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Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus Statement on 180th District Court Legal Battle

HOUSTON, TX – As an LGBTQ+ organization committed to fairness and equality, we've seen a troubling pattern of targeted challenges against progressive and diverse candidates in previous election cycles.

Recently, the 180th District Court Judge DaSean Jones, an ally and champion of equality, won his 2022 election for the 180th District Court decisively. Despite this clear mandate from voters, Judge Jones now faces costly and baseless legal challenges that seek to overturn his legitimate victory. These tactics threaten not just his career but also undermine the integrity of our democratic processes. The implications are dire: mounting legal fees and the unnecessary election rerun diverts attention and resources from real issues.

It is particularly concerning that these attacks disproportionately target Black candidates, raising serious questions about the underlying motivations. This pattern suggests an attempt to dilute the voices of communities that have historically been underrepresented in our judiciary.

Judge Jones is not only an endorsed elected official, but also our endorsed candidate for the Texas Supreme Court, Place 2. We stand firmly with Judge Jones and all candidates who find themselves unjustly challenged, fighting not just for their right to serve, but for the fundamental principles of our democracy.

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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.