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Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus PAC Endorses in 2022 General Election

HOUSTON, TX (August 13, 2022) – The membership of the Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus voted to endorse eighty-five candidates for the 2022 General Election. With over 150 members present, the meeting lasted just over two hours making it the shortest, virtual endorsement meeting The Caucus has ever had.

By a vote of 71 to 41, the membership voted to accept the recommendations of the Screening Committee in eighty-four races, leaving only five races to the will of the body. Thirty-seven voting members abstained from that vote. Ultimately, the membership voted not to make endorsements in four races. The candidates endorsed are as follows:

U.S. Representative District 7 – Lizzie Fletcher

U.S. Representative District 18 – Sheila Jackson Lee

U.S. Representative District 21 – Claudia Andreana Zapata

U.S. Representative District 38 – Duncan F. Klusmann

Texas Governor – Beto O'Rourke

Texas Lieutenant Governor – Mike Collier

Texas Attorney General – Rochelle Mercedes Garza

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts – Janet T. Dudding

Texas Commissioner of the General Land Office – Jay Kleberg

Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 3 – Erin A. Nowell

Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 5 – Amanda Reichek

Member, Texas State Board of Education, District 6 – Michelle Palmer

Texas State Senator, District 15 – John Whitmire

Texas State Senator, District 18 – Josh Tutt

Texas State Representative, District 27 – Ron Reynolds

Texas State Representative, District 134 – Ann Johnson

Texas State Representative, District 135 – Jon Rosenthal

Texas State Representative, District 145 – Christina Morales

Texas State Representative, District 147 – Jolanda Jones

Texas State Representative, District 148 – Penny Morales Shaw

Chief Justice, 1st Court of Appeals – Julie Countiss
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 4 – Mike Engelhart
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District Place 2 – Cheri C. Thomas
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 9 – William Demond
District Judge, 55th Judicial District – Latosha Lewis Payne
District Judge, 113th Judicial District – Rabeea Collier
District Judge, 157th Judicial District – Tanya Garrison
District Judge, 182nd Judicial District – Danilo “Danny” Lacayo
District Judge, 183rd Judicial District – Gemayel L. Haynes
District Judge, 184th Judicial District – Katherine “Kat” Thomas
District Judge, 185th Judicial District – Andrea Beall
District Judge, 190th Judicial District – Beau Miller
District Judge, 209th Judicial District – Brian E. Warren
District Judge, 232nd Judicial District – Josh Hill
District Judge, 234th Judicial District – Lauren Reeder
District Judge, 240th Judicial District – Surendran K. Pattel
District Judge, 245th Judicial District – Angela Lancelin
District Judge, 246th Judicial District – Angela Graves-Harrington
District Judge, 247th Judicial District – Janice Berg
District Judge, 248th Judicial District – Hilary Unger
District Judge, 257th Judicial District – Sandra Peake
District Judge, 263rd Judicial District – Melissa Marie Morris
District Judge, 269th Judicial District – Cory Don Sepolio
District Judge, 270th Judicial District – Dedra Davis
District Judge, 280th Judicial District – Damiane “Dianne” Curvey
District Judge, 281st Judicial District – Christine Weems
District Judge, 308th Judicial District – Gloria Lopez
District Judge, 309th Judicial District – Linda Marie Dunson
District Judge, 310th Judicial District – Sonya Leah Heath
District Judge, 311th Judicial District – Germaine Ja’net Tanner
District Judge, 312th Judicial District – Teresa J. Waldrop
District Judge, 314th Judicial District – Michelle Moore
District Judge, 315th Judicial District – Leah Shapiro
District Judge, 482nd Judicial District – Veronica Monique Nelson
Fort Bend County – County Court at Law No. 4 – Toni M. Wallace
Harris County – County Judge – Lina Hidalgo
Harris County – County Civil Court at Law No. 1 – Audrie Lawton Evans
Harris County – County Civil Court at Law No. 2 – Jim F. Kovach
Harris County – County Civil Court at Law No. 3 – LaShawn A. Williams
Harris County – County Civil Court at Law No. 4 – M.K. Monica Singh

Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 1 – Alex Salgado
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 – Porscha Natasha Brown
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 – Shannon Brichelle Baldwin
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. 7 – Andrew A. Wright
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 8 – Erika Ramirez
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 9 – Toria J. Finch
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 10 – Juanita Jackson
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 11 – Sedrick T. Walker II
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 12 – Genesis E. Draper
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 13 – Raul Rodriguez
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 14 – Je'Rell A. Rogers
Harris County – County Criminal Court at Law No. 15 – Tonya Jones
Harris County – Probate Court No. 1 – Jerry Simoneaux
Harris County – Probate Court No. 2 – Pamela Medina
Harris County – Probate Court No. 3 – Jason Cox
Harris County – Probate Court No. 4 – James Horwitz
Harris County – District Clerk – Marilyn Burgess
Harris County – County Clerk – Teneshia Hudspeth
Harris County – Department of Education, Place 1 – Amy Hinojosa
Harris County – Department of Education, Place 2 – Andrea Duhon
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 this fall.

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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.