

2011 Houston City Elections Candidate Information Office—Mayor*



NAME: Annise Parker, Incumbent

AGE: 55

Marital Status: "Life Partner" with Kathy Hubbard, jointly adopted 2 children

Elected offices: Houston City Council (1997-2003), Houston City Controller, (2003 - 2009)

Professional Experience: Software analyst, bookstore owner

Church affiliation: unknown

Website: www.anniseparker.com

OVERVIEW:

- First openly lesbian city council member in Houston history (NY Times)
- First openly lesbian Mayor in Houston history (Time Mag.)
- Appointed first transgender judge in Houston history (Houston Chron.)
- Used Executive Order to open city restrooms to members of opposite sex
- Declared her lesbian partner as "First Lady" of Houston (Mayor's office memo)
- Supported 2009 Proposition 1 imposing a drainage "fee" of \$1415 per impervious acre on properties incl. churches and schools
- Passed an increase in over 130 fees in the city for permits, licenses, etc.
- Opposed 2009 Proposition 3 removing red light cameras from city intersections



NAME: Fernando Herrera, candidate

AGE: 51

Marital Status: Married, six children

Elected offices: None (ran for state House seat in 2010 unsuccessfully)

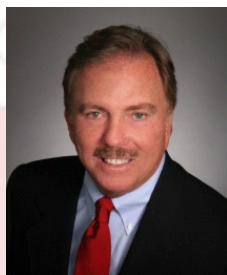
Professional Experience: 26 years with Houston Fire Department, currently Deputy Chief

Church affiliation: Iglesia Bautista Hosana

Website: www.votefernandoherrera.com

OVERVIEW:

- Believes life begins at conception and unborn children should have legal protection
- Supports the repeal of the drainage fee imposed by Proposition 1 and enacted by city council
- City budget and operational emphasis should be on fire, police, EMS and infrastructure
- Supports the definition of marriage as only between one man and one woman
- Supports private property rights, opposes forced historic preservation designation
- Proposes greater transparency and ethics standards in city government
- Review city permit processes to create a business friendly environment while protecting public safety



NAME: Jack O'Connor, candidate

AGE:

Marital Status: Married, one adult child

Elected offices: None (ran for state House seat in 2010 unsuccessfully)

Professional Experience: Business owner, pump and machinery industry

Church affiliation: St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Website: www.jackforhouston.com

OVERVIEW:

- Voted against Proposition 1 (drainage fee) and supports its repeal
- Supports limit on city revenues and taxes
- Supports the definition of marriage as only between one man and one woman
- Opposes the expansion of light rail without validating need and supports prioritizing bus service
- Did not feel strongly about red light camera referendum, supports following vote of the people
- Believes life begins at conception and unborn children should have legal protection

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NAME: Kevin Simms, candidate

AGE:

Marital Status: Married, 24 years

Elected offices: None

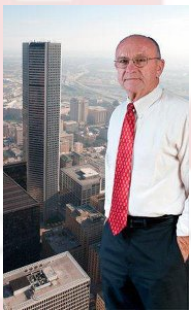
Professional Experience: Corporate management, University of Houston staff

Church affiliation:

Website: www.drkevinsimms.org

OVERVIEW:

- Supports the repeal of the drainage fee imposed by Proposition 1 and enacted by city council
- Believes life begins at conception and unborn children should have legal protection
- Supports the definition of marriage as only between one man and one woman
- Proposes greater transparency and ethics standards in city government
- Reverse city employee layoffs, open parks and library closed under current mayor
- Advocate for small businesses in procuring contracts with the City of Houston



NAME: Dave Wilson, candidate

AGE:

Marital Status: Married,

Elected offices: None

Professional Experience: Small business owner, sign company

Church affiliation:

Website: www.davewilsonformayor.com

OVERVIEW:

- Supports the repeal of the drainage fee imposed by Proposition 1 and enacted by city council
- Believes life begins at conception and unborn children should have legal protection
- Supports the definition of marriage as only between one man and one woman
- Sponsored 2001 city Proposition 2 that successfully prohibits city from granting benefits to domestic partners
- Supported Proposition 3 that removed red light cameras from city intersections

** - Candidate information is based on materials available through public record, public statements, voting records and campaign websites. Non-partisan voter guides with more specific information about each candidate's positions and other voter education materials will also be available prior to early voting at www.faithvotes.org.*