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BILL KING: THE CONSERVATIVE WHO COULD BE HOUSTON'S NEXT MAYOR ... AND WHY WE SHOULD CARE

By **Gary Polland**, Editor-in-Chief



In advance of every election, candidates and political parties pronounce that, "This is the most important election of our lifetime!" Without resorting to that level of

hyperbole, the case can be made that this year's face-off between **Bill King** and **Sylvester Turner** offers the greatest opportunity for a sea change at Houston City Hall in a decade-and-a-half. It is significant enough that every conservative and conservative-leaning voter should make plans to vote and drag as many like-minded friends to the polls as possible.

While it may be cliché to say that the difference between these two candidates is clear, it still remains true. True enough to say that the difference in ideology, perspective and experience will define the direction of Houston for many years. Houston, after all, faces an ever escalating pension crisis, streets in disrepair and an understaffed police department.

The answer to these and other challenges lies in a different approach, a different world view and a different scope of experience than those that created these problems in the first place. **Bill King** represents just

such a radical departure from the administration of **Annis Parker**. To be blunt, if you like **Annis Parker** and where she has taken Houston, then **Sylvester Turner** is probably already your choice. Like **Parker**, who has occupied elected office for the last

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eighteen years, **Turner** is a political insider, spending the last quarter of a century in the Texas Legislature. **King**, though, is a conservative and an outsider and will bring an outsider's perspective to the job as Houston's CEO.

Nowhere is that perspective needed as desperately as it is in the area of Houston's worsening pension crisis. Crisis is a strong word, but an appropriate one for this problem. After all, if unresolved, it threatens to suck up an increasing amount of city revenue until it becomes the single greatest budget item.

Much of what ails Houston in the area of pensions can be traced back to an unwillingness by career politicians to address the issue and to the Texas

Legislature, which several years ago decided to take control of Houston's pensions out of the hands of us at the local level and place it with the politicians in Austin. And what has **Sylvester Turner** done to solve this problem during his 25 years in the Legislature? Nothing, except getting extremely cozy with the unions whose self-interest in the issue is at odds with the interests of all of us, the taxpayers. The simple truth is that **Turner** is too ingrained with and beholden to the union special interests that block the path to resolution. **King** owes no such debt and has no qualms about shattering the status quo. If voters want to kick start our fiscal recovery by addressing this rather significant elephant in the room, **Bill King** is the obvious choice. This issue alone provides the imperative to elect **King**.

In a matter of days, Houstonians will elect a new CEO and **Bill King** is the most qualified of these two candidates to take on that role. **King**, after all, has the executive experience that his opponent lacks both as a business owner and as the former mayor of **Kemah**. **King** has executive experience, where **Turner's** is entirely legislative. **Right now, Houston desperately needs a competent chief executive and Bill King is ready, willing and, most importantly, able to do that job.** ★

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2015 RUNOFF ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

MAYOR: BILL KING

Bill King is the clear choice for Mayor. **King**, who grew up in the Houston area and graduated from the University of Houston, has experienced both success and failure and understands the unique challenges associated with both, which will make him an effective leader, regardless of circumstances or economic environment. With executive experience, both in the public (**King** was the Mayor of Kemah) and private sectors, **King** will have an advantage over his opponent in directing and leading the changes necessary to propel Houston past the challenges the city faces now and in the years to come.

DISTRICT F: DR. STEVE LE

Dr. Steve Le epitomizes the American dream. As a child he came to the U.S. as a refugee from Viet Nam. After graduating Baylor University, he advanced to medical school and then began the practice of medicine. Today he is a successful member of the community and proof of what can be accomplished with hard work and determination. These qualities, along with his conservative philosophy, will make him a welcome contrast to the incumbent, who has sided with Mayor Parker on most issues, including the now ill-fated HERO ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE POSITION 1: MIKE KNOX

Mike Knox is a native Houstonian, a United States Air Force veteran and a career law enforcement officer with the Houston Police Department. At HPD, **Knox** has become a gang expert who helped create the HPD's first gang unit and wrote a book on the subject entitled, *Gangsta in the House: Understanding Gang Culture*. Our city will benefit greatly with someone of **Mike Knox's** experience serving on City Council.

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE POSITION 2: WILLIE R. DAVIS

Pastor **Willie R. Davis** is an impressive candidate for Houston City Council. This US Army veteran who volunteered during the Viet Nam era and served in the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Political Science as well as a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Theology. In addition to his service as a senior pastor, **Davis** has impressive private sector experience at companies such as Brown & Root and Phillips 66.

HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE POSITION 4: LT. COL. ROY MORALES

If elected **Roy Morales** could be the closest thing to a rocket scientist on Houston City Council. Much of **Morales'** work during his service in the U.S. Air Force, where he retired as a Lt. Colonel, involved aerospace projects, including joint operations projects with NASA and

a stint as an Operations Director for the Space Shuttle Operations Division. He also led a team of engineers to rescue a \$1 billion NASA satellite and managed the integration of \$1 billion in satellite projects. With these types of complex projects under his belt, **Morales** would be an asset in addressing Houston's challenges.

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE POSITION 5: DR. JACK CHRISTIE

Dr. Jack Christie's coordination and influence with the city's Human Resources Department has helped shift their focus from disease management to wellness promotion, which has taken the Health Benefits Fund Balance from being \$18 million in the red to \$43 million in the black, which is a \$61 million swing in favor of the taxpayer. For his unique perspective, innovative thinking and conservative record, TCR gives a strong re-elect nod to **Dr. Jack Christie**.

HOUSTON CITY CONTROLLER: BILL FRAZER

For the position of Houston's chief financial officer, TCR enthusiastically recommends **Bill Frazer** because of his extensive private sector experience as a Chief Financial Officer and for the fact that he is the only candidate for Controller who is a CPA. With Houston's financial challenges, TCR believes qualifications and financial expertise are too critical to leave to chance and endorses **Bill Frazer**, a proven financial professional. ★

TCR RECOMMENDATIONS

State law allows you to take this piece into the polls.

Early voting runs December 2 to 8; Election day is December 12. Please Vote for the following candidates.

Each endorsed candidate is shown in **BOLD** with a **YELLOW HIGHLIGHT** and red check mark ✓

MAYOR

✓ **BILL KING**
SYLVESTER TURNER

AT-LARGE #1

✓ **MIKE KNOX**
GEORGIA PROVOST

AT-LARGE #4

AMANDA EDWARDS
✓ **ROY MORALES**

CITY CONTROLLER

CHRIS B. BROWN
✓ **BILL FRAZER**

DISTRICT F

RICHARD NGUYEN
✓ **STEVE LE**

AT-LARGE #2

DAVID W. ROBINSON
✓ **WILLIE R. DAVIS**

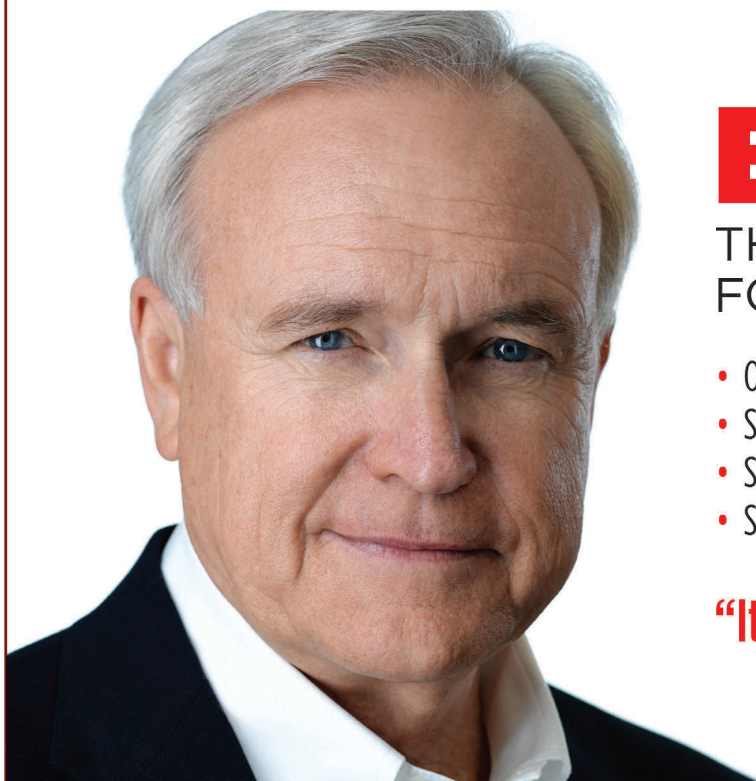
AT-LARGE #5

✓ **JACK CHRISTIE**
SHARON MOSES



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BILL KING

THE FISCAL CONSERVATIVE
FOR MAYOR

- Opposes the Rain Tax
- Supports Property Tax Caps
- Supports 401K-style Pension Reform
- Supports Zero-Based Budgeting

**“It’s time for fiscal discipline at City Hall.
Let’s get back to the basics.”**

- BILL KING

IN THE RUNOFF FOR MAYOR THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

Bill King,
a **businessman**
for 40 years.

OR

Sylvester Turner,
a **career politician**
for 26 years.

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FIX THE STREETS | CATCH THE CROOKS | BALANCE THE BUDGET

Endorsed By: State Senator Paul Bettencourt, Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan, State Representative Alan Fletcher, State Representative Dwayne Bohac, Former Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Former Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, Former HCRP Chair Gary Pollard, Associated Builders & Contractors, Building Owners & Managers Association, C Club of Houston, Greater Houston Home Builders Association, Houston Apartment Association, Houston Association of Realtors, Houston Contractors Association, Houston Realty Business Coalition, Houston Restaurant Association, International Electrical Contractors – Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, Kingwood Tea Party, Spring Branch Republicans, Texas Asian Republicans, Texas Conservative View PAC, West Houston Executive Council and West Houston PAC

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