Official Voters Guide

# 2015 CITY OF HOUSTON EDITION

# **TEXAS CONSERVATIVE REVIEW**

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Steve Costello is a father and grandfather, an engineer who started his own small business here in Houston, a Houston city council member who has fought wasteful spending, and he is the leader we need to move Houston forward.

# AS YOUR NEXT MAYOR, STEVE COSTELLO'S TOP THREE PRIORITIES ARE:

- Fixing our roads and traffic
- Putting 1,500 new police officers in our neighborhoods
- Fighting wasteful spending with a plan to cut taxes and reduce debt





"I have lived in the great city of Houston for over 20 years. We moved here when my first husband, Rick, began astronaut training at NASA in 1995. He flew two missions in space. On the second space mission, Rick Husband was the Commander of the Space Shuttle Columbia and died with his crew during reentry in 2003. We experienced firsthand a tremendous outpouring of love and support from this great city. My children grew up here and now that they are grown, it would be an honor to serve and give back to our community that we dearly love. ""

Evelyn Husband Thompson, Candidate, Houston City Council, At-Large, Position #4

As our Council Member, Evelyn Husband Thompson will:

- Serve with integrity and work hard to fix our city streets and traffic issues
- Exhibit good stewardship expecting our city to live within a balanced budget
- Review and revise a pension plan that the city can afford and benefits the recipients in the fairest way possible
- Oppose Proposition #1 because it violates women's privacy

On November 3, please vote for **Evelyn Husband Thompson** for Houston City Council, At-Large, Postion #4. *Early voting runs October 19-30* 

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# "As your council member, I will continue to be a servant leader for the city of Houston."

-Pastor Willie R. Davis • Candidate, City Council At-Large Position 2

As our Council Member, Willie R. Davis will:

- Make sure that transportation dollars are spent wisely to repair community streets
- Work to ensure the protection and prosperity of all Houston's communities
- Demand that the city of Houston has a balanced budget
- Be our voice on City Council









# TCR ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

At TCR, it is our policy to tell you why we endorse specific candidates. We have carefully examined all of the candidates (and issues) listed on the ballot. Using position stances, voting records (for incumbents) and electoral viability, TCR has provided a list of the best, most qualified conservative choice for the races listed. Please take a moment to review our endorsement explanations and please use our complete list of endorsements (found on page 18 of this publication) to vote for the most qualified conservative candidates and issues.

# MAYOR: NO ENDORSEMENT

This year marks the end of Mayor Annise Parker's third and final term on Houston City Council due to term limits. As expected, the race to succeed Parker has produced a crowded field, including several strong contenders, which will almost certainly lead to a runoff election. The odds-on favorites to make the runoff are State Representative Sylvester Turner, a liberal Democrat, and former Sheriff Adrian Garcia, a more moderate Democrat. That is not to say that there is not a path to the runoff for one of the conservatives in the race. The two conservatives-businessman and columnist Bill King and outgoing three term City Council Member Stephen Costello— are Republicans, though both have been careful to eschew the partisan label while aggressively courting the partisan voters. The wild card in the race is Ben Hall, another Democrat, who lost two years ago to Parker, and has pinned most of his electoral hopes to an anti-HERO (Proposition 1) position. Because there are several conservatives in contention, TCR has chosen to not endorse on the first round, but will most likely issue an endorsement in the runoff.

# HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL

It is no secret that the City of Houston has a strong mayoral form of government. The mayor wields strong authority over city departments, the budget and the weekly City Council agenda, to which only the mayor can add agenda items. A mayor's vulnerability, however, is that he or she needs the votes to pass that agenda, which underscores the importance of electing conservatives to City Council.

In addition to a conservative philosophy, TCR also likes a unique perspective from candidates who have expertise in certain areas that they can utilize as Council Members. This year's group of endorsed candidates exemplify that spirit and include a realtor, two educators, two pastors, three authors, three veterans of the HCC Board, military veterans (including a Green Beret), a pharmacist and a chiropractor. This eclectic and highly qualified group reaffirms TCR's belief that we have the right team to tackle the challenges our city faces. Now it's up to you to help elect them so that they can roll up their sleeves and go to work for all of us.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT A: BRENDA STARDIG

For District A, TCR recommends a vote to re-elect City Council Member **Brenda Stardig** to a third and final term. Stardig, a Realtor by profession, has been a solid conservative vote on the Council on issues such as HERO and the city budget and a vocal advocate for the disabled.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT C: CARL JARVIS

TCR gives a hearty endorsement to underdog **Carl Jarvis** who is taking on incumbent Ellen Cohen who sides frequently with Mayor Parker on many issues, including the ill-conceived Prop. 1, which Jarvis opposes. Jarvis is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and author of *The United States of Dysfunction*, a book that discusses the takeover of the government by career politicians.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT F: KENDALL BAKER

Reverend **Kendall Baker** represents another opportunity to defeat a close Parker ally in his race against incumbent Richard Nguyen. Baker is a solid conservative, a man of faith and will fit well in this ethnically diverse district.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT G: SANDIE MULLINS MOGER

The hugely popular District G incumbent, Oliver Pennington, completes his third and final term this year due to term limits, which creates an open seat. Surprisingly, the contest in this affluent district has drawn only two candidates—HCC Trustee Sandie Mullins Moger and attorney Greg Travis who previously ran and lost in a different district. TCR gives an unequivocal nod to Sandie Mullins Moger because of her perfect candidate questionnaire score, superior grasp of the issues and a temperament ideally suited to the contact-intense position of district council member. TCR also likes the fact that Moger has taken a stronger stand against Houston Prop 1 compared to Travis' tepid opposition.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT H: ABEL DAVILA

In addition to a career as a pharmacist, Abel Davila has served

# IN SUPPORT OF HARRIS COUNTY BONDS By R. Jack Cagle, Harris County Commissioner, Pct. 4



# THE WORLD IS MOVING TO HARRIS COUNTY!

But with this growth, which is expected to double the

population in parts of our county, we will face an overburdened infrastructure including streets, bridges and drainage if we do not take action now. In a proactive effort to meet our infrastructure needs, your Harris County Commissioners have placed four propositions on the upcoming November 3rd ballot for the issuance of county bonds. As a fiscal conservative, I always want to be a good steward of your money and invest in projects that are necessary and make good fiscal sense.

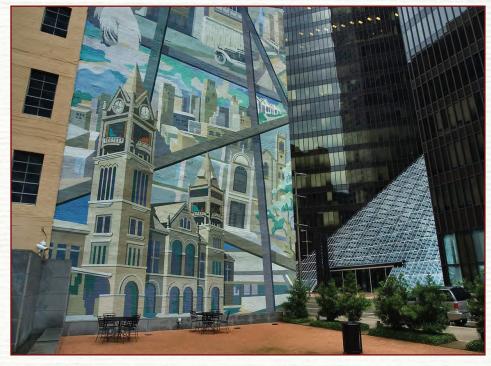
Good government should approach the financing of our infrastructure similar to the way a homeowner finances their home investment. Do we need it? Is the asset's value equal to the investment? Can we afford it?

I believe that all four of these bond proposals meet these criteria and I therefore support all four and ask that you vote yes.

# **OVERVIEW**

**Proposition 1** provides for the issuance of \$700 million for road improvements, including \$60 million for repairs and replacement of streets within our subdivisions. We all see the congestion, feel the potholes and experience the frustration of sitting in traffic. A vote in favor of Harris County Prop. 1 will help ease congestion and make our roads safer.

**Proposition 2** would allow the issuance of \$60 million in parks bonds. We need more neighborhood



parks where families can exercise and spend time together. Spaces of this type are also a key reason companies and employees cite for choosing a place to relocate. Much of these funds in Precinct 4 will be for the creation of trails along our creeks. An additional benefit to the public from these projects is the relief they provide from flooding as well as the filtration of groundwater to improve the quality and safety of our drinking water.

We will face an overburdened infrastructure including streets, bridges and drainage if we do not take action now.

**Proposition 3** supports the construction of a new Veterinary Public Health Adoption and Care Center with \$24 million in new bonds. We often forget that all of the extra people moving into the area bring their pets with them. Our current animal control facility is three decades old and struggling to meet the needs of our burgeoning population. The new construction will increase current capacity by more than 5 times, providing greater safety to the public by getting more dangerous animals off the streets. It will also allow more time to find new loving homes for strays before having to euthanize them.

Finally, **Proposition 4** would provide relief from flooding with \$64 million in Harris County Flood Control District bonds. These projects combined with the parks projects under Prop. 2 will help offset the strain on drainage created by rapid development.

I do not ask for your support lightly. I believe these projects will make our community a safer, healthier place to live, will reduce traffic, protect against flooding, improve our local economy by attracting new businesses and residents and generally improve our quality of life. Best of all, these bonds will allow us to accomplish these goals **without a tax rate increase.** These bonds make great sense and I urge you to vote "Yes" on all four on November 3, 2015. ★

Pd for by Committee to elect R. Jack Cagle

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his community as a Houston Community College Trustee where he has consistently exercised his conservative values by raising the homestead exemption for seniors, voting for tax rollbacks and against tax increases. TCR believes that Davila's past conservative performance is a good indicator of how he will perform on City Council.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT I: HERLINDA GARCIA

In addition to being an outspoken opponent of Houston's Prop. 1, **Herlinda Garcia** has an extensive background in education with over three decades service as an elementary school principal and 14 years as a Trustee of the Houston Community College System. Garcia's experience will give a first-hand perspective on Houston City Council about a key issue facing our community.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT J: MANNY BARRERA

Manny Barrera is a 45 year resident of the city of Houston where he earned both his undergraduate and Law degrees (University of Houston). In addition to a 20-year career at HISD and 16 years as a hearing officer, Barrera is also an entrepreneur and active in his community as a current member and former president of the Braeburn Glen Civic Club.

# CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE POSITION 1: MIKE KNOX

**Mike Knox** is a native Houstonian, a United States Air Force veteran and 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 DAVIS

Pastor **Willie Davis** is an impressive candidate for Houston City Council. This US Army veteran who volunteered during the Vietnam 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.

# CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE POSITION 3: MICHAEL KUBOSH

Michael Kubosh first earned notoriety before his election to City Council as the man who fought City Hall and won in his campaign to remove red light cameras in the City of Houston. Since his election, he has made a major impact at City Hall in his first term on Houston City Council. The scrappy incumbent has been a solid conservative vote and a thorn in the side of Mayor Parker on a variety of issues including HERO (Prop 1.), the budget and the City's ban on charitable feeding. TCR proudly recommends Michael Kubosh for a second term on Houston City Council, At-Large, Position 3.

# CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE POSITION 4: EVELYN HUSBAND THOMPSON

**Evelyn Husband Thompson** is the widow of Rick Husband who died commanding the Shuttle Columbia. Since her husband's death, Thompson has been a school teacher and an activist speaking on national stages including Fox News, CNN, the Billy Graham Crusades and twice at the Kennedy Space Center. Thompson is also the author of *High Calling, The Courageous Life and Faith of Space Shuttle Columbia Commander Rick Husband*. While TCR does strongly recommend Thompson, we would be remiss if we did not recognize the strength of our second choice, **Laurie Robinson**, who is a strong and well-qualified candidate for City Council.

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

Dr. Jack Christie is another unique perspective on Houston City Council representing that of the medical community. 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, a \$61 million swing in favor of the taxpaver. These are the kind of innovative solutions that we need to see if the City of Houston is to return to financial health. For his unique perspective, innovative thinking and conservative record, TCR gives a strong re-elect nod to Dr. Jack Christie.

# HOUSTON CITY CONTROLLER

The importance of electing a strong conservative for Houston City Controller cannot be stressed enough. This year voters have a wide field from which to choose and TCR has two recommendations for the city's chief financial officer—they are **Bill Frazer** and **M.J. Khan**, both of whom TCR has endorsed previously. Because of our previous support for both of these candidates, TCR recommends both and asks voters to choose from these two highly qualified candidates. ★



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Hon. Michael Kubosh

Houston City Council Member At-Large #3

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Hon. Harvin Moore

Hon. Pam Goodson,

Hon. Karen Peck

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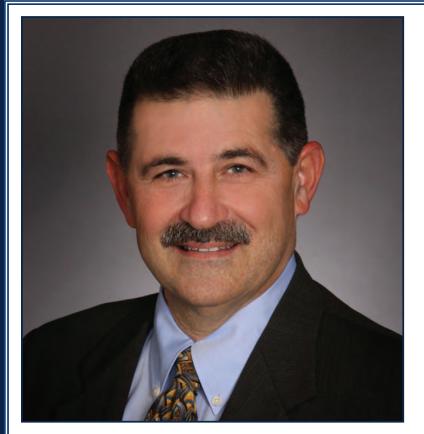
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# About Mike Knox

- 15-year Houston Police Department Officer
- Business Owner
- President, Yupon Estates Homeowners' Association
- A Leader in the Creation of HPD's First Divisional Gang Unit
- Served on Original Board of Directors for Texas Gang Investigators Association
- Former Chairman and Board Member, Houston Police Patrolmen's Union Political Action Committee
- Former Board Member of Spring Branch Education Foundation
- Former Community Director of Spring Branch Management District
- Assisted in Development of Public Safety Component for the Spring Branch Management District
- Original Funder for Spring Branch ISD "Fund for the Future"
- Participated in the Creation of Spring Branch Good Neighbor Program
- Award-Winning Author
- Air Force Veteran
- HCRP Precinct Chairman, Precinct 262
- Native Houstonian

Mike Knox, his wife of 38 years Helen, with their son, Jason and his wife Keira

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# RENEW HOUSTON

# By Bob Jones, Jones Engineering Solutions, LLC



I think everyone agrees that many of our street and drainage facilities are a deplorable mess. Unfortunately, our current Mayor and her public works

staff have failed miserably to deliver projects where they are needed.

# WE HAVE FUNDING

Fortunately, "we the people" took action in 2010 when 169,000 people voted FOR the ReBuild Houston charter amendment to provide a funding program to allow us to solve this mess.

For the first time in the history of the city, Houston has a fiscally conservative, dedicated, and predictable source of funds to provide for the repair, replacement and upgrades of all of our street and drainage systems.

# **NEW MAYOR**

We will have a new mayor in January. Choose wisely. We need to make sure our new mayor gets on track with the ReBuild Houston program and delivers on the voter's directions. After years of neglect and a couple of years of drought we now have a "pothole" crisis. We all want the potholes fixed, but what we really want is streets without potholes!

# **REBUILD HOUSTON**

The ReNew Houston program, now known as ReBuild Houston, identified this \$10 billion crisis over six years ago and developed a very conservative, solid financial model that will fund all of the needed repairs, replacement and upgrades. Over the next 12 years, ReBuild Houston will pour almost \$6 billion into the program, without any new debt and without any new property taxes! We have sufficient money going forward, we need better implementation.

# THE DRAINAGE FEE

Many readers of this publication have been duped into thinking the charter amendment was simply an ill-conceived "rain tax." I challenge you to read the rest of this article and see if you continue to think that.

The drainage fee, or rain tax as some have called it, is only one component

# ...a conservative solution that needs a good leader to use the funds where they are needed most.

of what the charter amendment does. The drainage fee will generate less than 30 % of all ReBuild Houston funds over the next 20 years, but it's a fee you pay based on the square feet of hard surface--driveways, sidewalks, roof tops, decks-- you have at your house, not on the VALUE of your house.

Conservatives have long argued that property value should not be the basis for how we pay for government services. I agree. ReBuild Houston's drainage fee solves that problem. The owner of a \$400,000 house with 2,000 square feet of surface pays the same amount as the owner of a \$100,000 house with 2,000 square feet of hard surface, not FOUR times as much just because the house is worth more. With the drainage fee you pay according to your contribution to the drainage system not with higher property taxes.

# REBUILD HOUSTON REQUIREMENTS

Let's revisit ReBuild Houston. Like the revenue cap amendment we passed in 2004, the ReBuild Houston charter

amendment forces the following financial discipline and restrictions on our city government:

- Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund, created a lock box for all of our street and drainage funds and limits the ability of future mayors and councils to divert this money from its intended purposes,
- b. Prohibits new street and drainage debt,
- Dedicates 11.8 cents of existing c. city property taxes to streets and drainage, first to pay off our existing street and drainage debt, then to directly fund street and drainage improvements. This year alone, the 11.8 cents paid the debt and generated an additional \$55 million for street and drainage projects. As we pay down the debt, the excess going to improvements will increase to about \$150 million per year in six years, and will grow to \$275 million per year over the next 12 years,
- d. Supports the council established drainage fee,
- e. Captures all third party money, like the city's share of Metro mobility money, into the dedicated fund, and
- f. Converts Houston to a pay-asyou-go financial program.

Some in the current mayor's race think we should step back into the dark ages and start borrowing more money for streets and drainage. Increasing our debt and probably raising our property taxes. That's not conservative.

Thanks to the ReBuild Houston charter amendment, Houston is the only city in the country with a fully-funded street and drainage program. It's a conservative solution that needs a good leader to use the funds where they are needed most. \* \*

# 2015 CITY OF HOUSTON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE AND SCORECARD

For 2015, TCR has devised a list of 18 yes or no questions (24 for Controller candidates). **You can view the questionnaire at www.texasconservativereview.com.** The scorecard and candidate grades are listed below. There were some races where TCR could not find a viable conservative candidate. In those cases, the race is not mentioned. Participation matters so if a candidate chose not to respond, they don't deserve your vote and received an automatic F.

# SCORECARD

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# Re-Elect Michael Kubosh

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# 2016 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY PREVIEW

By Marc Cowart, TCR Managing Editor



Next year's 2016 Republican Primary ballot promises to be downright tame compared to the fiery 2014 version that saw open races in nearly

every statewide office due in large part to the domino effect precipitated by the departure of **Governor Rick Perry**.

This year certainly doesn't have an equivalent number of hot primary races, but there will be some interesting races, nonetheless.

Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter is expected to have three opponents—Gary Gates, previously a candidate for State Senate; Ron Hale, who also ran for State Senate and Austin attorney/lobbyist John Greytok.

Justice Debra Lehrmann, who is running for re-election for Texas Supreme Court Place 3, is being challenged by Justice Michael Massengale, who currently sits on the First District Court of Appeals. Massengale will certainly encounter blowback during the campaign for a recent case in which he allowed a sharia law practice known as a "talaq" divorce to be accepted in Texas. Massengale's challenge will likely draw opposition from conservatives who have worked hard to keep sharia law out of Texas as well as from women because of sharia law's bias against women.

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Judge Sid Harle, who currently sits on Bexar County's 226th District Court, is running for Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5.

We also have some interesting local State Representative races. In House District 126, Lanier Law Firm executive Kevin Roberts is seeking to replace retiring State Rep. Patricia Harless. Roberts mounted an early campaign, scooping up wide support which has allowed him to run unopposed thus far. The race to succeed State Rep. Allen Fletcher in House District 130 is a different story, drawing several early contestants, the strongest of whom so far is anesthesiologist Dr. Tom Oliverson who, like Roberts, mounted an early campaign. Oliverson's challengers include Kay Smith and Michael Wolfe, both of whom currently serve

as Trustees on the Harris County Department of Education. The final interesting House race is a challenge to conservative **State Rep Debbie Riddle** in House District 150 by former State Board of Education Member **Terri Leo** who appears to be the most credible challenge to Riddle since her election.

There are 14 District Court benches up for grabs which are held by Democrats who will most certainly draw Republican challenges. Early entrants include **Kevin Fulton** (11th District Court), **Ken Shortreed** (80th), **Sarah Jane Swanson** (127th), **Sophia Mafrige** (129th), **Bruce Bain** (164th), **Phil Gommels** (178th) and **Fred Shuchart** (215th).

In the county offices, newly appointed Sheriff Ron Hickman is challenged by Carl Pittman, while Democrat County Attorney Vince Ryan has yet to draw a challenger, though it is unlikely he will go unchallenged.

Rounding out the bottom of the ballot, **Constable Mark Herman** and **Justice of the Peace Lincoln Goodwin** will both seek election to the posts to which they were recently appointed, while in Pct 5 **Ted Heap** will run to replace his boss **Phil Camus** who is retiring, and **Joe Danna** will again run for Constable in Pct 1. ★

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# ABOUT TEXAS CONSERVATIVE REVIEW EDITOR AND PUBLISHER Gary Polland



Gary Polland is a long-time conservative and Republican spokesman, fund-raiser, and leader who served three terms as the Harris County Republican Chairman. During his tenure, Gary was described as the most successful County Chairman in America by *Human Events* - *The National Conservative Weekly*. He is in his nineteenth year of editing a newsletter dealing with key conservative and Republican issues. For the last fourteen years he has edited the Texas Conservative Review. Gary is co-host of the public affairs program, *Red, White & Blue,* seen weekly, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., on Channel 8, Houston Public Media (PBS). This publication is a courtesy of www.texasconservativereview.com - your leading source for conservative commentary. Subscriptions are free so come join our family. ★





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- 2. The elimination of over-reach and reduced regulation
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# CONSERVATIVE LEADERS RECOMMEND VOTING "YES" FOR HOUSTON PROP 2

# PROP 2 WILL EXTEND TERMS TO 4 YEARS AND LIMIT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO 2 TERMS SAVING MILLIONS IN TAX DOLLARS OF ELECTION COSTS.



"Proposition 2 has everything to do with good government and nothing to do with changing term limits. Two four-year terms in city government instead of three two-year terms allows for strategic, long-

term planning. There is no company in America nor large city in Texas that has a strategic plan of two years. I encourage you to support good government and vote "YES" for Proposition 2."

~ Dave Martin, Houston City Council, District E.



"The term change under Houston Proposition 2 is good public policy and is an improvement to the current term limits provision. Proposition 2 provides greater stability to our city government

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while reducing taxpayer costs for city elections. TCR believes a vote for Houston Prop 2 is a vote for conservative principles and good government. Please vote "YES" to Houston's Prop 2 on Nov 3."

 Gary Polland, Former Chairman, Harris County Republican Party

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# VOTE NO ON HOUSTON'S PROPOSITION 1 NO MEN IN WOMEN'S BATHROOMS NO BOYS IN GIRLS' SHOWERS OR LOCKER ROOMS

By Steven F. Hotze, M.D., President, Campaign for Houston

JUST SAY "NO!" TO HOUSTON'S PROPOSITION 1, THE BATHROOM ORDINANCE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW TROUBLED MEN, WHO CLAIM TO BE WOMEN, TO ENTER WOMEN'S BATHROOMS, SHOWERS AND LOCKER ROOMS.



This Bathroom Ordinance is just absurd! There is no reason that men should be allowed to use women's public bathrooms, showers or locker

rooms just because they say that they "feel" like a woman. Feelings do not change the facts. A man who says that he is a "transgender female" is still a man, no matter what he thinks he is. You cannot change your genes, even if you remove your body parts. Any man dressed as a woman is a man who is engaging in deviant behavior.

There are 8,345 registered and convicted sexual predators in Harris County and 99% are males. This just scratches the surface of this dangerous problem because there are many times this number of sexual predators who have never been caught or convicted. If Proposition 1 is passed, then what is there to keep these perverted men from lurking around women's restrooms, showers and locker rooms under the guise of claiming to be women?

It seems prudent for society to maintain separate men's and women's bathrooms, showers and locker room facilities in order to prevent women and girls from being placed in situations where their privacy and safety would be violated. Our focus should be on preventing crime before it happens. This proposed ordinance purports to stop discrimination, but it does just the opposite. It causes reverse discrimination against those who believe that individuals should not be forced to share bathrooms, showers or locker rooms with members of the opposite sex.

This ordinance discriminates against women by forcing them to be exposed to troubled men who want to invade their privacy and who may even be planning to harm them.

Just say "No!" to Houston's Proposition 1, the Bathroom Ordinance. NO Men in Women's Bathrooms. NO Boys in Girls' Showers or Locker Rooms.

# CAMPAIGN FOR HOUSTON ENDORSEMENTS

**Campaign for Houston** endorses the following Houston candidates, all of whom oppose **Houston's Proposition 1**, the **Bathroom Ordinance**.

# CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

DISTRICT A Brenda Stardig

> DISTRICT C Carl Jarvis

DISTRICT F Kendall L. Baker

DISTRICT G Sandie Mullins Moger

> DISTRICT H Abel Davila

DISTRICT I Herlinda Garcia

DISTRICT J Manny Barrera

AT-LARGE POSITION 1 Mike Knox

AT-LARGE POSITION 2 Willie R. Davis

AT-LARGE POSITION 3 Michael Kubosh

AT-LARGE POSITION 4 Evelyn Husband Thompson

> AT-LARGE POSITION 5 Jack Christie

CITY CONTROLLER Bill Frazer

PROPOSITION #1 "BATHROOM ORDINANCE" **NO** 

PROPOSITION #2 "EXTENDING TERMS OF CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS" NO

# TCR RECOMMENDATIONS

By law, you can detatch this page and take it into the polls with you. We have chosen the most qualified, conservative candidate or ballot measure. If a City of Houston race doesn't appear, it is because we could not find a qualified conservative, or the incumbent is unopposed.

Each endorsed candidate is shown in **BOLD** with a **YELLOW HIGHLIGHT** and red check mark  $\checkmark$ .

### **TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL** AMENDMENTS

✓ We recommend a FOR vote for Proposition 1 - 7

# HARRIS COUNTY BOND **ELECTION**

**PROPOSITION #1** "ROADS AND BRIDGES" ✓ FOR

AGAINST

**PROPOSITION #2** "PARKS"

✓ FOR

**"VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH"** ✓ FOR

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# AGAINST **PROPOSITION #3**

AGAINST

# HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD **CONTROL BOND ELECTION**

**PROPOSITION #4** "FLOOD CONTROL" ✓ FOR

AGAINST

# **CITY OF HOUSTON** MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MAYOR NO ENDORSEMENT COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT A ✓ BRENDA STARDIG **IESHEIA AYERS-WILSON** 

**COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT C** ✓ CARL JARVIS ELLEN R. COHEN

MICHAEL MCDONALD

**COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT F** STEVE LE ✓ KENDALL L. BAKER

**RICHARD NGUYEN** 

**COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT G GREG TRAVIS** ✓ SANDIE MULLINS MOGER

**COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT H** JASON CISNEROZ ✓ ABEL DAVILA

> KARLA CISNEROS ROLAND M. CHAVEZ

**COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT I HERLINDA GARCIA ROBERT GALLEGOS** 

**COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT J** DUNG LE JIM BIGHAM MIKE LASTER

# ✓ MANNY BARRERA

**COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE POSITION 1** M. "GRIFF" GRIFFIN TOM MCCASLAND **IENIFER RENE POOL GEORGIA PROVOST** CHRIS OLIVER

# **MIKE KNOX** LANE LEWIS

JAMES PARTSCH-GÁLVIN

**COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE POSITION 2** DAVID W. ROBINSON MOE RIVERA

ERIC DICK ✓ WILLIE R. DAVIS

ANDREW C. BURKS, JR.

**COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE POSITION 3** 

# ✓ MICHAEL KUBOSH

JOHN CHRISTIAN BULLITT LARUE JOSEPH MCELLIGOTT DOUG PETERSON

**COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE POSITION 4** AMANDA EDWARDS JONATHAN HANSEN LARRY BLACKMON LAURIE ROBINSON

### **EVELYN HUSBAND** THOMPSON

MATT MURPHY **ROY MORALES** 

# **COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE POSITION 5**

J. BRAD BATTEAU ✓ JACK CHRISTIE

PHILIPPE NASSIF SHARON MOSES

# **CITY CONTROLLER** ✓ M.J. KHAN

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# **CITY OF HOUSTON** SPECIAL ELECTION

**PROPOSITION #1 "THE SO-CALLED HERO ORDINANCE**" YES

# ✓ NO

**PROPOSITION #2 "TERM LIMIT CHANGE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**" ✓ YES

NO

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# PENSION REFORM

The state legislature controls our employees' pensions, their mismanagement has caused a \$3.3 billion short fall. Working people deserve to get their pension, but it can't come at a cost to important city services or having to lay off city employees like police and municiworkers. Garcia will pal demand that the legislators in Austin give Houston control of the pension system. In 2004, Garcia worked with Mayor White to get needed pension reforms in the police and municipal systems. He'll do it again as Mayor.

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~ Senator Paul Bettencourt

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