October 1997

# Election 97 Voters Guide

Brought to you by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee

## What's New



***New Format***

Voters' guide compares HGLPC PAC-endorsed candidates to opponents who screened.

***New Mailing List***

Advanced computer sort of Harris County voter registration list to identify likely gay, lesbian, and supportive voters in addition to 15-year-old HGLPC mailing list.

# Cast the winning vote in historic election for Parker, Greanias & no more gay-baiting

Move over Kathy Whitmire. Houston is about to make history. The city that brought you the 1985 gay employment referendum may be on the brink of electing a highly qualified City Council candidate who is also an open lesbian and a highly qualified mayoral candidate who has long supported equal rights.

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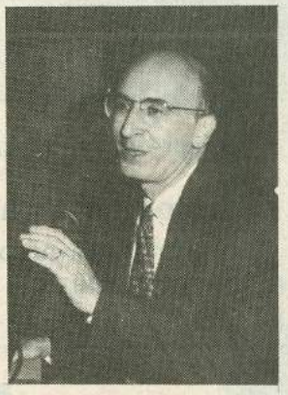
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*(See Garcia-Kelley, Page 9)*



*George Greanias*



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## HGLPC PAC Endorsements Tuesday, Nov. 4 City Election

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| Mayor | **George Greanias** |
| City Controller | **Sylvia Garcia** |
| **City Council** | |
| At-large 1 | **Annise Parker** |
| At-large 4 | **Chris Bell** |
| At-large 5 | **Carroll Robinson** |
| District A | **Brenda Flynn Flores** |
| District B | **Michael Yarbrough** |
| District D | **Jew Don Boney** |
| District F | **Dionne Roberts** |
| District H | **Marcia Olivarez** |
| District I | **John Castillo** |
| **Houston ISD Board** | |
| District 1 | **Gabriel Vasquez** |

Cards are available at area businesses or www.hglpc.org
You can also take this list into the polls with you.

## BOO! Early Voting ends October 31

Ask U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson to explain in two words how he beat right wing Congressman Steve Stockman, and he would say: "Early Voting."

Your first chance to give Annise Parker, George Greanias and other favorite candidates that edge ends Oct. 31 when Early Voting closes.

Any Harris County voter can vote in *any* of the 22 Early Voting locations scattered throughout the county. Montrose-area locations include the City Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, across from the Cineplex Odeon movie theater, and K-Mart at the Kirby-South Main intersection. Other locations will be listed in the *Chronicle* and on the League of Women Voters website, www.mayorsrace.com

**The schedule:**

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, 1-6 p.m.
Monday- Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
*except* Thursday and Friday, Oct.30-31, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

*(See Register for Runoffs, page 4)*

# Houston Mayor

## George Greanias ☑

### Greanias Qualifications

Houston City Controller, 1988-1995
District C Council member, 1981-'87

Greanias cites these accomplishments as controller:

- Key role in city's debt issuance program,
- Developed one of the nation's most comprehensive arbitrage compliance programs,
- Published "taxpayer-friendly" annual financial report and TRENDS, the first statement of the city's financial condition,
- Established successful employee

### Background



49-year-old
Rice graduate, *magna cum laude*
JD, Harvard Law School
Rice associate professor, Jones Graduate School of Administration

### Headquarters/ Website

www.greaniasformayor.com
and www.mayorsrace.com
3839 Westheimer at Weslayan,
(713) 524-3997

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Greanias

**The Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus played a major role in electing George Greanias in 1981 (before Montrose was moved out of District C). Greanias distinguished himself as a Council member and supporter of equal rights.**

**Polls have shown that Greanias was one of Houston's most respected public officials.**

**With Brown leading in the polls and Mosbacher spending millions, Greanias needs every vote to make the runoff.**

### *Endorsements* (partial)

**Groups**

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Log Cabin Republicans
Sierra Club, Houston chapter

**Individuals**

City Councilman Ray Driscoll, State Reps. Scott Hochberg, former state Rep. Paul Colbert

## Lee Brown

### Qualifications

Houston Police Chief, 1982-1990
Police chief in New York City and Atlanta
Drug czar in US Cabinet
Professor, Rice University and Texas Southern University
Credited with establishing neighborhood-oriented policing in Houston

### Background

59 year-old former career police officer

### Campaign Headquarters

www.brownmayor.com
(713) 655-1997

### *Endorsements*

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Harris County Council of Organizations
Harris County Democrats
Houston Police Officers Union
Houston Professional Firefighters

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Harris County Democrats
Houston Police Officers Union
Houston Professional Firefighters
Tejano Democrats

## Jean-Claude Lanau

### Qualifications

30-year business executive
Multilingual: has traveled to 130 countries
Author of books in French and English

### Background

Born in France
MBA in international business
Doctorate student in Economics

## Mayoral candidates who did not screen

Mayoral candidates Helen Huey, Robert Mosbacher Jr. and Gracie Saenz were invited to screen with the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC, but did not. Laverne B. Crump-Smith screened, but the city rejected her filing documents. Richard E. Barry and Bernard Calkins filed after HGLPC PAC screening deadline. Candidates who do not screen are not eligible for HGLPC PAC endorsement.

# City Controller

## Sylvia Garcia ☑



### Qualifications

Director and Presiding judge,
Houston Municipal Courts,1987-present
Past president, Texas Municipal Courts Assoc.
Faculty, Texas Municipal CourtsTraining center and
Houston Bar Assoc. Continuing Legal Education

### Awards

*Chronicle* Columnist Thom Marshall's glowing commentary about Garcia's ethics (9/28)
YWCA Outstanding Woman of the Year Award, 1994
Public Servant of the Year, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1988
Franklin Flaschner Award, American Bar Assoc. 1997

# Houston City Council

## *At-Large Positions*

## Position 1: Annise Parker ☑

### Qualifications

Good Brick Award, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus president, 1986 and 1987
Houston Police Dept. Citizens Review Committee, mayoral appointment
HPD Advisory Committee
HPD Academy instructor, gay and lesbian panel coordinator
Leadership Houston
Names Project treasurer, 1989
Neartown Association, 1996 president
Neartown Community Development Corp., 1997 president
United Way Senior Services Budget Oversight Committee



### Campaign Headquarters

2615 Montrose Blvd., 77006
(713) 521-7338
www.neosoft.com/~parker97

### Background

41-year-old Rice University graduate
Engineering technologist,
Mosbacher Energy Co.

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Parker

**A civic activist for 20 years, Parker is clearly the most qualified person in her race.**

**Her citywide support is reflected in the breadth of her major endorsements and her ability to raise money.**

**Watch for Parker's TV commercials, call (713) 521-7338 to volunteer, and cast the winning vote.**

**Early voting ends October 31.**

### *Endorsements* (partial)

**Groups:**

AFL-CIO (dual endorsement)
Harris County Council of Organizations
Harris County Democrats
Houston Association of REALTORS®
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
*Jewish Herald Voice*
Log Cabin Republicans
Victory Fund

**Individuals**

Constable Jack Abercia, Zinetta Burney, Katy Caldwell, Rep. Garnet Coleman, Rep. Debra Danburg, George Greanias, Eleanor Tinsley, Rep. Sylvester Turner, Rep. Ken Yarbrough

## Al Delaney

### Qualifications

### Background

Owner of pest control company and a real estate investment firm
Member of International Brother

### *Endorsements*

AFL-CIO (dual endorsement)

### Position 1 candidates who did not screen

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## Al Delaney

### Qualifications

Young African American Achievers Award, 1996
Fifth Ward Community Redev. Corp.

### Background

Owner of pest control company and a real estate investment firm
Member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

### *Endorsements*

AFL-CIO (dual endorsement)
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

### Background

46
Candidate for County Attorney in 1996
Candidate for Congress in 1992
BS, Texas Woman's University
JD, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, TSU

### Campaign

711 W. Alabama
Houston, TX 77006
(713) 522-7299

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Garcia

**Sylvia Garcia's experience, fairness, and sound financial management of the Municipal Courts makes her the most qualified candidate. She also has the ability to raise the kind of money necessary to unseat gay-baiting, conservative incumbent Lloyd Kelley, who publicly accused Garcia of being gay. She called him a "shameless liar." People may have differing opinions about how the entire situation was handled, but one thing is clear: Kelley must be soundly defeated.**

### *Endorsements* (partial)

AFL-CIO
Harris County Democrats
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Houston Police Officers Union
Houston Police Organization of Spanish Speaking Officers
Tejano Democrats

## Position 1 candidates who did not screen

In late July, other Position 1 candidates Don Fitch, James Partsch-Galvan, Rafael Hernandez and Karen K. Kristopher were invited to screen with the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC, but did not. Candidates Yolanda Black Navarro, Theloniaus Peaugh and Hershel Smith filed after HGLPC PAC screening deadline (which was one month earlier in this particular race). Candidates who do not screen are not eligible for our endorsement.

Partsch-Galvan and Kristopher have since filed for other Council seats.

## City Controller candidates who did not screen with the PAC

City Controller Lloyd Kelley was invited to screen with the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC, but did not. Candidates Arthur Bibbs, Robert Davis and Wilfred McGriff entered the race after the screening deadline.

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# Houston City Council

## At-Large Pos. 4 Chris Bell ☑

### Qualifications

Elected to City Council February 1997 special election
Ran on platform of "Customer Driven Government"
Chairs Council committee on Customer Service and Initiatives
While in law school, Bell worked part-time as a KTRH radio reporter and was named best radio reporter by the Texas Associated Press.

### Background

Attorney
Graduate of South Texas College of Law and UT-Austin. Married to Alison Ayres Bell.



### Campaign Headquarters

3737 Montrose
529-8262

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Chris Bell

**After being endorsed in the 1997 special election, Bell was heavily gay-baited by opponent James Dixon. Bell stood firm and spoke effectively in favor of such issues as insurance benefits for gay/lesbian city workers. Bell is considered one of the most open-minded City Council members.**

### *Endorsements* (partial)

AFL-CIO
Greater Houston Builders
Harris County Council of Organizations
Harris County Democrats
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Houston Police Officers Union
Log Cabin Republicans
Tejano Democrats

## Richard Johnson

### Qualifications

Chief of staff to Council Member Michael Yarbrough
Former HIV and AIDS counseling coordinator
Former regional director, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Pardon and Parole Division
Whether or not he is elected, Johnson said he will continue to work for AIDS housing
He also said he would not only sponsor a non-discrimination ordinance, he would write it.

### Background

MA, clinical psychology, TSU
Licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC) and licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT)
Chemical Abuse Program, UH
HIV and AIDS counselor training course certification
BA, history, Wiley College

### Other Pos. 4 candidates

Bill Wiener filed after the HGLPC screening deadline.

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# At-Large Positions 2 and 3

## No endorsements

All candidates, including Orlando Sanchez (position 3) but only one Pos. 2 candidate, Council Members Joe Roach (position 2) and Willie Wright Jr., screened. Wright's 37 (out of 100) screening score did not meet minimum standards for HGLPC PAC endorsement. Wright "quoted" the *Bible* for his stance against homosexuality.

Position 3 candidate Andrew C. Burks Jr. filed after the HGLPC PAC screening deadline.

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# Register for Runoff Races

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You may *not* be registered 1) if you have moved in the past year and did not re-register at your new address or 2) if you have not voted in the past two years. To check your current registration status, call (713) 224-1919.

If you are not registered, go ahead and send in a voter registration card because you will be eligible for the run-off elections for mayor and City Council, tentatively scheduled four to six weeks after the Nov. 4 election. Cards are available at libraries, courthouses and many Montrose businesses. You can also use the www.mayorsrace.com website to request that a registration card be mailed to you, but that might not arrive in time for the runoffs.

### Other Pos. 4 candidates

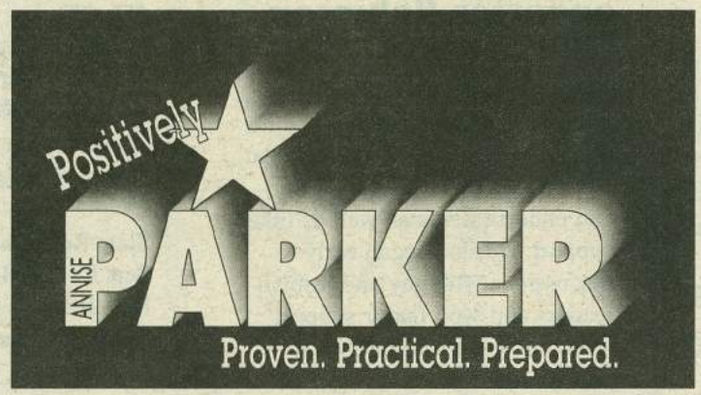
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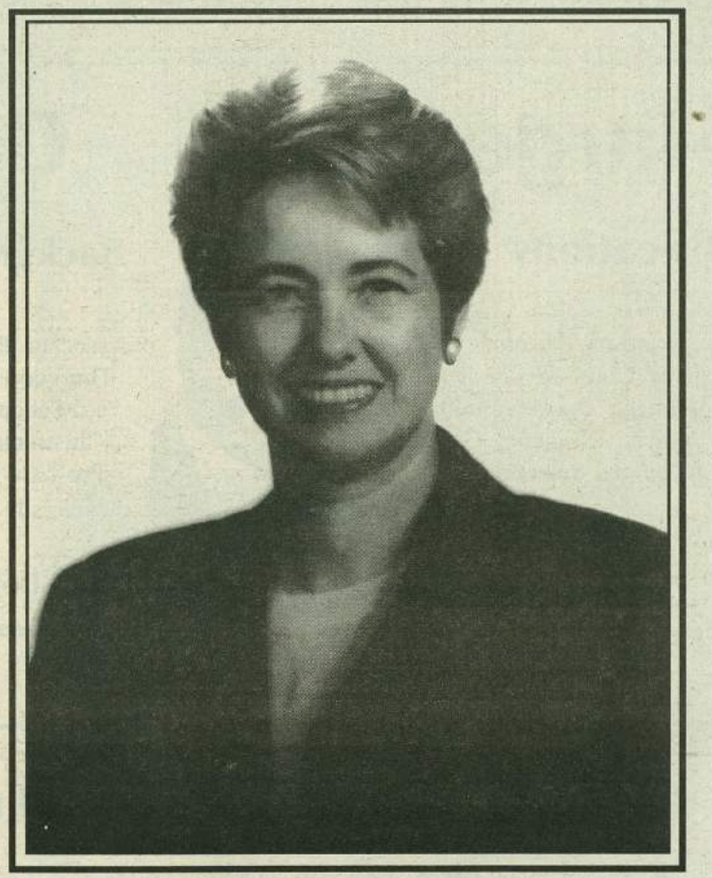
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# FOR HOUSTON
# CITY COUNCIL
## AT-LARGE, POSITION 1



### Annise Parker: Businesswoman

- Oil & energy - 18 years in corporate business
- Entrepreneur - Owner of small businesses
- Senior services budget oversight committee, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast
- Trained mediator
- Purchase & restoration of historic properties in Houston's inner city

### Annise Parker: Neighborhood Leader

- Leadership Houston - Class XII
- Past president, Neartown Association and CDC
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## Annise Parker: Crime Fighter

- Houston Police Department Advisory Committee
- Appointed by Mayor Bob Lanier to serve on the HPD Citizen Review Committee
- Police Storefronts - Funding & community relations
- HPD Academy instructor
- Police liaison for gay & lesbian community
- Citizens On Patrol - Volunteer coordinator

## Annise Parker: Best Qualified Candidate for the Job

*"As your At-Large representative, my experience as a businesswoman, crime fighter and effective neighborhood leader will work for you. "Houston deserves economic prosperity and stronger, safer neighborhoods!"*

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# Houston City Council

## At-large Pos. 5 Carroll Robinson ☑

### Qualifications

State Bar Board of Directors
Appointed by Chief Justice Tom Phillips to the Texas Supreme Court Judicial Efficiency Commission Judicial Selection Task Force
Former chief of staff and general counsel to state Sen. Rodney Ellis
Texas Advisory Council on Juvenile Services, past member



### Background

Associate Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Instructor, NILE Pre-Law Program, University of Texas

### Campaign Headquarters

5445 Almeda, Suite 400, Houston,TX 77001 (713) 523-4493

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Robinson

Robinson is the official African-American candidate for a traditional African-American seat. He has the major African-American endorsements as well as other support. He also began early discussions with gay and lesbian leaders and won major support long before the HGLPC PAC endorsement.

### *Endorsements*

AFL-CIO
Harris County Democrats
Houston Apartment Association
Houston Gay & Lesbian Poltical Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats

State Rep. Garnet Coleman, Sen. Rodney Ellis, Anthony Hall, Rev. Bill Lawson, Vince Ryan, Sylvia Brooks, Zinetta Burney, Vince Ryan

## Other Pos. 5 candidates who did not screen

Other Position 5 candidate Dwight A. Boykins was invited to screen with the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC, but did not. Therefore, he was not eligible for PAC endorsement.

Candidates "Griff" Griffin, W.R. Morris, Mark "M.T." Sandoval, Elizabeth Spates, Jack Josey Terence, Sam "Texas"Fayad, and Allan Vogel filed after the early September PAC screening deadline.

GREANIAS

JOHN SHARP

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for Texas Lieutenant Governor

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# Houston City Council

## *District Seats*

## District A — Brenda Flynn Flores ☑

### Qualifications

HPD Police Advisory Committee
Spring Branch Coordinator for HPD PANDA Program
Former aide to state Rep. Yolanda Navarro Flores (no relation)
Coordinator for numerous public seminars, such as "Know Your Rights"
Volunteered in 52 political campaigns

### Awards

Outstanding Volunteer Award, HPD
Red Apple School Award for Volunteer Involvement in the Spring Branch ISD
Texas House of Reps. Congratulatory Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Spring Branch

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Flores

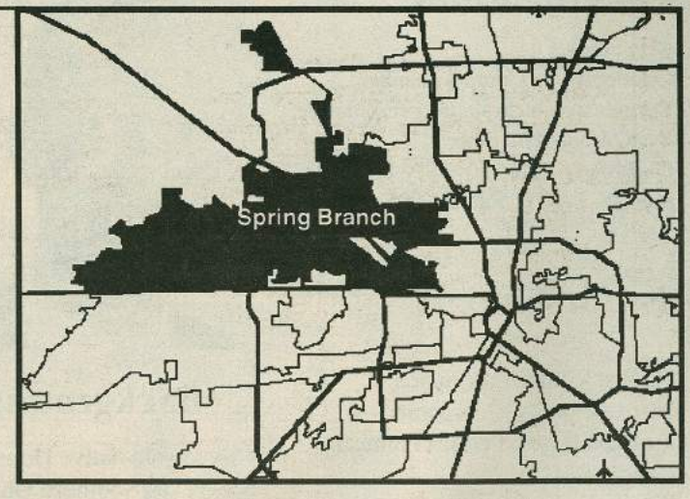
A long-time civic activist, Flores also may be the only District A candidate (Helen Huey's old seat) to ever seek the HGLPC PAC endorsement. One of her opponents is conservative Dave Wilson.

### Background

Accounts payable/receivable, sales and purchasing agent, GNC Pump
Consultant on immigrant issues

### Campaign

5380 W. 34th #220
Houston, TX 77092
(713) 460-5329




### *Endorsements*

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats



### Other District A candidates who did not screen

Other District A candidates Allen Barrilleaux Jr., Chris Branson and Bruce Tatro, were invited to screen with the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC in early September, but did not. Candidates Liz Lara-Carreno, Dave E. Jones, Ken Urmy and Dave Wilson entered the race after the screening deadline.

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SYLVIA Garcia
for CITY CONTROLLER

Paid for by the Sylvia Garcia Campaign • P. O. Box 8530 Houston, Texas 77249-8530



MARCIA OLIVAREZ

*I pledge accessibility, integrity and fair representation for all communities of District H.*

- **Houston—the 24-hour city**
  24 hour/7 day access to city services
- **District H—the informed community**
  town hall meetings, district newsletters
- **Fighting for our neighborhoods**
  streets and infrastructure

*Thank you for your endorsement, HGLPC!*



**Candidate City Council District H**

Pol. adv. paid for by the Marcia Olivarez Campaign, P.O. Box 8641, Houston, TX 77249, Viola Olivarez, Treas.

# Houston City Council

## District B Michael Yarbrough ☑

### Qualifications

One-term City Council member
Former two-term state representative
YMCA board member
Child Advocates advisory board
HGLPC PAC endorsed, 1995

### *Endorsements*

Baptist Ministers Alliance
Harris County Democrats
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats

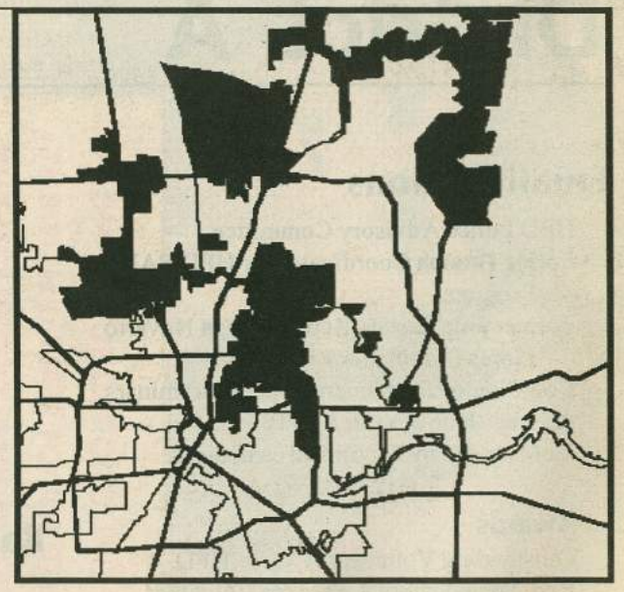


### Background

46-year-old native Houstonian
BS, Texas Southern University

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Yarbrough

Council Member Yarbrough, who is under indictment in the FBI City Council sting, has drawn one opponent, indicating a certain level of support in his district. He screened well, demonstrating good knowledge of issues important to our community. His City Council aide, Richard Johnson, has worked as an HIV/AIDS counselor.



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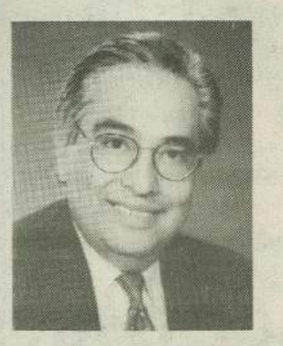
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For
City Council District F



# John Castillo

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# Houston City Council

## District D Jew Don Boney ☑

### Qualifications

Current Council Member
Long-time civic activist

### Background

Associate Pastor, Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church (Rev. Bill Lawson, pastor)
Mediator



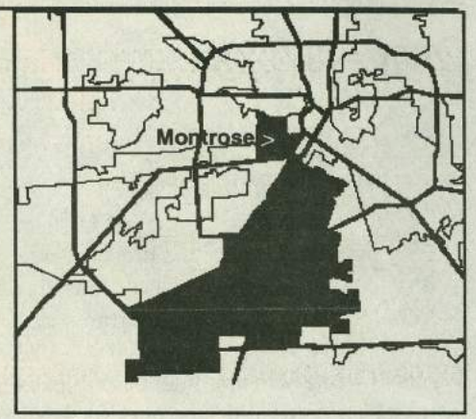
### *Endorsements*

***(partial list)***

Greater Houston Builders Association
Harris County Democrats
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Boney

Admittedly the most debated HGLPC PAC endorsement, Councilman Boney was endorsed 27-12-5. The incumbent, who represents Montrose and a largely African-American district, appears headed for easy re-election. Boney wins high praise from Steve Walker, president of the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA) and an assistant city HIV services administrator, for actively supporting HIV/AIDS services and funding. However, Boney also served on the Sexually Oriented Businesses ordinance committee with chair Helen Huey and worked for its adoption, which has angered some people in our community. (See Boney's October 1 meeting comments and Ray Hill stories below.)




### Campaign Address

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Perhaps once and for all, public gay-baiting will be defeated as angry voters kick out City Controller Lloyd Kelley. HGLPC has endorsed Sylvia Garcia, who called Kelley a "shameless liar" for alleging that she is a lesbian.

A *Houston Chronicle* editorial blasted Kelley and said sexual orientation had about as much to do with a candidate's qualifications as being left-handed.

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Community activist Ray Hill filed against District D Council member Jew Don Boney September 22, the last filing day. District D, a largely African-American district, includes Montrose.

Although some HGLPC PAC members wanted to endorse Hill, he did not screen with the PAC or ask for endorsement. A candidate must at least ask for endorsement to receive it.

HGLPC PAC screened candidates in late August so endorsements could be voted on at the September 3 meeting. As a potential candidate and longtime activist, Hill was personally invited to screen, but did not. Hill had told several people privately that he would file against Councilman Boney if no one else did and run a largely symbolic, low-budget campaign.

At the public September 3 PAC meeting, Hill did not announce this strategy or ask for PAC endorsement. Hill did speak against endorsing Boney, saying the Council member was "absolutely without character."

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District D is about 75% African-American. Montrose was redistricted into District D in 1991 after Annise Parker ran against District C Councilman Vince Ryan.

The gay/lesbian vote will also play a key role in determining the winner in District H (The Heights). The HGLPC PAC is backing civic activist Marcia Olivarez.

# Boney appoints advisory panel, addresses hot issues

District D City Councilman Jew Don Boney came to clear the air October 1 when he discussed important, and sometimes thorny, issues at the HGLPC general membership meeting.

A new gay/lesbian advisory panel, the Sexually Oriented Business (SOB) Ordinance, affirmative action, the parking ordinance and the Westheimer Street Festival topped his agenda.

Before introducing Police Chief Clarence Bradford, Boney announced the formation of a gay/lesbian advisory panel to advise him about important community issues.

The panel includes HGLPC President Lane Lewis, former HGLPC president Terri Richardson, HGLPC Board Chair Clarence Bagby, board member LuJack Tyler, and others.

Boney also announced that he will schedule a meeting between caucus leaders and City Planning Department officials before the proposed parking ordinance leaves Council committee. The proposed ordinance has caused some concern because it may involve restricting street parking at certain hours in blocks that are a certain percentage residential.

The ordinance was prompted by residents near the Medical Center who grew tired of people parking all over their neighborhood during the day to avoid paying Medical Center parking fees.

Westheimer Street Festival, love it or hate it. "Express your opinion," Boney urged members. He said he is not taking an official stance one way or the other, but is aware of concerns, such as traffic and alcohol being brought into and leaving the festival. He urged Chief Bradford to practice zero tolerance regarding alcohol consumption outside Festival boundaries.

He also said Councilman Chris Bell is working on an ordinance that would require community input before issuing such a permit.

***(See BONEY DEFENDS, Page 10)***

# Houston City Council

## District F Dionne Roberts ☑

### Qualifications

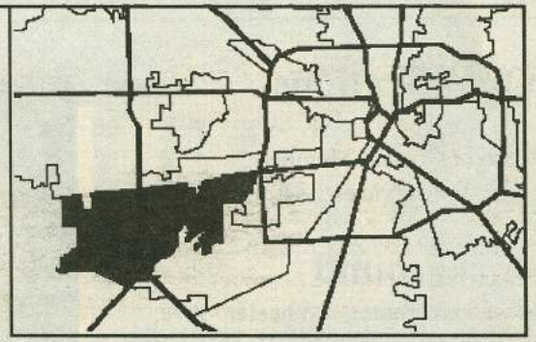
Former campaign volunteer
Former Alief substitute teacher
Strong advocate of a Youth Council
Wants to "improve the image" of District F by promoting it as "the most diverse district in Houston to attract international business, cultural programs and attractions.
Wants to work with apartment complexes to set up community centers for renters and nearby homeowners.

### Background

Accepted into UH at 16
3rd year law student, South Texas College of Law
BA from TSU, 1994

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Roberts

Roberts is an exceptionally open-minded and supportive candidate who has screened before. She screened well this time and was highly recommended by the screening panel.



### Campaign

(281) 498-7832

### Endorsements

Baptist Ministers Alliance
Harris County Democrats
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats

## *Boney defends SOB ordinance and affirmative action policy*

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## Districts E and G

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### District F candidates who did not screen

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"Eighty percent of City contracts are sought by and earned by Anglo male businesses. The rest is 20% yet 70% of the city is women and ethnic minorities," he said. Boney said the City did a year-long disparity study before setting these goals.

"Those who apply must be certified.This is a process to see if a minority or woman owns, manages and controls the business."

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From the Affirmative Action frying pan, Boney jumped into the Sexually Oriented Business (SOB) Ordinance fire.

"SOBs are not going out of business," Boney said as some members jeered.

Boney said he pledged to the community when he ran for office that gay businesses would not be "attacked, impacted or sanctioned, and they have not." No one is targeting gay and lesbian bars, Boney concluded.

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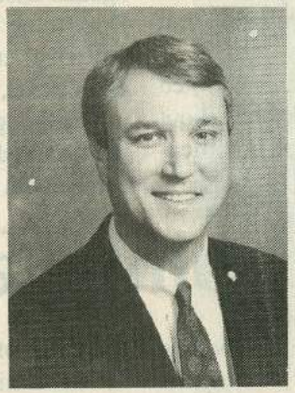
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# Houston City Council

## District H Marcia Olivarez ☑

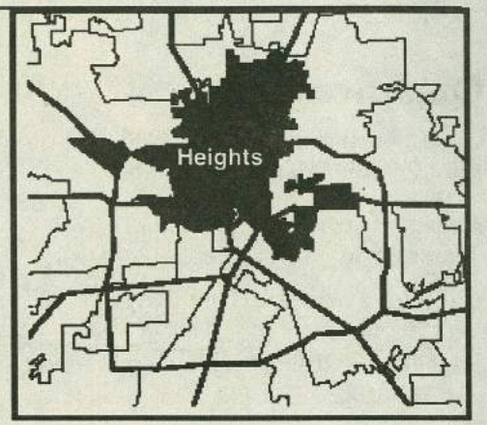
### Qualifications

City of Houston Planning Commission
Silverdale Civic Club president
American Leadership Forum Fellow
Enhanced Enterprise Community Board
Casa de Amigos Advisory Council



### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Olivarez

Civic activist Marcia Olivarez is conducting an aggressive campaign to unseat incumbent Felix Fraga, considered highly vulnerable. Her well-organized campaign, enthusiasm and knowledge of gay/lesbian issues puts her ahead of challengers ready to provide new District H leadership. The Heights includes the city's second largest gay/lesbian population.




### Background

Reservation sales agent, Continental Airlines
Former asst. county auditor
BA, accounting, Univ. of St. Thomas

### Campaign Headquarters

(713) 699-2540
P.O. Box 8641, Houston, TX 77249

### Endorsements

AFL-CIO(dual endorsement)
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC

## Felix Fraga

### Qualifications

Current City Council member, second term
Vice President of Community Affairs for Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
Former director of Ripley House Former HISD Board member

### Background

67 year old native of Houston's Second Ward, where he and his wife, Nelly, still reside
Ran for Congress in 1995

### *Endorsements*

Greater Houston Builders Assoc.
Harris County Democrats
Houston Apartment Association
Tejano Democrats

## Carmen Orta

### Qualifications

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### Congratulations



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Harris County Democrats
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# Carmen Orta

## Qualifications

1987 US Hispanic Business Woman of the Year
Served in leadership roles in Houston Business Council, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce

## Background

Vice President of American Communications Services, a telecommunications company
Lifelong District H resident

## *Endorsements*

AFL-CIO (dual endorsement)
Houston Assoc. of REALTORS®
Hispanic Engineers
Commerciantes Latinos Unidos de Houston

***October 31***
***Halloween and the End of Early Voting***

# John Curtis Gibbs

## Qualifications

Baptist Ministers Association general secretary
The Mayor's Ministerial Advisory Board

## Background

CEO, Alexandra Communications
Former legislative asst. to Hon. Curtis Tucker, California Assembly
Executive administrator, Greater First Baptist Day Care and Learning Center

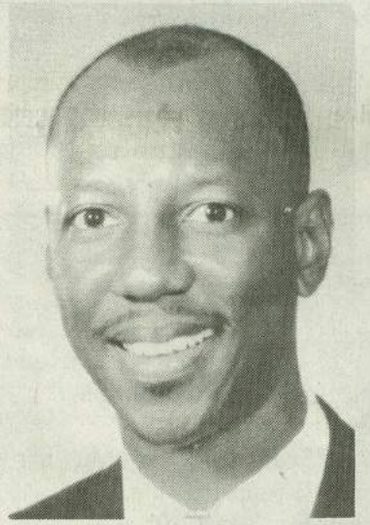

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# Houston City Council

## District I John Castillo ☑

### Qualifications

City Council member since 1996
Former chief deputy constable, Precinct 6
Council coordinator for Council member Frank Mancuso
Campaign staff, Ben Reyes (1982-83)
Executive assistant to the mayor, 1978-1982

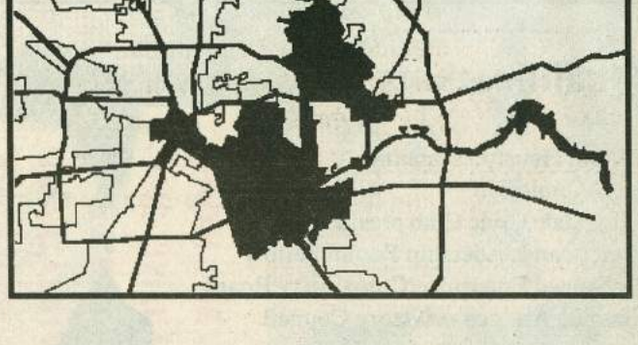
### Background

Registered representative, Guzman & Co.
BS, Math from UH

### Endorsements

Baptist Ministers Alliance
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats





### Why HGLPC PAC endorses John Castillo

Despite his indictment in the FBI sting, Castillo is running without a strong opponent. That has to show a certain popularity and vote of confidence in this longtime activist. HGLPC PAC considers Castillo an open-minded, knowledgeable Council member who gets good marks from East End caucus members who have worked with him.

# Houston Ind. School District

### District I candidates who did not screen

District I candidate James Partsch-Galvan was invited to screen but declined.

## Position 1 Gabriel Vásquez ☑

### Qualifications

Asst. professor of public relations and issues management, University of Houston

### Background

Married with one HISD child.

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Vasquez

Vasquez is a highly qualified

### *Endorsements*

AFL-CIO
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political

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Leadership Houston Board
Advisory Board, Children's Museum
National Hispanic Institute Board
National Dean's List, 1987
Leadership 2000: originated a leadership development program to help students respect racial, religious and cultural diversity

### Background

Married with one HISD child.
Ph.D., Purdue
MS and BS, Illinois State

### Why HGLPC PAC endorses Vasquez

Vasquez is a highly qualified, knowledgeable candidate with a well-funded campaign. His only opponent, Rosie Perez, has withdrawn.

### *Endorsements*

AFL-CIO
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Tejano Democrats

# *Openly gay O'Neill seeks HCC board seat*

Houston Community College does not have a non-discrimination policy. That will change soon if openly gay HCC board candidate Terence O'Neill is elected, O'Neill told an HGLPC PAC audience October 1.

O'Neill filed in late September after the PAC screening deadline and was not eligible for formal endorsement. O'Neill did, however, ask for support and votes.

O'Neill is seeking the District 8 seat vacated by Frank Medina. District 8 includes Montrose, the Heights and Denver Harbor. If elected, O'Neill would be the first openly gay and the second Hispanic to represent the largely minority district.

O'Neill has said that he will work to ensure that both students and faculty at the nation's 10th largest college (55,000 students) are free from discrimination based on sexual orientation.



*Terence O'Neill*

"In the wake of the recent public debate over minority recruitment and affirmative action at our public universities, I believe that the HCC system is an ideal example of the strength thats comes from diversity. I will make sure that the diverse student body and faculty of the system continues to flourish."

O'Neill recently was appointed to the Ryan White Planning Council and serves as the finance vice president for Texas Young Democrats.

A legal assistant, O'Neill attended Houston Community College before pursuing his education at the University of St. Thomas.

O'Neill has been endorsed by the Log Cabin Republicans and is seeking other endorsements.

***COUNCILMEMBER JEW DON BONEY***

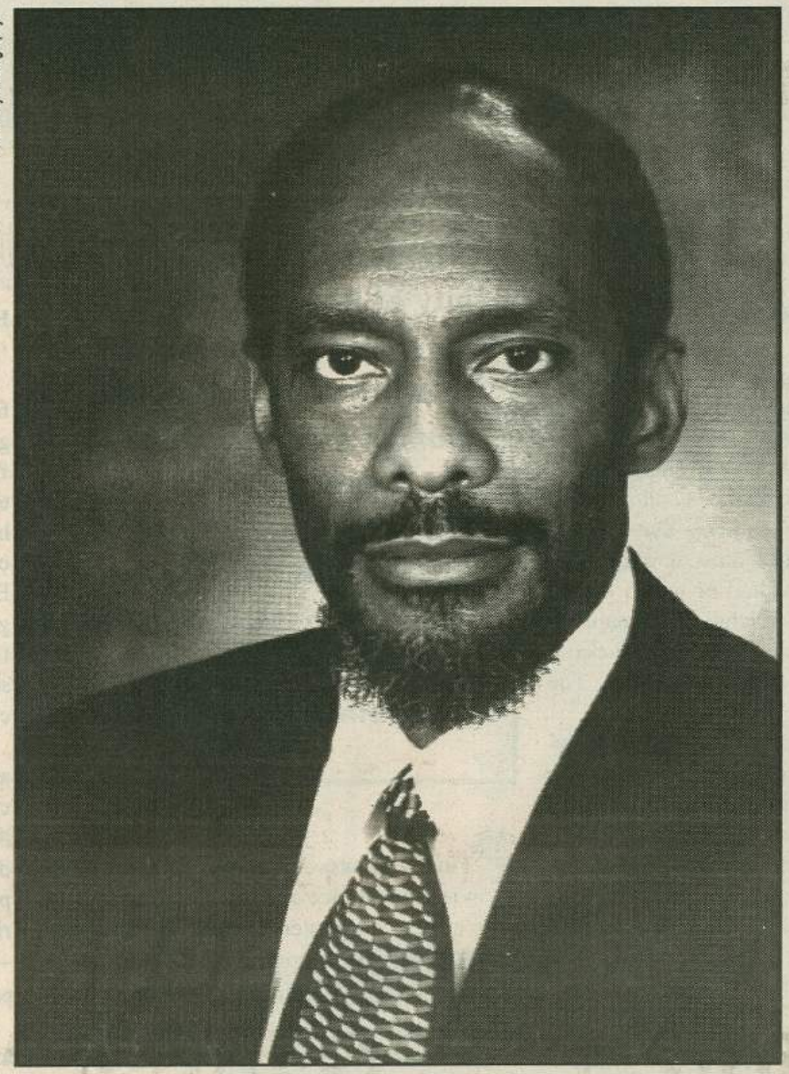
*has a long and distinguished history as an advocate for equal rights and fairness in government. He is continuing to augment his Advisory Board with leaders in the communities he serves. His present advisors include, but are not limited to, the following leaders from the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance, The AIDS Foundation Houston, Sisters of Houston and the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center...*

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*Henry M. Dominguez*
*Gene Harrington*
*Kathy Hubbard*
*John Humphries*
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*Anjela Larkin-Byers*
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*Norm Thompson*
*Brian Tognotti*
*J. LuJack Tyler*
*Steve Walker*
*Ken Williams*
*Cicely Wynne*

***A PARTIAL LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS:***

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Baptist Ministers Association
Houston Professional Firefighters Assoc. Local 341
Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus PAC
Houston Realtors Association
Harris County AFL-CIO
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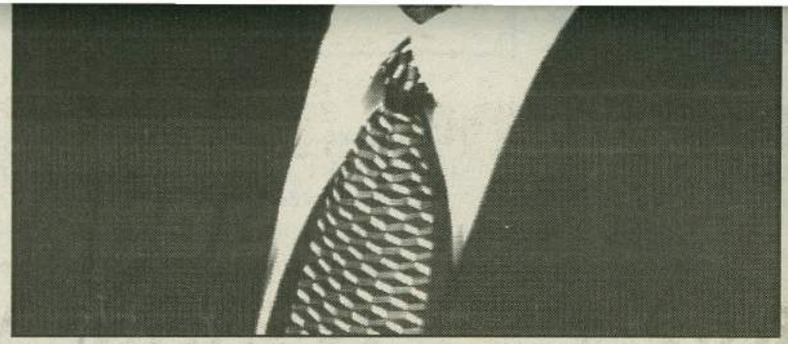
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*From the desk of*

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# JEW DON BONEY, JR.

***to Houston City Council District D***

*From the desk of*

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Dear Constituents--

For over 22 years I've been fighting for the human and civil rights of our community. During the past two years, I've been privileged to work with you every day to make our neighborhoods–our city–a safer, better place for us all. Specifically, since becoming your Councilmember, I have, and will continue to...

- ***Work with state and federal officials to stiffen the penalties of criminals involved in hate crimes;***
- ***Collaborate with the leaders of the community to garner support for a nondiscrimination ordinance promoting equal employment practices and...***
- ***Rally support for the continued funding of HIV education and the accessibility of equitable housing opportunities for people infected with the AIDS virus.***

I am extremely grateful for the support you have given me in the past and am appreciative that I have been allowed to finally put my years of experience to work by representing you where my skills can be the most effective--from within the system.

I know I have made a difference on City Council and therefore request that you cast your vote for me once again.... allow me to continue my work as your voice at City Hall. Thank you for your prayers and your support...I promise you, District D will continue to grow as a powerful, collective community!

Jew Don Boney Jr

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# City election ballot issues

## *Affirmative Action*

## Vote YES

**BY DALE CARPENTER**

The city of Houston has a program that sets a "goal" of giving approximately 20% of city contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses. The Houston Civil Rights Initiative (HCRI), on the November 4 ballot, would end this program by requiring that the city "shall not discriminate against, or grant preferences to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in ... public employment and public contracting" (original petition wording). The HCRI deserves your "yes" vote.

For 30 years now, government at all levels has used race and sex preferences as a means to combat continuing racism and sexism. In its mildest form, this "affirmative action" has simply meant aggressive mentoring and recruiting of women and minorities for employment or for bids on public contracts. In that form, it seems unobjectionable.

*Dale Carpenter, a Houston attorney, is state president of the Log Cabin Republicans. Log Cabin, a group that works for gay civil rights within the GOP, supports the Houston Civil Rights Initiative.*

In its more harsh forms, however, it has meant using different criteria to evaluate people for jobs or other positions depending

**"Shall the charter of the city of Houston be amended to end the use of affirmative action for women and minorities in the operation of City of Houston employment and contracting, including ending the current program and any similar programs in the future?"**

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In fact, gay civil rights leaders have been

## Vote NO

**BY PATRICIA OAKES**

At a time when federal, state and local federal governmentw across the natinoa are grappling with the challenge of amending affirmative action programs to ensure fairness to people of all races and genders, Houston has proven that it is ahead of the mark. The city's Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE) program has gone a long way toward leveling the playing field to allow women- and minority-owned subcontractors an opportunity to compete for city contract work.

Not only has the percentage of contracts awarded to these disadvantaged groups increased, but records show that a number of them, having been given the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities, no longer need the program to obtain city work. Isn't that the rightful goal of an affirmative action program — ultimately, to eliminate the need for the program by achieving its original intent?

The Houston Civil Rights Initiative's bid to end the MWDBE program is an effort to end a program that is working and working well. It is an effort to revert to the "good ol' boy" system of awarding city contracts, to go back to the "you-scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours" way of doing business. Houstonians are savvy enough to see through the charade of misrepresentation that MWDBE's opponents have used in their effort to end the program.

75% of Houston's population — now perform only about 20% of the city's contracting work, totaling about $209 million per year. Conversely, firms owned by white males — 25% of the populace — get 80% of the city's work, or $994 million per year. No reasonable person could consider those statistics fair, and it is easy to recognize what motivation the white male-owned firms to want to keep those proportions intact.

*Patricia Oakes is president of Barricade Lady, Inc.*

The city's MWDBE program is aimed at bridging this disparity gap fairly, not with quotas or handouts. It only asks that companies seeking general contracts from the city make a voluntary good-faith effort to find a minority-owned or woman-owned firm to act as a subcontractor on some part of the city work. It only asks that these firms be given an opportunity to compete; the jobs are still awarded based on competitive prices and quality.

The City of Houston is meeting a real challenge with its affirmative action program. I submit to the voters of Houston another challenge. Don't let a selfish few who have managed to gather enough signatures to force a referendum on this issue stamp out the light of opportunity for the huge number of deserving, hard-working minority firms in this city.

On November 4, show that you refuse to

For 30 years now, government at all levels has used race and sex preferences as a means to combat continuing racism and sexism. In its mildest form, this "affirmative action" has simply meant aggressive mentoring and recruiting of women and minorities for employment or for bids on public contracts. In that form, it seems unobjectionable.

*Dale Carpenter, a Houston attorney, is state president of the Log Cabin Republicans. Log Cabin, a group that works for gay civil rights within the GOP, supports the Houston Civil Rights Initiative.*

In its more harsh forms, however, it has meant using different criteria to evaluate people for jobs or other positions depending on their race or sex. In its most extreme forms, it has meant rigid quotas that must be filled by minorities or women. While Houston's preferential treatment program does not go quite that far on paper, its "goals" have proven in practice to be far from voluntary.

Our society is not yet color-blind or sex-blind, but our government must be. Discrimination on the basis of race or sex should be, and is, illegal. Government preferences, however, are a different matter. Well-intentioned or not, government preferences tell women and minorities they need a preference in order to succeed. The preferences tell everyone else that their successes are due to the preferences, not merit. That harms the very people the preferences are supposed to help.

**Wealthy Benefit**

Too, rather than helping the truly disadvantaged, which is a laudable goal, the city's preferences program has benefitted a small cadre of wealthy, established women and minority business owners who know all too well how to pull political strings.

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In fact, gay civil rights leaders have been so concerned about the negative public reaction to the idea of preferences and quotas for gays that the leading federal bill outlawing discrimination against gays, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), explicitly forbids them. Isn't it curious that we're so eager to promote government preferences for other historically disfavored people but completely reject them for ourselves?

**Equal Treatment for Gays**

*Nothing in the HCRI rules out equal treatment for gays. On the contrary, because there is presently no city ordinance protecting gays from discrimination in Houston, it would be a major victory for gays if "sexual orientation" were* included *in the initiative.*

Mayor Lanier and other critics of the HCRI are right about one thing. Minorities and women, 80% of our population by their estimates, should not be prevented from competing for 20% of the city's contracts. They should be able to compete for 100% of them. And so should everyone else. On the same terms. Vote "yes" to end preferential treatment.

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On November 4, show that you refuse to revert to the backward, greedy practices of yesteryear. Vote "NO" on Proposition A.

## Constitutional amendments and $545 million bond issue

HGLPC PAC has not taken an official stance on 14 amendments to the state Constituion or the $545 million capital improvements city bond issue.

An analysis of the amendments has been prepared and posted on the World Wide Web by the Texas Legislative Council, a branch of the state Legislature.

A summary of the *Houston Chronicle* endorsements can also be found on the Internet.

For more information, check these websites:

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## Banner Days Ahead

**7 p.m. Wed. November 5**

### Houston Hate Crimes Summit -

in conjunction with town forums all over the country and President Clinton's national hate crimes summit.

7 p.m. Nov. 5, Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd.

State Rep. Scott Hochberg, Houston City Councilman Chris Bell, and LGRL Executive Director Dianne Hardy-Garcia will be among the panelists. The summit is co-sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), LGRL (Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas) and It's Time, Texas.

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# Dinner OUT-rageously witty

The Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus 22nd Anniversary Awards Dinner may have been the shortest and wittiest of all. Politicians packed their punchiest lines as the quick-witted October 4 gala ended at a record 9:45 p.m.



The dinner also proved that something in the Austin air turns public speakers into Anne Richards' wits.

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Mayoral candidate George Greanias popped up to the podium briefly as the evening turned into a smorgasbord of short speeches. Houston voters can "restore some of the progressive spirit" by electing Annise Parker, Sylvia Garcia, and George Greanias. "The Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus can be one of the forerunners." Greanias thanked

*(See GREANIAS, page 16)*

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The summit is the featured event of the regular first Wednesday HGLPC meeting.

**Wed. Dec. 3** – HGLPC meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett. Refreshments, 7 p.m. First call for Officer and Board Election self-nominations. Anyone can join and be eligible to vote in 30 days.

**Wed. Jan. 7** – HGLPC meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett. Second call for self-nominations followed by **Officer and Board elections**.

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"Money is important, but energy is the most important thing," she said, underscoring the importance of volunteers in a campaign, especially campaigns headed for run-offs.

On to State Rep. Drew Nixon, who was sentenced to the Travis County Jail recently for his second firearms offense stemming from an arrest for solicitizing prostitution. "It's very ironic," she smiled, "that Mr. Family Values, Mr. Law and Order will be sent to the Travis County Jail because the lesbian sheriff was called to testify against

# Liberty Club pledge program helps pay monthly bills

More than a dozen people have stepped forward to join the new Liberty Club, a sustaining membership program designed to support caucus monthly operating expenses, such as office rent, electricity, and phone.

You may join the Liberty Club by making a monthly commitment of $10 via VISA, MasterCard or electronic funds transfer. Liberty Club members may be listed in the HGLPC News each month.

Call the caucus office at (713) 521-1000 or check the Liberty Club box and fill in the information on the membership form (page 19).

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| John S.W. Kellett<br>*for helping so many organizations through the Kellett Foundation* | **Don Hrachovy Life Achievement Award** given to a member who has shown lifelong commitment to the rights of lesbians and gays. |
| Scott Tillinghast<br>*for always being there to do crucial "grunt" work* | **Barbara Cigainero Volunteer of the Year Award** is given to a member who has devoted countless hours to HGLPC. |
| Robert Johnson<br>*for his work as a new board member* | **Jim Owens Newcomer of the Year Award** honors a new member for commitment to HGLPC. |
| Chris Bacon<br>*for founding the Bar Association for Human Rights* | **Dennis Spencer Award** for someone who has worked toward the common goal of achieving civil rights for all. |

*(See Community Service Awards and photo, page 17)*



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*Sheriff Margo Frasier (right) and mate, Joy Mooney, an Austin Police Dept. lieutenant.*

# *Greanias being gay-baited, too*

*(Continued from page 15)*

those who are already gay-baiting him in Kingwood for receiving HGLPC PAC support.

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At 9:45 p.m., dinner chair Clarence Bagby applauded for the last time as HGLPC President Lane Lewis thanked the audience for attending.

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**Susan and Don Upchurch**, co-presidents of the Houston Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), for helping make PFLAG such an outstanding organization.

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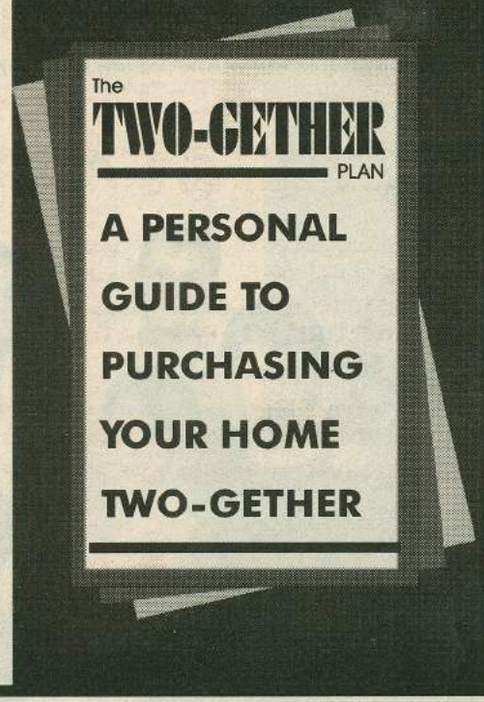
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