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TCR SPECIAL ENDORSEMENTS

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

For 2019, TCR has devised a list of 22 yes or no questions that were sent to candidates. Candidate responses were used to award a letter grade and to determine an endorsement in each race. Any candidate whose response to a question is contradicted by public statements shall receive an incorrect grade for that question. The complete list of questions and candidate responses may be viewed at www.TexasConservativeReview.com. Participation matters, so if a candidate chose not to respond, they don't deserve your vote and received an automatic "F."

MAYOR: TONY BUZBEE

Tony Buzbee is an American success story. He grew up in rural Texas. His parents were working class—his father was a meat cutter and his mother a school bus driver, so he understands financial hardship and the value of a dollar. **Buzbee** earned a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M on an ROTC scholarship which led him to a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps where he led troops in combat in Somalia and the Persian Gulf. After the Marines, **Buzbee** moved to Houston where he earned his law degree at the University of Houston and founded what would become one of the most successful law firms in the nation where he helped get justice for workers killed or injured on the job. He's also stood up for victims of discrimination and even represented **Governor Rick Perry** when he was wrongly prosecuted by the liberal Travis County District Attorney. **Tony** is also an accomplished businessman in the areas of real estate, hospitality and technology.

Tony Buzbee is the leader we need to direct Houston at its crossroads. He's led Marines. He's led teams of lawyers. He's led businesses. He's also Independent—Independent of divisive partisan politics and partisan bickering... independent of cronyism and special interests and... independent of the pay-to-play donors who control politicians with their campaign contributions.

Buzbee has the leadership, experience and vision we need at the city. He is also the only candidate who can beat **Turner** in the runoff. Conservatives need to band together and elect **Tony Buzbee**, the candidate who can put Houston back on track.

CONTROLLER: ORLANDO SANCHEZ

The office of City Controller is often overlooked amidst the higher profile races of Mayor and City Council on the ballot. That reality however, makes it no less important in the grand scheme of municipal government. The City Controller is essentially the city's chief financial officer with duties that include watching over the city's \$5 billion+ budget, conducting audits of city departments and federal grant programs and production of the annual report of city finances. With those duties in mind, it is essential that the city controller be a financial watchdog who will safeguard the public's funds and one who can remain independent of the mayor and city council. This year, TCR endorses Air Force veteran **Orlando Sanchez** over incumbent **Chris Brown** because of **Sanchez's** background and experience, which includes three terms on Houston City Council and 12 years as Harris County Treasurer.

DISTRICT A: GEORGE HARRY ZOES

George Harry Zoes is the son of Greek Immigrants who has been in Spring Branch since 1958. **Zoes** is a graduate of Spring Branch High School and the University of Houston. **Zoes**, like his father, is an entrepreneur who plans to bring his 30 years of business experience to Houston City Council to help balance the budget, cut excess waste, and attract new businesses to the area. With his business background and a strong connection to District A that spans six decades, **George Harry Zoes** is well-prepared to represent the district on Council.

DISTRICT B: PRINCE E.W. BRYANT II

Prince Bryant, II is a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Persian Gulf War. For the past two decades, **Bryant** has been dedicated to serving his local community assisting in FEMA and Red Cross relief efforts across multiple disasters. **Bryant** has a vision for his community that includes innovative ways to create 16,000 new jobs and increase home ownership in the community.

DISTRICT C: GREG MEYERS

It would be difficult to dispute that **Greg Meyers**—who holds a BA from Texas A&M, an MBA from St. Mary's University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Houston—is the most qualified candidate for Houston City Council, District C. In addition to his impressive education, **Meyers** is also an accomplished businessman and public servant. While building a successful business, which he would later sell, **Meyers** ran and won election to the HISD Board of Trustees where he served as president. At HISD, **Meyers** used his business acumen to create a badly needed strategic plan which helped transform HISD, ultimately leading to its receipt of the prestigious Broad Prize, awarded to the top urban school district in the nation. **Meyers** is currently the Chief Financial Officer for Kickstart Kids as well as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas where he teaches school finance. With such a history of success, there is no question why **Greg Meyers** is TCR's choice for District C.

DISTRICT D: ANDREW C. BURKS, JR.

Andrew Burks was elected to the Houston City Council At-Large, Position 2 seat in 2011 with the recommendation of TCR. Although a Democrat, **Burks** received a perfect score on the TCR candidate questionnaire and performed well on Houston City Council, working in a very bi-partisan way. Despite his performance, **Burks** did not earn re-election in 2013. Based on the current field and his past performance, TCR recommends **Andrew Burks** for District D.

DISTRICT E: DAVE MARTIN

Dave Martin was first elected to Houston City Council in November 2012 to fill the seat vacated by **Mike Sullivan**, who left to seek office as Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector. An accountant by profession, **Martin** has used his financial background to bring a sound fiscal policy perspective to the city of Houston. **Martin** has been an effective advocate for his district, which includes Kingwood and Clear Lake, and has earned TCR's endorsement for re-election.

DISTRICT F: VAN HUYNH

For the past three years, **Van Huynh** has served as Chief of Staff for outgoing District F Council Member **Steve Le**, which has given him unique insights into the district, its residents and their needs. With his City Hall background, **Huynh** is prepared to hit the ground running from day one.

DISTRICT G: GREG TRAVIS

Greg Travis holds undergraduate degrees from Westminster College and a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. **Travis**, who was elected in 2015, is seeking his second term representing the people of District G. During his first term, **Travis** has used his professional skills as a litigator to aggressively represent his constituents

and has been a frequent participant in the District G civic associations and Super Neighborhood meetings, which has kept him in tune with the needs of the district.

DISTRICT H: NO ENDORSEMENT

DISTRICT I: RICHARD "RICK" GONZALES

Richard "Rick" Gonzales is a retired Houston Police Officer of 30 years who has worked in many aspects of the community including the Truancy Unit, School Resource Officer, Gang Officer Differential Response Unit, Inhalant Abuse Unit and Homeland Security at both Houston Airports. He is a certified Crime Prevention Officer and holds a TECOE Master Police License. **Gonzales** has worked on the streets his entire career and knows the citizens of District I extremely well, which makes him well-qualified to provide them the excellent constituent services lacking under the incumbent. With his intimate knowledge of District I, relationships within the community and a distinguished law enforcement background, **Rick Gonzales** is TCR's choice for District I.

DISTRICT J: BARRY CURTIS

Barry Curtis has deep roots in District J, dating back to 1977, and is a graduate of Sharpstown High School in the district. He and his wife have raised their children in District J and, as a police officer, **Curtis** served in and around District J, and developed relationships in the community that will serve him well as the District J Council Member.

DISTRICT K: KIM SAUKE

Kim Sauke is a 35-year resident of Houston who holds a nursing degree from San Jacinto College, a BBA from Le Tourneau University and an MBA from Texas Women's University. She has an accomplished career in health care that includes training in the Houston Medical

Center in intensive care nursing. **Sauke** is active within her community, serving as an officer with the Willow Meadows Civic Club and a member of the Magic Circle Republican Women's Club. The importance of health care will only grow as the population ages, which makes **Sauke's** perspective unique and welcome on Houston City Council and a very good reason to give her a place on 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** became 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*. **Knox** was elected to Houston City Council in 2015 and has been an effective, conservative voice on Council; he has for example routinely opposed **Mayor Sylvester Turner's** frivolous spending, such as the \$3 million contract for bands at the airport. **Knox's** impeccable credentials, unique experience and unassailable record on City Council have once again earned him TCR's vote of confidence and endorsement for re-election.

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 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.

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 his campaign to remove red

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light cameras in the City of Houston. Since his election, **Kubosh** has made a major impact at City Hall. The scrappy incumbent has been a leader and a solid conservative vote on a number of issues important to conservatives. TCR proudly recommended **Kubosh** in his two previous campaigns based on his business background, community involvement and for his willingness to fight for what is right; **Michael Kubosh** has delivered on all counts and TCR once again endorses **Michael Kubosh** for re-election to Houston City Council, At-Large, Position 3.

AT LARGE POSITION 4: ANTHONY DOLCEFINO

Anthony Dolcefino presents an opportunity to elect a different perspective—one of youth and idealism—to Houston City Council. **Dolcefino** is young, idealistic and reform-minded and plans to make his mark on the political landscape. Like **Tony Buzbee** at the top of the ticket,

Dolcefino hopes to shine a light on the business-as-usual politics of City Hall and bring transparency to the city of Houston. His fiery pursuit of the truth is likely attributed to his DNA—he is the son of **Wayne Dolcefino**, long considered one of the Houston's best investigative journalists. **Dolcefino** is a graduate of the University of Texas and has been an active conservative—as a member of the Young Conservatives of Texas and former staffer for **Briscoe Cain**, named the most conservative member of the Texas House—and has earned the support of numerous conservative groups including the Kingwood Tea Party, Spring Branch Republicans, POLICE, INC and even has the backing of the Houston Fire Fighters. TCR is proud to join the impressive list of organizations backing this conservative rising star.

AT LARGE POSITION 5: ERIC DICK

Eric was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 2004 and earned his Juris Doctor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, the largest law school in the United States. **Eric** has also received his L.L.M., which is an advanced law degree in taxation, from the University of Alabama School of Law. **Dick** is also a licensed real estate agent and a licensed insurance agent.

Eric Dick is public servant with a passion for helping people. An attorney by profession, **Dick** represents homeowners whose claims have been delayed, denied or underpaid by insurance companies to help make them whole following damages caused by fires, hailstorms and of course severe weather events such as Hurricane Harvey and Tropical Storm Imelda. His passion for helping extends

beyond his profession. For years, he has been fighting to overturn the City of Houston's 2012 ban on feeding the homeless, which makes it a crime to distribute food contributions to more than five people without an approved city permit. **Dick** has a website dedicated to the issue at <http://www.feeding.rocks>.

Eric is currently a Trustee with the Harris County Department of Education where he has served since his election in 2016. With his heart and history of helping people, along with a conservative world view and business experience, **Eric Dick** is the obvious choice for the Houston City Council, At-Large, Position 5 seat. TCR gives **Eric Dick** an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 148: CHRIS CARMONA

Conservatives have the opportunity this November to pick up the seat previously held by Democrat **Jessica Farrar**. The election is a free-for-all with 15 candidates. Although running as an Independent, **Carmona** has long ties to the Republican Party, including as the former co-chair of the Young Republican National Federation and Executive Director of the Texas Young Republicans. Most recently, **Carmona** ran for Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party in 2018 but lost narrowly to the incumbent. It will be interesting to see if **Carmona's** strategy to run as an Independent can garner him crossover votes in this Democrat district. TCR gives the nod to **Carmona**

for his activist background, his business and legal experience and his service to the community.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT I: DAKOTA STORMER

There is no question that the education paradigm has shifted in recent years. A four-year college degree and its associated debt is no longer a given and is certainly not a guarantee of employment as was the case in years past. It is also true that the stigma once associated with technical training for welders, electricians and plumbers, which can provide entry level incomes of \$60-\$70,000 annually, has largely vanished. Community colleges like HCC have embraced the new paradigm and by extension need leadership not bound to outdated educational thinking. **Dakota Stormer** represents just this type of next generation thinking and leadership.

Dakota Stormer is a native Houstonian who graduated valedictorian from Magnolia West High School. **Stormer** then attended the University of Texas at Austin where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in chemical engineering. **Dakota** then attended Johns Hopkins University part-time for a master's degree in energy policy and climate while also working as a Health, Safety, Security, and Environmental Advisor for an energy company in Houston.

Stormer has founded two companies, four advocacy organizations and has served on ten boards

of community and educational associations. At just 24 years of age, **Dakota Stormer** has already achieved much during his young life and should be a role model for youth in our city. TCR gives this young leader a hearty endorsement and looks forward to his leadership at HCC.

METRO TRANSIT AUTHORITY, PROP A: AGAINST

In his October 20th Houston Chronicle editorial, **Gilbert Garcia**, who served as Chairman of Metro for 6 years, called the latest Metro bond proposal, "A bad, irresponsible idea." **Garcia** goes on to say that Metro cannot afford to borrow \$3.5 billion and that to ask voters for such borrowing authority, while current rail and bus ridership numbers remain below forecasts, while the bus fleet continues to age, while the costs associated with the Uptown Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) remain unknown and while other "state of good repair" investments remain unmet, is bad policy. Other reasons **Garcia** offers to support opposition to the proposal include a lack of transparency, an ill-conceived rail plan that **Garcia** predicts won't draw sustainable ridership to the Hobby Airport, a lack of density for rail ridership and a lack of fiscal responsibility. If the former Chairman of Metro and one of its biggest fans can't get behind this \$3.5 billion blank check, then this proposition must be really, really bad. TCR recommends a "no" vote on this boondoggle. ★

TONY BUZBEE THE RIGHT CANDIDATE TO RESCUE THE CITY OF HOUSTON

The City of Houston has a strong mayoral form of government and needs a strong mayor at the helm of the nation's fourth largest city. Over the past four years, Houstonians have witnessed the consequences of weak leadership, poor financial practices, a muddled vision and an agenda that is self-serving and steeped in cronyism

that enriches the mayor's friends with taxpayer dollars.

Houston, we can do better. Houston, we MUST do better. If not, our city is ruined. We have already gone four years in the wrong direction; another four years under this mayor—who, because he is term-limited, will have a "blank check" to do as he pleases with

no accountability—will accelerate the City's demise even faster.

In this year's election for Houston Mayor, TCR endorses **Tony Buzbee** because of his background, his stand on the issues and because he is the only candidate who can beat **Sylvester Turner**.

THE BUZBEE STORY: MEET TCR'S CHOICE FOR MAYOR

It is no secret that **Tony Buzbee** has achieved a high degree of success as the head of his own law firm where he helps get justice primarily for workers killed or injured on the job. He's also stood up for victims of discrimination and even represented **Governor Rick Perry** when he was wrongly prosecuted by the liberal Travis County District Attorney. **Buzbee** has wrought justice for his clients and in the process achieved success. But this wasn't always the case. **Tony Buzbee** started out as the son of a butcher and a school bus driver. He was raised in the rural Texas town of Queen City Texas (population around 1,500) where his family of six shared a 1,400 square foot home, whose walls were so thin that he frequently overheard his parents discussing which bills they could pay and which they could not. **Buzbee** fed chickens and hogs on the family farm

and also worked to help support the family. **Buzbee** ultimately found his way out of his rural hometown with an ROTC scholarship to Texas A&M followed by a commission in the United States Marine

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Corps where he led Marines in combat in Somalia and the Persian Gulf.

After discharge from the Marines, **Buzbee** moved to Houston where

he attended and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Houston Law Center. After a brief time working for a large law firm, **Buzbee** founded his own law firm where he specialized in helping workers seriously injured and killed on the job. Since he founded his firm, he has grown it to be one of the top firms in the nation. In addition to his legal career, **Buzbee** has an extensive business career in which he has helped turn around failing businesses including restaurants and hotels. He also built a real estate portfolio of commercial and residential properties. He's also been involved with the tech startup for the mobile app Favor, which was just sold to the HEB grocery chain. Impressively, **Buzbee** has built all of his ventures with no debt.

Takeaways from **Buzbee's** history are numerous. His modest upbringing taught him the value of the dollar and he learned from his parents the idea of never giving up. As a businessman, he has a perspective that **Turner** does not possess; one that will help guide

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the city to fiscal fitness. **Buzbee** is a leader; he led young Marines in combat and he's led teams of lawyers to build one of the most successful law firms in the country and ultimately he is prepared to lead the 22,000 workers at the city of Houston out of mediocrity and into excellence. Finally, the Marine Corps, especially Special Ops where he served, helped create in him the type of character and leadership the city needs at its current crossroads. There is a Marine Corps slogan that says, "**Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome**", which is a mindset that allows **Marines** to deal with any physical, mental, or spiritual hardship. It is a mindset that would serve us well at the helm of the city, where **Buzbee** will implement his plan for the future.

THE BUZBEE PLAN

Tony Buzbee has plans for every area of the city he sees lacking. Those plans can be found on his website at www.TonyBuzbeeForMayor.com. **Buzbee** is proud of his plan and often tells audiences that he "wrote every word of it." The highlights include:

CORRUPTION

Buzbee's pledge to not accept campaign contributions ensures that he can remain independent from the influence of campaign donors and special interest groups. He also pledges to seek a charter amendment that would prevent campaign contributors from being able to enter into a contract with or work for the city for a period of one year to prevent the rampant pay-to-play that he alleges against the **Turner** and previous city administrations.

FLOODING

Buzbee is passionate about addressing the flooding problem. He has spent countless hours researching the issue, meeting with experts and elected officials, meeting with homeowners who have flooded, and has taken boat tours of the San Jacinto River to see firsthand the issues caused by sand mining and a lack of dredging.

Other **Buzbee** planks include:

- Implement Prop B and give firefighters the pay raise that voters approved
- Add 1,500 new police officers
- Implementation of Zero-based budgeting to rein in city spending
- Full online disclosure of all spending for the public and the media
- Appointment of an independent auditor to not only audit expenditures but to also audit city processes to identify ways to become more efficient
- Dedicating drainage fee revenues to drainage projects and ending all diversions
- Repairing and clearing the existing drainage system to move water faster
- Reward developers who invest in flood abatement with dollar-for-dollar offsets to drainage taxes in the year of the investment to encourage drainage-friendly construction

TONY BUZBEE'S PATH TO VICTORY

A key factor in **Tony Buzbee's** endorsement is that he has a path to victory, much of which was lacking in **Sylvester Turner's** 2015 runoff opponent.

Resources—**Tony Buzbee** is self-funding his campaign, which will be a major key to his victory. While other candidates are expending the resources of time and money to raise campaign dollars, **Buzbee** can focus on connecting with voters, not donors and special interest groups. This means that **Buzbee** is the only candidate in the race who can match or exceed **Sylvester Turner** dollar-for-dollar, despite a seemingly endless flow of pay-to-play donors looking to siphon more taxpayer dollars from city coffers.

Coalitions—**Tony Buzbee** has a number of built-in constituencies that he can count on along his path to victory. For example, **Buzbee** is the only veteran in this year's mayor's race, which will earn him a large share of the huge veteran population and those who appreciate the service of veterans. In a similar vein, **Buzbee** would be the first Aggie elected Mayor of Houston which will give Houston's substantial Aggie population a reason to get out on November 5th. **Buzbee** also has a huge following within the rank-and-file of the first responder community, which will work hard for him in the runoff.

Buzbee the Independent—As an Independent not bound by partisanship, one of **Buzbee's** greatest advantages is his ability to secure support from Republicans, conservative Democrats and Independents.

The Buzbee Movement—**Tony Buzbee's** campaign is in no way ordinary. He has tapped into a burning desire among the electorate for change and leadership. His groundswell of support is clear at the meet-and-greet events he holds in every neighborhood across the city—he has held over 60 thus far—that pack restaurants and event halls with crowds averaging 100+ people, but have reached as high as 1,500.

LET'S GET BEHIND BUZBEE AND TAKE THE CITY IN A BRIGHTER DIRECTION

Voters have the chance to change the City's direction by electing **Tony Buzbee**. **Tony Buzbee** is not the perfect choice, but he is the BEST choice. He is the candidate with the character, skills and vision we need to correct the wrong direction of the past four years. But in order for him to take on that mission, all of us—male and female, young and old, rich and poor and those of every color and ethnicity—must join together and vote for a brighter future by voting for **Tony Buzbee**. ★

CONSERVATIVES MUST VOTE—THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY DEPENDS ON YOU!

In TCR's Mayoral Preview Edition published last month, the case was made that **Sylvester Turner** has been the worst mayor in decades, maybe ever. In case you missed that edition (which is online at www.TexasConservativeReview.com), a recap of some of **Turner's** failures is included below.

Even without reading the content, most conservatives already realize that the city cannot afford four more years of **Sylvester Turner**. But what they may not realize is that conservatives are responsible for electing **Sylvester Turner**. That is not to say that conservatives voted for **Turner**; but by staying home and not voting, it was the same as if they did. And it was a large number of conservatives who stayed home—in fact, nearly 60,000 Republican primary voters and over 200,000 conservative independents chose not to participate. If conservatives want to beat **Turner** and turn our city around, they must vote and must get others to vote. For those who need the ammunition to convince their friends and family, read on.

Under the so-called leadership of **Mayor Sylvester Turner**, the problems in which the city found itself at the time of **Turner's** election four years ago, have only been exacerbated with even more created by his administration. The worst of these problems are well documented—financial issues, animosity between first responders over pay parity, flooding, traffic congestion, increasing crime, dangerous and decaying infrastructure and a homeless population exploding right before the eyes of residents and visitors alike.

A deeper dive into these problems and **Turner's** failure to provide leadership lead to one inevitable conclusion—Houston cannot afford four more years of **Sylvester Turner**!

THE TURNER RECORD

PUBLIC SAFETY

- In 2015 he promised to bolster HPD's ranks by an additional 800 officers, but has had a net loss of officers. After months of denial by **Turner** and his media apologists, new crime statistics prove that crime is actually up. **Turner** has also created animosity between police and fire fighters by fighting pay parity and refusing to implement the pay raise that nearly 300,000 voters approved.

FLOODING

- **Turner** failed to prepare for flooding even though experts advised him the city was not prepared. It wasn't until after Harvey that **Turner** started doing anything. And they haven't done much since. **Turner**

Flood Czar Stephen Costello recently admitted, "When people ask us today if we're more prepared now than we were prepared for Harvey, the answer, unfortunately, is no..."

- Harvey response was an unmitigated disaster. Residents had no warning that the gates at the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs would be opened and their homes would be flooded. **Turner** refused to mobilize HFD to aid in rescues, because he did not want to pay for overtime.
- Hurricane Harvey relief has been the disaster after the disaster; to date only 15 home owners have been helped. The **Turner** administration's handling of disaster assistance has been so incompetent that the state has had to step in and take over. **Turner** has paid contractors (almost every single one of them a campaign donor) millions to do nothing.
- The **Turner** administration approved the development in Kingwood that led to flooding in May. Following that flood, **Turner** failed to do anything about the


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development and Kingwood flooded once again during Tropical Storm Imelda, causing flood damage to more homes.

- **Turner** continues to divert drainage revenues away from drainage projects.

CORRUPTION

- Pay-to-play—the practice of rewarding campaign donors with city contracts—is running rampant under the **Turner** administration. **Turner** doesn't even try to deny it. He frequently tells audiences that he is doing exactly what previous administrations have done. One flagrant example of pay-to-play involves **Mayor Sylvester Turner's** former law partner, who was awarded \$6.7 million for "legal services" from a \$35 million Hurricane Harvey relief contract.
- Just recently the media broke the story of how **Sylvester Turner** created an internship for a personal "friend" at \$95,000 per year; more incredibly, **Turner** green-lighted the sweetheart position during a hiring freeze.

CITY FINANCES

- **Sylvester Turner** has managed to bloat the city budget to \$5.1 Billion for FY2020, up nearly \$250 million from 2019. In total, spending has increased overall by 15% since **Turner** took office, but still ran a deficit of \$435 million in the last budget.

It has been stated here and before. The city of Houston cannot afford four more years of **Sylvester Turner**. Unfortunately that is a danger that we face if conservatives do not get out and vote. A recent University of Houston poll shows **Sylvester Turner** at 43.5% with 17% undecided, which presents the threat that **Turner** could win without a runoff. **Tony Buzbee** is **Turner's** largest threat, polling at 23.5% and is the only hope for conservatives to capture City Hall. This most recent poll also reinforces what other polls have shown; that none of the bottom 10 candidates—including **Bill King** at 7.8% and **Dwight Boykins** at 6.8%—have any chance of advancing to the runoff.

It is time for conservatives to rally behind **Tony Buzbee**—the best candidate to lead our city and the only candidate who can beat **Sylvester Turner**; but you must get out and vote. Conservatives, this is your call to action—get out and vote and take as many like-minded conservatives with you as you can muster. The future of our city depends on you! ★

ABOUT TEXAS CONSERVATIVE REVIEW EDITOR

Gary Polland



Gary Polland is one of the most thoughtful conservative voices in Texas. **Gary's** thoughts and opinions are regularly found in and on the popular TCR email newsletter and website, his regular radio appearances, the informative TCR voter's guides, and his co-hosting of *Red, White and Blue* – the popular weekly public affairs show on Houston Public Media (PBS Channel 8). *Red, White and Blue* is the longest running television public affairs show in Texas

now in its 18th season (visit www.houstonpublicmedia.org for past episodes). **Polland** is an opinion leader for public policy minded conservatives, independents and liberals who can think for themselves. He believes that it is the *Texas Conservative Review's* job to give citizens all the information and trust them to do what is best.

Polland has been a practicing attorney for more than 44 years. His practice is a mix of trial work in family, civil and juvenile courts. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial law and has a reputation as a successful and skilled advocate for his clients. In 2018, **Gary** was honored to be selected as one of the top 15 civil trial lawyers in the Houston area by *Houstonia Magazine*.

Polland served as Harris County Republican Party Chairman from 1996

to 2002. **Gary** is remembered as the most successful Chairman in the last 30 years, having won over 97% of all races during his term. He also led the party into public policy activism on issues relating to public school, tax rates, opposing legislating judges and defeating a badly conceived arena deal.

Gary appears regularly as a commentator on KTRH 740, KPRC 790, KSEV 700, and News 88.7 radio stations in the Houston area.

Whether it is online, in books, on television, radio or the latest public policy debate, **Gary Polland** is a thoughtful conservative commentator and political leader that voters have come to trust for his insight, intellectual honesty, and the accurate information he regularly shares with voters. ★

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✓ TONY BUZBEE

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✓ MIKE KNOX

AT LARGE POSITION 2

✓ WILLIE R. DAVIS

AT LARGE POSITION 3

✓ MICHAEL KUBOSH

AT LARGE POSITION 4

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✓ GREG TRAVIS

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DISTRICT J

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DISTRICT K

✓ KIM SAUKE

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DISTRICT 148

✓ CHRIS CARMONA

HOUSTON COMMUNITY

COLLEGE DISTRICT I

✓ DAKOTA STORMER

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PROPOSITION 1

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 2

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 3

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 4

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 5

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 6

✓ AGAINST

PROPOSITION 7

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 8

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 9

✓ FOR

PROPOSITION 10

✓ FOR

METRO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PROPOSITION A

✓ AGAINST



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