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**Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus PAC Endorses in 2022 Primary Election**

HOUSTON, TX (January 29, 2022) – The membership of the Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus voted to endorse forty-four candidates for the 2022 Primary Election. With over 350 members having joined the meeting, this marks the largest virtual endorsement meeting The Caucus has held in its history.

By a vote of 133 to 111, the membership voted to accept the recommendations of the Screening Committee in thirty-nine races, leaving only eight races to the will of the body. “Our amazing committee of candidate screeners, led by Brandon Mack, worked tirelessly to interview candidates and make endorsement recommendations for the membership,” said **Jovon Alfon B. Tyler, President of The Caucus**. He continued, “The vote to accept the recommendations of the Screening Committee illustrate the trust our membership has in our rigorous and thorough screening process. We greatly look forward to pushing our highly qualified, pro-equality slate of candidates this election cycle.”

Ultimately, the membership voted not to make endorsements in four races. The candidates endorsed are as follows:

Texas Lieutenant Governor – Carla Brailey

Texas Attorney General – Rochelle Mercedes Garza

Texas Commissioner of the General Land Office – Jay Kleberg

Member, State Board of Education, District 4 – Theldon Branch

State Senator, District 15 – John Whitmire

State Representative, District 26 – Lawrence “Skully” Allen Jr.

State Representative, District 27 – Ron Reynolds

State Representative, District 76 – James Burnett

State Representative, District 131 – Alma A. Allen

State Representative, District 142 – Candis Houston

State Representative, District 147 – Jolanda Jones

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 – Kyle Carter

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 9 – Wiliam Demond

District Judge, 183rd Judicial District – Chuck Silverman  
District Judge, 184th Judicial District – Abigail Anastasio  
District Judge, 185th Judicial District – Jason Luong  
District Judge, 189th Judicial District – Lema May Barazi  
District Judge, 208th Judicial District – Greg Glass  
District Judge, 228th Judicial District – Samuel “Sam” Milledge II  
District Judge, 230th Judicial District – Chris Morton  
District Judge, 240th Judicial District – Surendran K. Pattel  
District Judge, 248th Judicial District – Hilary Unger  
District Judge, 263rd Judicial District – Melissa Marie Morris  
District Judge, 270th Judicial District – Dedra Davis  
District Judge, 312th Judicial District – Paul Antonio Calzada  
District Judge, 315th Judicial District – Leah Shapiro  
District Judge, 458th Judicial District – Stephen Longoria  
District Judge, 482nd Judicial District – Veronica Monique Nelson  
Harris County – County Judge – Lina Hidalgo  
Harris County – County Civil Court At Law No. 4 – Manpreet Monica Singh  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law No. 7 – Andrew Wright  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law No. 10 – Juanita Jackson  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law No. 2 – Jannell Robles  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law No. 3 – Porscha Natasha Brown  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law No. 5 – David Marcel Fleischer  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law No. 6 – Kelley Andrews  
Harris County – County Criminal Court At Law. No. 8 – Franklin Bynum  
Harris County – Probate Court No. 2 – Michael Newman  
Harris County – District Clerk – Marilyn Burgess  
Harris County – County Treasurer – Dylan Osborne  
Harris County – County Commissioner Precinct 2 – Adrian Garcia  
Harris County – County Commissioner Precinct 4 – Lesley Briones  
Harris County – Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 – Steve Duple

The Caucus congratulates all candidates that were endorsed during the meeting and looks forward to advocating for them in the upcoming election.

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*The Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus PAC advocates for pro-equality candidates both locally and statewide, and is the political action committee of the Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus, the South’s oldest, civil rights organization dedicated solely to the advancement of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality. Founded in 1975, The Caucus is the largest LGBTQ+ political organization in the city of Houston and Harris County.*