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Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus Condemns Racism in Politics

HOUSTON, TX – From its inception, the Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus has been dedicated to eliminating prejudice, violence, and injustice against LGBTQ+ people through education, activism, and political advocacy. As our goal is to create a world where all human beings are guaranteed freedom, equality, and opportunity, we cannot condone the use of racism within politics.

We condemn candidates and campaigns that use racist tropes for political advantages. In an era of increasing anti-blackness and anti-Asian sentiments and acts of violence, we cannot condone racist tactics that are being used to further divide our communities. We need to be brought together and not torn asunder through dehumanizing each other.

Recently, we saw an attack ad released from our endorsed candidate, Lesley Briones, that used an altered photo of her opponent, Ben Chou, that used racist, anti-Asian tropes. We implore Lesley to publicly apologize to Ben and his campaign for use of this ad, and encourage all candidates to focus on the issues and demonstrate that they will be the best candidate to work for the common good of all of us and especially with uplifting and addressing the issues of marginalized communities. Racism has no place in our society and therefore should not have a place in politics.

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The Houston LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ political organization in the city of Houston and Harris County.