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**Houston GLBT Political Caucus Statement on the 2020 Presidential Election**

HOUSTON, TX (November 7, 2020) – Today, the American people have spoken; Joe Biden will be the next President of the United States. It is a victory for so many marginalized voices across the country. It is a repudiation of the dangerous rhetoric and harmful policies of the Trump administration over the last four years. But ultimately, it is a clear message from the American people that it is time to unite, heal, and move forward.

Over 150 million Americans participated in this election and for days we waited patiently as ballots were counted across the country. Whether people voted early, in person, or voted by mail, every American deserved to have their voices heard and their vote counted. Ballots continue to be counted nationwide and though the results have been made clear, we are indebted to everyone that hit polls to make a difference in this process and we thank you for your participation.

This election was about so much more than just Democrats versus Republicans. It was about addressing climate change and ensuring future generations inherit a sustainable, inhabitable world. It was about finally addressing systemic racism in our country so that Black and Brown Americans are no longer senselessly lost at the hands of police brutality. It was about controlling the pandemic that continues to ravage our country—and the world—and ensuring the safety of all Americans. It was about rejecting hate and restoring integrity, compassion, morality, and humanity to the fabric of our nation so that we may truly exemplify our founding principle that all men are created equal.

“I would like to sincerely congratulate President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on their historic win,” said Caucus President Jovon Tyler. “The last four years under the current administration devastated our nation by continually sowing hate and division at every turn. Today, the American people said enough is enough. As we finally awake from this nightmare, we are prepared to continue fighting to eliminate prejudice, violence, and injustice against our community. This is the dawn of a new day and we are ready to work.”

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*The Houston GLBT Political Caucus is the South’s oldest, civil rights organization dedicated solely to the advancement of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality. Founded in 1975, it is the largest GLBT political organization in the city of Houston and Harris County.*