



# election news

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## Hall, Robinson

The record Nov. 5 Montrose vote helped return Mayor Kathy Whitmire and progressive council members to office. But the loss of two progressive council votes and traditional Whitmire supporters would endanger the Mayor's plans for the city's future.

At-large city council member Judson Robinson, mayor pro tem and seven-term incumbent in Position 5, was Houston's first black elected official and has been endorsed by the caucus in the past. He is opposed by outspoken Straight Slate candidate Jim Kennedy.

Kennedy's campaign is based on only one issue—about kids having to share softball fields with gays "who come to public fields wearing dresses with no underwear and pull their dresses over their heads and flash the kids." Kennedy, founder of the Southwest Sports Association, has said he hopes to drive gays off the public softball fields and out into the streets.

In the second runoff Anthony Hall, the city's other at-large black council member, is facing stiff competition for his Position 4 seat from businessman Dick Hite. Hite, who is described in his campaign literature as a "conservative businessman," is attacking Hall's stance against discrimination and has charged that Hall is anti-business, when Hall's record reflects the opposite.

Much is at stake in Tuesday's election.

—Louie Welch's "shoot the queers" statement did much to damage Houston's image nationally and internationally. The decisive vote of Nov. 5 showed Houston voters reject that type of image. Losing two of four black city council members would reinforce the negative image that Welch created.

—The Straight Slate, which has conducted a campaign of hatred and lies and used AIDS to attain their anti-gay political goals, must not be allowed even one vote on Council when important issues of public health are going to be decided in the next two years.

—Tuesday's election is crucial not only for the gay community but the entire city.

—With no endorsement in the Nov. 5 election, the candidate's names could not be used in the newsletter or on endorsement cards. Whitmire got 89 percent of the Montrose vote; Hall got 70 percent, while Robinson pulled only 59 percent. It's quite evident a crucial percentage of

Montrose voters were unaware who the progressive council members are. The loss of votes in Montrose alone made a run-off necessary in Robinson's race against a Straight Slater.

Even though the lesbian and gay turnout Nov. 5 was tremendous, it is vital that we increase our vote on Tuesday, Nov. 26. A GPC volunteer will be available to answer any questions you may have on Election Day at 521-1000 or 521-3658.

We're grateful for your past support. The results of Tuesday's runoff will have a far-reaching impact on our lives. A vote for Hall and Robinson is a vote for yourself and your community.

## Speaking of elections . . .

GPC's annual election of officers and board members is scheduled for Jan. 15. First call for self-nomination is Dec. 4. To vote or run for office, you must have been a paid member for 30 days prior to the election, or Dec. 16. Anyone interested in membership information may call the GPC office at 521-1000.

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## Election Central Tuesday at Marion and Lynn's

Watch the election returns Tuesday night with your friends in the lesbian and gay community. GPC's traditional Election Central will be from 6 to about 9 p.m. at Just Marion and Lynn's, 903 Richmond.

There is no admission charge.

## THRF Benefit

The Texas Human Rights Foundation will sponsor a cocktail party to benefit the United States Supreme Court appeal of Baker v. Wade (Section 21.06) on Tuesday, December 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Fonda San Miguel, Alabama at Shepherd Drive. Don Baker of Dallas will be the guest of honor. \$25 per person.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO VOTE PRO-HOMOSEXUAL!**



Straight Slate

## GPC Membership

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- ( ) \$25 1-year GPC membership
- ( ) \$35 1-year GPC and National Gay Task Force membership
- ( ) \$40 2-year GPC membership
- ( ) \$50 2-year GPC and 1-year NGTF membership
- ( ) Pledge program at \$\_\_\_\_\_ a month
- ( ) Mailing list only

