1975 M.Ed. Educational Administration - University of Houston; 1987 Harvard Graduate School of Education – Principals' Institute | *Experience:* Lead Principal, Principal (1980-2013), Assistant Principal, Supervisor, and Bilingual Director | *Community Involvement:* Board Member of Felix and Angela Morales Memorial Foundation; MALDEF- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund – National Board Member American Leadership Fellow - Class IX; Former Red Cross Board Member; Former Houston Read Commission Board Member; NAACP (Subscribing Life Member); National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed; Officials Association of Community College Trustees -ACCT Member | *Website:* www.voteherlindagarcia.com | *Email:* garcia.herlinda101@gmail.com

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DISTRICT V



**ROBERT GLASER**

I will focus on actions directed toward objectives that benefit ALL districts within HCC. This will provide opportunities for Trustees to focus their efforts on these common goals- promoting collaboration- while continuing to exceed benchmark standards and focusing on educational and training needs for the community, with special focus on the under served in our community.

The first challenge is to restore unquestionable integrity to the Board of Trustees. I will push for the Board to produce, and all members to subscribe to, a heightened ethics policy. The next challenge is to find a new permanent Chancellor. I will work with the Search Committee to seek out and hire only the highest qualified individual to lead our college forward.

I will create opportunities for local businesses, school districts and HCC to work together. With input from business, HCC can design and implement better training programs- especially for the energy and healthcare fields- to better provide the skills needed for the jobs created by our local economy, thereby filling local jobs with local talent, supporting local families.

*Education:* BA/BS; University of Texas at Austin. MBA; University of St. Thomas- Houston | *Experience:* For over 26 years have owned and operated a local-based manufacturing and service business serving the petrochemical and oilfield service industries. Created and successfully patented a product for the filtration of liquid polymers. | *Community Involvement:* Successfully worked with neighbors and hired counsel to initiate and pass legislation allowing my neighborhood to extend its deed restrictions without the creation of a POA. Successfully worked with neighbors to prevent creation of a Residential Management District which would have created debt using residences as collateral while installing an unelected board to manage its activities. Worked with neighbors to prevent the sale of a public street to private developers for construction of multi-story condominium project adjacent to a single family neighborhood. | *Website:* www.GlaserForHCCS.com | *Email:* robert@GlaserForHCCS.com



**PHIL KUNETKA**

Secret agendas destroy collaboration. By promoting transparency and openly pursuing an agenda that positively serves the entire community, I hope to create conversation with all parties. My primary issue, to increase skilled workforce training, frankly, serves most other districts more than District V. But I believe my constituents recognize the regional need for better !!!

HCC, like other education districts, has lost the trust of the community. The best solution for HCC is to hire a new Chancellor of the highest character and ability. HCC will also become more relevant if it "serves the customer." That means providing students with good career opportunity and providing employers with badly needed trained and capable workers. HCC must do !!!

As a former contractor, business association executive and government affairs advocate, I have experience in working on these exact issues with the stakeholders who are most in need and best able to create the solutions. I worked with the folks who would hire, train, pay and make their living from the workers we would train. I've also worked with the legislators who can !!!

*Education:* Univ. of Texas (BA), Univ. of Houston (MBA), US Navy Officer and Warfare Training | *Experience:* July 2013-present AR Commercial Properties; May 2000-present Kunetka Consulting - Govt. and Public Affairs. Mar 2005-Mar 2009 Dir. of Govt. Affairs, Independent Electrical Contractors Association | *Community Involvement:* VP - Harris County Protective Services Board (appointed by commissioners Court). President - Maplewood Civic Club; Treas. - Pilgrim Lutheran School PTL Formerly: Exec. Committee - Houston Soc. of Association Executives, Big Brothers, Area Gov. - Toastmasters Intl. | *Website:* votePhilKunetka.com | *Email:* pkunetka@aol.com



**ROY A. CORMIER**

I would work to be the voice of reason that works with the other Trustees and the issue at hand to assure we have all available information and studies to work as a team in cooperation for the greater good of HCC, the Citizens and community we vowed to serve.

One of the biggest challenges facing HCC is the lack of collaboration between industry to assure HCC is offering programs and career paths that would benefit the area it which serves. Another challenge that face HCC was the recent loss of programes such as the EMT Paramedic program offered to HFD. Due to lack of qualified staffing of educators the program didn't produce

I would play the role of facilitator between the business community and local school districts. We must address the programs offered with the needs of the business community we serve. With area schools, HCC must take a recruiter style approach in that we coordinate with the schools and the electives they offer. A students should not first learn of HCC in 12th grade.

*Education:* Fire Science (HCCS) Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (HCCS) | *Experience:* -Houston Fire Dept. - Firefighter/Paramedic -Houston Professional Firefighter's Assoc - Legislative Team/City Hall Committee | *Community Involvement:* -Tanglewilde Property Owners Assoc. - President -Midwest Super Neighborhood - 2nd Vice President | *Website:* Voteroy4hcc.com | *Email:* VoteRoy4hcc@gmail.com



**NEETA SANE**

I will propose amendments to policies to 1. Improve information flow and collaboration among trustees. 2. Enhance teaching-and-learning processes to propel HCC to greater heights with highest educational and administrative standards. I will also ensure that trustees get apprised equally about college matters so that they can collectively set a strategic direction for HCC.

1. Appointing a highly qualified and experienced Permanent Chancellor - I will ensure that the search process uses best practices including involvement of HCC's stakeholders. 2. Graduating more students - I will continue to ensure that HCC is able to provide the means to graduate more students with the necessary skills for the 21st century academics and workforce.

I have been instrumental in building positive partnerships for HCC with the local ISDs and business community. To provide seamless transition for students from college to career, I will continue to ensure that a) students graduate with knowledge and skills necessary for the job market b) HCC continues to align its educational offerings to meet the needs of local employers.

*Education:* M.S.(Chemistry), M.B.A.(Finance) | *Experience:* Principal- Sane Partners LLC (2012-present), Managing Partner- Positronic Systems LC (2001-present), Application Developer- GND Systems & Services (1997 to 2000). | *Community Involvement:* Honorary Co-Chair - 2013 Citizenship Month - City of Houston; Member - National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; Vice President (Youth Outreach) - National Diversity Council; Board Member - Alief Super Neighborhood Council #25; Board Member - Missouri City TIRZ #3; Founder and President - HCC-ASPIRE Scholarship Program; Member - Missouri City 2013 Bond Exploratory Committee; Member - Alief Family YMCA Community Outreach & Involvement Committee; Board Member- Fort Bend YMCA; Member - Alief Community Association; Honorary Member - Asian American Engineers and Architects, Houston; Founder & Past President - International Festival of Fort Bend County; Member - Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce - Education Division; Member- Fort Bend County Democratic Party- Precinct Co-organizer; Past President - APINATA Trustees National Organization, ACCT; Past Member - Diversity Committee of Association of Community College Trustees; Past Board Member - Rotary Club of Fort Bend County; Past Diversity Chair - American Association of University Women, Fort Bend; Past Vice-President - Texas Democratic Women of Fort Bend County; Past Secretary - Democratic Party of Fort Bend County; Past Member - Stafford Municipal School District - Vision and Planning - College and Career Readiness; | *Website:* www.NeetaSane.com | *Email:* Neeta@NeetaSane.com

DISTRICT VII



**ANN WILLIAMS**

I would first begin by participating in trainings and team building activities. Secondly, I would meet with HCC board colleagues to understand competing values and those values that align with HCC's mission. Thirdly, maintain accountability of Trustees board operating procedures (SACS), that clearly defines and communicates board practices, processes and procedures.

I believe the largest challenges HCC faces is its ability to acquire quality administrative leadership, capacity to meet market & student demands for apprenticeship and/or high-skill, high-wage programs, restoration of public trust of it's leadership. I would rely upon my experiences as a trustee and an advocate for education to appropriately address these issues.

My role would be to operate within the framework of a Trustee, making fiduciary decisions that support HCC's mission and Houston's economic growth. I would advocate establishing policies and budget approvals contingent upon programs that improve standards of living through education and produces local jobs through infrastructure / capital improvement projects.

*Education:* Graduate of Jesse H. Jones H.S. earned Bachelor of Information Technology and Master of Business Administration | *Experience:* Having 20+ years in the IT industry; the last 4 years as IT Audit & Compliance Manager, I possess extensive knowledge and capabilities in process improvements, system integration and software implementation; within diverse environments from fortune 10 corporations, to small business enterprises. | *Community Involvement:* Currently serves as a Board Trustee Member of Alief Independent School District and was first elected in 2007. As a public servant I am an active member of Texas Caucus Black School Board Members where I held the office of Regional Vice-President for two terms representing South Texas; recently served as Chair, Legislative Committee during the 83rd Legislative Session. I also maintain memberships with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), where I actively work with TASB School Board Advocacy Network for Legislative Action Committees and Houston Galveston Area Council as school board representative of region 4 members. My local civic memberships include West Houston P-16 Council, Abundant Life Cathedral, Board of Education, NAACP - Houston Chapter and West Houston Democrat Club. | *Website:* www.annwilliamscampaign.net | *Email:* electannwilliams@gmail.com

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DISTRICT I



## ANNA EASTMAN

I will work (1) to ensure every child, every year, in every class has a effective, professionally- valued teacher; (2) to institute an unbiased review process for all major reports on programs and initiatives used for decision making; and (3) to foster a board culture that promotes high expectations for a trust-based, outcomes-focused system so that every diploma received ///

Parents and families in Houston actively participate in a choice system of schools and the role of any of these programs is to provide more, high quality schools for children and families in Houston. The schools, regardless of their programs or themes, must provide rigorous instruction and equal expectations for every child regardless of their background.

I have actively worked with my colleagues to pass and implement a new ethics policy which impacts procurement and campaign finance. The Board has conducted numerous third party evaluations of our procurement and audit functions to ensure these systems are upgraded appropriately. This work is not complete and will require oversight from those who serve as trustees. I am ///

*Education:* Bachelor of Fine Arts - Art History, Minor - French, University of Texas at Austin; Master of Social Work, Our Lady of the Lake University | *Experience:* Social Worker with Communities In Schools, Edgewood ISD, San Antonio, TX; Founder and Board Member-11 1/2 Street Foundation 2001-Present; PTA President Travis Elementary School 2005-2007; Houston Grand Opera HGOco Committee Member, Recipe for Success-Community Advisory Board; University of Texas Health Science Center Prevention Research Center-Community Advisory Group; Heights Community Children's Choir Executive Board; HISD Trustee District I; HISD Board of Education-2013 President; Holocaust Museum Houston Board of Advisors | *Community Involvement:* In addition to items listed under professional experience, I am actively involved in each of my children's schools and am an active member of Congregation Emanuel. | *Website:* www.annaeastmanforhisd.com | *Email:* annaeastmanforhisd@gmail.com



## HUGO MOJICA

I am running to be the next HISD Trustee for District 1 as a natural extension of my lifelong commitment to volunteering. I want to help HISD become a district where all of its children receive a quality and equitable public education. I will work to have (1) a vision to address the achievement gap, (2) fair teacher appraisal system and (3) safe learning environments.

To the extent magnet schools are funded equitably, charter schools follow the same State standards as public schools, technical programs are provided district-wide to make sure all students are prepared for the workforce, and implementing the best practices from the \$56 million Apollo program district-wide then yes, I welcome their contribution in the education village.

Three words define my campaign—integrity, dedication and equality. We must have a selection process of vendors that is transparent, fair and equitable but above all will serve the interest of the students. Implementing a system like the city's for all campaign finance reports making it easier to see the connections between vendors and candidates should be our next step.

*Education:* Bachelor of Science from the University of Houston, Master of Arts in International Administration from the University of Miami and Master of Public Administration from Florida International University. | *Experience:* Experienced professional with over 13 years of experience working for the government (city, county, federal) and nonprofit organizations. These experiences have allowed me to be skilled in public policy formulation, decision making, policy analysis, collaboration, networking, public relations, budgeting and financial management, strategic planning and benchmarking. | *Community Involvement:* Member of the Jeff Davis High School SDMC, PTO & Project Advisory Team; VP of Rotary Club of River Oaks, President & Founder of Student Vote Project, Precinct Chair #153, VP for Membership of Jeff Davis Hispanic Alumni Association, 2nd VP of the LULAC Council 402, Secretary of the Melrose Civic Club, Member of METRO's Northline Community Advisory Board and Board Member of Parents for Public Schools of Houston. | *Website:* www.HugoMojica.org | *Email:* hugo@hugomojica.org

### DISTRICT V

**MIKE LUNCEFORD** *Running Unopposed*

### DISTRICT VI

**GREG MEYERS** *Running Unopposed*

DISTRICT VII



## HARVIN MOORE

HISD must be student focused & results oriented b/c our collective future depends on it 1. Leadership Quality-from Superintendent to Principals, HISD is better than ever but more improvement needed. 2. Teacher Quality-differs! Children's lives depend on recognizing that and acting on it. 3. Blended Learning & technology-the complete overhaul of how we teach is upon us

One approach does not fit all & I support a variety of unique schools that compete with our neighborhood schools, making all schools better-and funding will vary. Apollo has been enormously successful in math & slashing the dropout rate by more than a third. Changes have been made to discontinue or change less effective parts of the program, & external review is needed.

This is one of the dividends we are already seeing from bringing in a strong, principled outsider like Terry Grier and his team. Special interests and cynical political pressure to favor certain contractors has no place in this district, and my confidence has risen dramatically in the last three years. Public confidence is critical when so much important work is being done

*Education:* BA Economics and Political Science-Northwestern University 1986, MBA Finance and International Business-New York University 1991, MBA IEP Program-London Business School 1990 | *Experience:* 1986-1991:National Bank Examiner, United States Department of Treasury, New York and Washington DC, 1991-2003:Principal, Frontera Corporation, business advisory and investment company, Houston, 2003-present: Chief Operating Officer, Space Services Holdings, Inc., diversified aerospace firm, Houston. | *Community Involvement:* East Harlem Tutorial Program:Tutor 1990-1991, Communities in Schools:Tutor 1992-1994, KIPP Schools:Board Director 1997-2003;Treasurer 1998-2002;Vice Chairman 2002-2003, Powell Foundation:Trustee 2000-present;Grant Director for Public Education 2000-2001, Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence:Board Director 2001-2003, Teach for America Houston:Board Director 2002-2003, Preschool for ALL Taskforce 2002-2007, Neuhaus Education Center:Board Director 2003, Kids Hope USA:Tutor 2004-2011, HISD Foundation:Board Director 2003-2007 and 2009-present, Texas Lyceum:Director 2003-2009, Joint City County Commission on Children:Board Director 2006-2007. | *Website:* mooreforhisd.com | *Email:* mooreforhisd@gmail.com



## ANNE SUNG

Anne Sung's top priorities will be (1) raising academic standards, (2) establishing true accountability for spending on academic programs and business contracts, (3) strengthening parent, community, and business partnerships. Anne Sung will ensure that students get a rich, challenging curriculum that goes beyond test prep and will send wasted dollars back to the classroom.

Magnet schools, charter schools, and technical programs are vitally important. By engaging in challenging, relevant lessons with the support of community partnerships, students develop relationships with role models and build 21st century skills they need for academic and career success. However, the Board must critically evaluate these programs for effectiveness and cost.

Under the incumbent's 10-year tenure, HISD has become infamous for awarding contracts to vendors with relationships to board members. Anne Sung will be a watchdog on the board. She will demand that the Office of Inspector General reform its practices to meet industry standards and will increase transparency so the public can review criteria used in vendor selection.

*Education:* BA, MA Physics, Harvard University; Master in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government | *Experience:* Director of Strategic Planning and Public Policy, Harris County Sheriff's Office; Lee High School Teacher of the Year and Science Department Chair; Physics Teacher Resource Agent (American Association of Physics Teachers); Teach for America Corps Member and Corps Member Advisor | *Community Involvement:* Co-Founder of Community Voices for Public Education | *Website:* www.Anne4HISD.com | *Email:* Anne4HISD@gmail.com

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DISTRICT IX



## W. CLYDE LEMON

Work with the Superintendent and his staff to improve academic performance; Assist parents in becoming better advocates for their children because children perform best in school when parents are engaged in the process; Work to implement policies that develop the best teachers in a collaborative way because we need teachers that inspire students to learn.

Magnet schools expose students to a challenging curriculum, based on subject matter. Charter schools offer a less regulated environment for education. Technical programs help students identify potential career paths after high school graduation. The Apollo program is helping targeted schools improve the academic performance of education centers needing extra assistance.

To ensure a fair and unbiased process related to vendor selection, I recommend all staff involved in the process list in the compliance office contacts with vendors related to a contract. Second list my contacts with vendors related to a contract in the board services office. Request timely review of non compliance.

*Education:* Juris Doctorate-T.S.U.; Bachelor of Arts-Prairie View Univ. | *Experience:* Governmental Relations; Litigation; Compliance Practice; Allstate Insurance; Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical; United States Marine Corps | *Community Involvement:* Trustee Houston I.S.D. 1995-1997; Merit Badge Counselor; 2008-Voter Registration/Voter Education volunteer; 2008-2012 Scholarship America National Advisory Board; Former Board Member Center for Hearing and Speech; Former Commissioner, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. | *Email:* PVU78@earthlink.net



## WANDA ADAMS

When elected my top three priorities will be to improve student academic performance, improve school safety and develop transparency, accountability and engagement with parents and guardians. Improving these measures will ensure students leave our schools adequately prepared for post secondary success.

I support programs such as Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, Technical Programs and the Apollo program because they utilize the holistic approach in educating children while focusing on developing social, ethical and creative life skills.

I am an advocate for the current ethics policy and presenting procurement and business opportunities online. I will also review possibilities of utilizing Houston First for the HISD procurement process. Furthermore, I will collaborate with my fellow board members to reform the current HISD vendor and service policies to ensure the process is honest and ethical.

*Education:* Texas Southern University, Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs and Texas Southern University, Masters of Public Administration | *Experience:* I am the current District D Houston City Council Member, Political Science Adjunct Professor at Texas Southern University, I was the Westbury Community Liaison for the City of Houston, Clinical Coordinator for Mental Health and Mental Retardation of Harris County and Case Manager for New Directions Inc. | *Community Involvement:* Trustee for The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Sunday School Teacher at the Fountain of Praise, Commencement Speaker for Texas Southern University, Advocate for breast cancer awareness, and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority National Social Action Commission | *Website:* /wandaadamshisd.com/ | *Email:* wandaadamshisd@gmail.com

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# HARRIS COUNTY BOND ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2013 ELECTION

## HARRIS COUNTY PROPOSITIONS

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### HARRIS COUNTY, PROPOSITION NO. 1

THE ISSUANCE OF \$70,000,000.00 HARRIS COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTRAL JOINT PROCESSING CENTER BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

- FOR  
 AGAINST

#### EXPLANATION

This ballot issue would enable Harris County to issue \$70,000,000 in bonds for the purpose of developing an Adult Detention Central Joint Processing Center. This center would operate cooperatively with the City of Houston and in tandem with the present county jail system. The center

would be located at the corner of San Jacinto and Baker Streets and would replace the main county jail's current processing center. Although this proposition allows Harris County to raise property taxes to support this new center, at this time the project is not expected to result in higher taxes.

### HARRIS COUNTY, PROPOSITION NO. 2

THE ISSUANCE OF \$217,000,000.00 HARRIS COUNTY ASTRODOME REDEVELOPMENT BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF AN ADDITIONAL SEPARATE AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO INCREASE TAX RATES WITHIN SAID COUNTY.

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 AGAINST

#### EXPLANATION

This proposition addresses the future of the Harris County Domed Stadium, popularly known as The Astrodome. This stadium is owned by Harris County taxpayers through the Harris County Sports and Convention Corporation. It has been largely unused since 2009.

The Harris County Sports and Convention Corporation had sought proposals for ways to repurpose the Astrodome. In June 2013, the Corporation announced its own plan to convert the Astrodome to a

modern multipurpose venue that could be used for sporting events, exhibitions and other community events like the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

If approved, this proposition will authorize Harris County to issue up to \$217 million in bonds to finance the redesign and redevelopment of the Astrodome. This proposition will also authorize Harris County to increase taxes, if necessary to pay for these bonds. Planners indicate that the project would take approximately 30 months complete.

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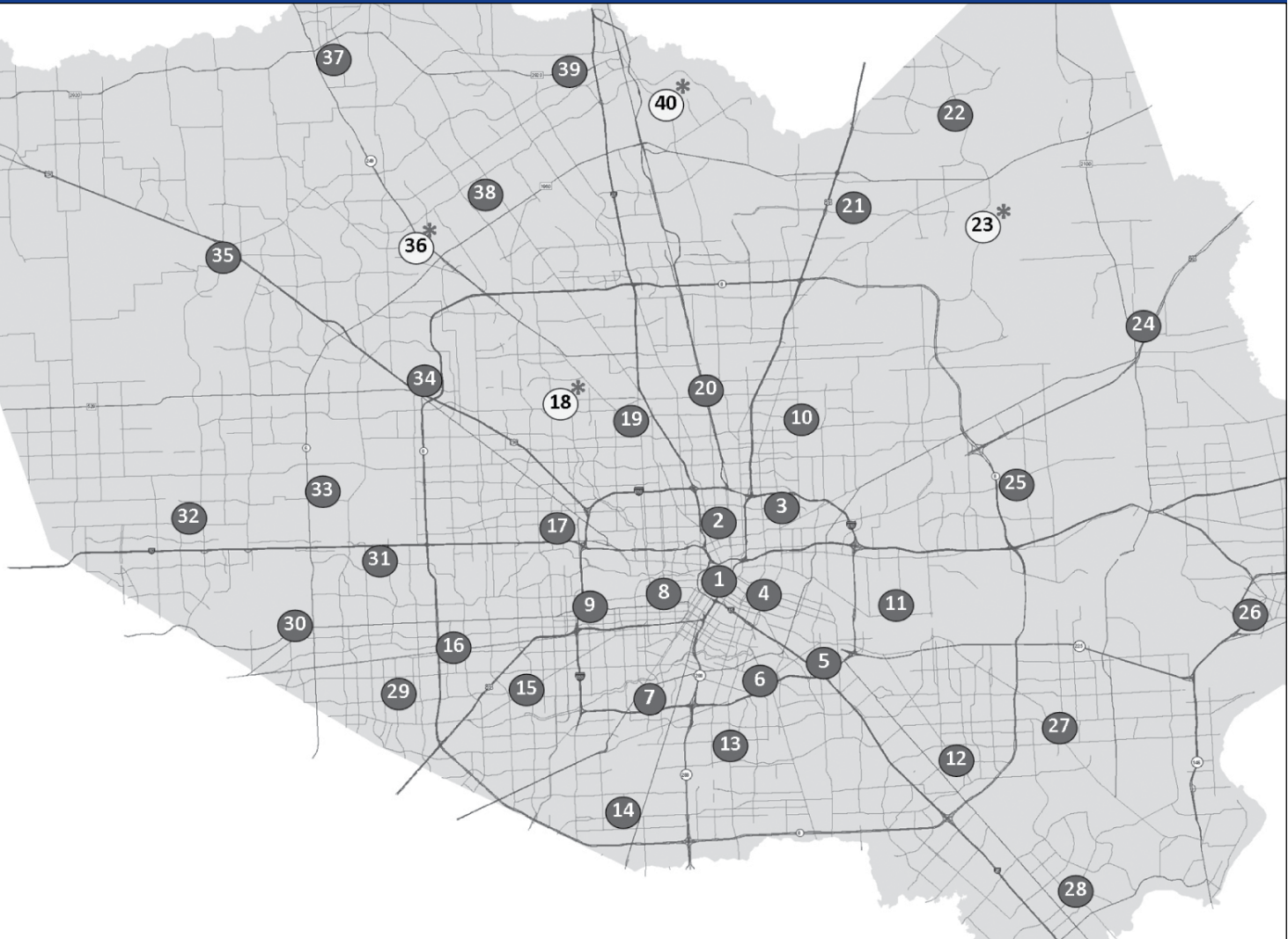
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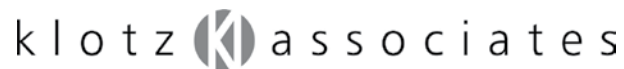
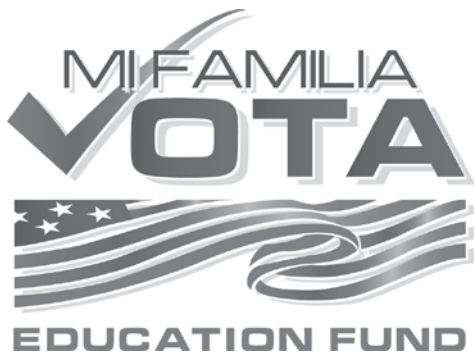
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