

Local Races for City Hall Seats

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The City of Houston has found itself in the middle of one of her ugliest elections in recent memory. Candidate Dave Wilson has decided that he and Paul Bettencourt would make Mayor Annise Parker's sexual orientation an issue in the Mayoral election. Dave Wilson started running his negative ads two weeks ago. Mayor Parker has decided to ignore these ads and is taking the high road, talking about the achievements of her administration.

In the race for at-large position 5, Jolanda Jones (City Councilmember) is under attack for her vocal and disruptive approach to governing at City Council. She is facing a tidal wave of opposition from a variety of different community leaders who have come together to remove her from office. The Houston Chronicle has endorsed her, stating that she is the best candidate for the at-large position because she has stood up for those who had no voice for years. Councilwoman Jolanda Jones has endured a litany of controversial situations during the past four years that have caused some people to believe that she is not a good representative for the City Council of the City of Houston.

There are other races that are not getting the attention that they deserve because they will impact your daily life also. These races are constitutionally founded on the premise of representation that is stated in the constitution that all citizens should have representation. The races for District J and K are starting to heat up, and the candidates are making rounds on the circuits to get the word out to their base. When the redistricting committee was putting the redistricting map, the Latino community fought hard for proper representation in hopes of getting additional districts for more Latino representation. It was up to the Latino community to run Latino candidates for these new Districts so that their efforts would not be in vain. Dr. Luara of the Latino Chamber of Commerce was very happy with the final redistricting map because of the possibility of the increase in Latino representation. The African-American community will have a difficult time reconciling the new redistricting map because it has shifted the populations to new districts. This shifting will impact the ability of the AA community to maintain its present count of leadership or its ability to increase its representation. You must be diligent in your pursuit of good government by voting for the candidate that you feel represents you in the best

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