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# LEST WE FORGET

A trip down memory lane with Jim McConn

Houston mayor Jim McConn's two-year administration has been punctuated by charges of wrongdoing and unethical practices, down to and including that time-honored political accessory—the coat. Remember Sherman Adams' vicuna coat and "Pat's plain Republican cloth coat" of Richard Nixon's "no-quitter" slush fund speech in 1952?

In this case it's two coats (suede) for McConn and one coat (fur) for Margie McConn. A \$300 suede coat was given to McConn by Jerry Phillips, a figure in the Jack Key indictment. Another \$300 suede coat (apparently that's what suede coats for mayors cost) was given to McConn by Harold Wiesenthal, of Harold's Men's Wear. A \$5,000 mink coat was given to Margie McConn by real estate developer James McNaughton, who did business with the city.

One of McConn's first acts as mayor was to fire women's advocate Nikki Van Hightower. The move was not unexpected, since he had said before the election that he would do so. But the manner of its execution was singularly graceless.

After telling Van Hightower he would discuss the matter with her again before taking any action, he announced at an all-male Rotary Club luncheon that she was fired. Van Hightower was informed of the decision by reporters who burst into her office that afternoon to record her reaction. The mayor claimed he apologized to Van Hightower for the

by  
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manner of the firing. Van Hightower said she received no apology.

In 1978, approximately 500 complaints of police misconduct were submitted to the Houston Police Department. Twenty-four cases against Houston police officers were either before the federal grand jury or in litigation. In each of those 24 cases, no action was taken by state grand juries other than refusal to issue indictments.

Last December, a three-judge federal panel enjoined the city from holding further elections until recent annexations could be shown not to have diluted minority voting strength.

In January of this year, city council voted to investigate tax breaks of over \$50,000 gained by \$1-a-year mayor's assistant Bill Wayne. McConn admitted the city "has lacked a clear, definite procedure to follow in cases where the taxpayer also happens to be a city employee." It quickly became apparent that the city also lacked a clear, definite procedure for paying a mayor's gambling debts. McConn went to Las Vegas that month and lost \$3,200 playing blackjack and shooting craps. He called city purchasing agent Jack Key, who arranged

a \$6,000 loan to pay the mayor's gambling debts. McConn later said he didn't know to whom he owed the \$6,000, or if it had been repaid.

Also in January, the Metropolitan Transit Authority was looking for bids, at around \$228,000, on 38 new 1979 full-sized sedans for its administrators. The cars would have V-8 engines so they could be used, if necessary, to push broken-down MTA buses off the freeways.

In February, the founders of the National Gay Task Force said that Houston and Los Angeles led all other U. S. cities in complaints to their group about police harassment.

Also in February, the Houston Fire department announced a change in its polygraph test to screen applicants. The U. S. Treasury Department had warned city officials that Houston could lose millions of dollars in federal revenue-sharing funds unless it moved to end the "grossly discriminatory" test, which caused blacks and Hispanics to be rejected at a far higher rate than Anglos.

That same month, McConn said that the city may be forced to elect some council members by district. He reiterated his opposition to any substantial increase in the size of city council.

In April, McConn's campaign records were subpoenaed, Jack Key was arrested, and a Harris County grand jury found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing on the part of Bill Wayne. McConn said it was

only coincidence that on the same day Key arranged the \$6,000 loan for McConn, Key allegedly tried to extort \$6,000 from a Houston businessman.

In May, Key was indicted on extortion charges. The federal grand jury subpoenaed McConn's records on his special fund for entertainment expenses.

In June, council members McKaskle, Mancuso and Mann denied any illegality in the gifts of \$1,000 each that they had received from Houston firefighters.

Also in June, the U. S. Justice Department blocked all city elections until a single-member district plan could be formulated. City Controller Kathy Whitmire accused the council of costing taxpayers thousands of dollars by not taking an earlier stand on single-member districts. She pointed out that a 1975 citywide straw vote showed a majority of Houstonians in favor of single-member districts. However, she said, the city has spent "several hundred thousand dollars to defend the present system which has already been voted against by the citizens of Houston."

On June 14, Ben Baldwin and Gebe Martinez, of KTRH Radio, took the City of Houston to court, alleging that a 90-minute closed city council session had violated the state's open meetings act. McConn came out of that meeting expressing disappointment that his own 5-5-1 plan had not received much support.

In July, the U. S. Justice Department restricted the August 11 ballot to the single question of changing the council's makeup. McConn called that action a "horror story." One of the items ordered off the ballot was a city charter amendment to keep the current system, in spite of the clear ruling from the justice department that the council makeup must be changed.

Also in July, the grand jury reissued a subpoena for top mayoral executive assistant Gene Gatlin in the continuing investigation of City of Houston contracts and political contributions to city council members. The Department of Labor warned McConn that Houston could lose about 12 million dollars in federal funds for local manpower and training programs, because of the city's poor performance in the programs. That figure is about 25 percent of all CETA funds scheduled for Houston this year. (The city ended up losing \$9 million.)

In August, city council was again tabling a motion on wood shingle roofs while more than a thousand apartments, with wood shingle roofs, were burning at Woodway Square.

August 11, only 11.3 percent of voters turned out. They overwhelmingly approved the 9-5 redistricting plan. The justice department later approved, clearing the way for this November election.

In September, the six Houston city council members who had not yet testified were scheduled to appear before a federal grand jury investigating alleged city kickbacks.

In October, the city lost \$478,000 in federal funds for a housing rehabilitation loan program because it did not write the loans by September 30. It stands to lose an additional \$4.35 million in other federal funds for housing loans, grants and capital improvements unless the money is spent by November 28.

October 2, U. S. Attorney J. A. "Tony" Canales suspended the calling of witnesses in the federal grand jury investigation till after the election.

October 2, McConn said that if he is re-elected as mayor, there is a "good possibility" that the Farm Road 1960 area will be annexed next year. Three weeks later McConn joined other mayoral aspirants in promising no new annexations until at least 1980.

By last week, the campaign was settling into familiar patterns, with Macey supposedly calling McConn "evil" and "a thief" and McConn accusing Macey of "lying." (Or was it the other way around?)

# CLASS OF '79

## Who's most likely to succeed?



Debbie Du Bose  
LOUIS MACEY

by Gabrielle Cosgriff

A patient goes to a doctor complaining of memory lapses. "When did you first notice this problem?" asks the doctor. "What problem?" asks the patient. As Nixon reassured Eisenhower, on the recently-released White House tapes, "people's memories are very short."

Which works out fine for politicians, not so fine for voters. Last summer's gas crunch, for example (remember last summer's gas crunch?) was manna from heaven for Houston Mayor Jim McConn.

In May, with his image badly tarnished by the Las Vegas gambling fiasco and the Jack Key kickback allegations, McConn said he would not undertake an "unwinnable" re-election campaign. (That's a startling admission for a politician to make several months before an election. Most of them have a hard time conceding even after all the votes are counted.)

But then our attention was diverted from the scandal at City Hall to the scramble for gas. Today, the gas crisis has evaporated, temporarily anyway, and we can drive down the freeway without anxiously scanning the horizon for green flags. Which gives us time to read the billboards, which remind us: "We already have a good mayor—Jim McConn."

Politicians, particularly the incumbents, rely heavily on the short memories of the voters. This makes for campaigns which are dictated by events rather than issues.

"Improving the quality of life" is the most popular campaign promise this year. When pressed for specifics, this boils down, most frequently, to fixing the potholes. As McConn said last May, "Unless the water-main breaks and the potholes are fixed come November, there'll be somebody new in that chair. . ."

Well, it's November and the potholes aren't fixed. Jack Woods, political commentator and gadfly, explained it this way: "You know why a dog has fleas? It's for the same reason that politicians leave potholes in the streets. A dog has fleas to keep its mind off being a dog. Politicians leave these potholes in the streets to keep the people's minds off all the corruption and stealing that's going on. . ."

### Jim McConn

This brings us to The Dark Cloud Over City Hall, which, like all clouds, is rather murky and difficult to grasp.

Charges of possible bribery, extortion and campaign expenditure violations are being investigated by a federal grand jury. McConn and incumbent council members have testified in the investigation, which was triggered by extortion charges filed against Jack Key, the city's former purchasing agent.

U. S. Attorney J. A. "Tony" Canales

has come under fire for allegedly suspending the investigation until after the election. (Canales did not suspend the investigation. He announced that the investigation would continue except for appearances by witnesses.)

Noble Ginther, who withdrew from the mayoral race because of health reasons, accused Canales of "ill-considered political actions" and of casting "a dark cloud over our entire city election procedure." He fired off a letter to President Carter and U.S. Attorney Benjamin Civiletti, calling Canales' action "totally reprehensible," and last week filed a suit against Canales.

McConn and council member Louis Macey, also a candidate for mayor, agreed with Ginther. McConn said Canales should "either indict or clear" those under investigation, while Macey accused Canales of "a terrible disservice" to the city council and the people of Houston.

Leonel Castillo, who resigned his job as Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner to run for mayor, was more reserved in his assessment. "I do not want to interfere with any decision by the U.S. attorney," he said, "since I do not know the facts upon which he based his decision." He did remark, however, that "the matter stinks."

State Rep. Lance Lalor, who is running for city council, feels that Canales and the F.B.I. are "absolutely convinced there has been a lot of shady dealings in the city, but they're very frustrated because they can't prove what they know to be true."

Ginther speculated that McConn, if re-elected, would not serve out a full term. "My hunch is we'll be having a special election," he said.

"It's like Watergate," said Billie Carr, "godmother" of Texas liberals. "We're not going to know until after the election."

But some things we do know. One of which is that McConn has done little to inspire confidence that he has been "the women's advocate" he promised when he took office.

"McConn has done for women what paint-by-numbers did for art," said Houston feminist Barbara Cigainero. Jo Stewart, social worker, felt McConn "didn't do a damn thing for women." "As a women's advocate, a potato farmer from Idaho would have been more effective," claimed Renee Rabb, a former NOW chapter president.

Macario Ramirez, a leader in the Mexican-American community, gave McConn about the same rating as did feminists. "His performance has been very poor in the Mexican-American community," said Ramirez. "He has a horrendous insensitivity to the community in terms of services, political appointments. . . It's just lip service, nothing of substance."

Lance Lalor, in his assessment, damned McConn with faint praise. "He's a nice, well-meaning person who hasn't seriously hurt the city," he said. "He's

excellent at kissing babies. If we had a weak mayor form of government, McConn would be excellent for the job."

But we have a strong mayor form of government, which explains to a large extent the support that McConn still has from the black community, at least from the leadership.

It is a fact of political life in Houston that black support is necessary to be elected mayor. Hofheinz had it. Briscoe didn't. McConn has it for several reasons.

"Black folks in part want to vote for a winner," said Varea Shields, editor of the *Forward Times*, "and they don't feel Castillo can win."

"McConn will get more black votes than he deserves," Billie Carr predicted.

The Black Organization for Leadership Development (BOLD) has endorsed McConn. The Harris County Council of Organizations (HCCO) did not.

BOLD supported McConn in 1977 and was rewarded by city contracts channeled through Community Development. HCCO, which appears seriously divided, split three ways on the mayor's endorsement. McConn apparently got the most votes, Macey next and Castillo a distant third.

Popular wisdom has it that McConn, in spite of his well-publicized adversities, still has the "big money" support. In a generally low-spending campaign, he has a budget of about \$400,000—more than any other candidate. He is keeping a low profile, tending to affairs of state, while his son, Jim Jr., represents him at most screenings and forums.

### Louis Macey

But no one can accuse contender Louis Macey of keeping a low profile. The self-styled Lone Ranger and maverick on city council has galloped into the race. His Halloween-colored billboards promise a "better quality Houston" if we elect him mayor.

Macey's campaign budget is slightly lower than McConn's, about \$350,000, and he plans to spend half of that on media advertising. (His TV ads use the William Tell Overture to complement the Lone Ranger theme.)

Always adept at using the media, Macey lost no time in garnering free headlines by engaging in a mud-slinging match with McConn. (*Macey demands proof or apology from mayor. Macey gives McConn ultimatum on apology. McConn, Macey disagree on probe. Mayor says Macey lying; Macey calls mayor 'sick.'*)

But Macey is throwing more than mud as he swims against the tide. He has a very real chance of unseating McConn, particularly if he can force a run-off.

Macey, a Republican, has a strong constituency among conservatives. On a KHOU-TV newscast recently, Bill Balleza called Macey "a political powerhouse for suburban housewives—they know they can depend on him to show up at their civic clubs."

He has some popularity with blacks because of his fundraising for the United Negro College Fund, and has also done well with blacks in his past city council races. But, as Joe Nolan of the *Chronicle* pointed out, that support doesn't automatically transfer over to him in the mayor's race.

Macey thinks of himself as a minority. "I came from a difficult background," he told *Breakthrough*. "You don't know what a minority is until you've got big ears, are dark-complected and don't speak Spanish. You're the guy with the big nose on the block, skinny. . . When I said my parents came from Lebanon, they said what is that?"

"I guess my ego is the thing that drives me (to hold public office)" said Macey. "I heard a preacher say once that you can't serve god until you learn to serve your fellow man."

Asked how, as mayor, he intended to serve his fellow women, Macey said: "Without promising any specifics, I think you'd be wonderfully surprised if I could tell you all the good things I have for women—starting with the top of the ticket on a bunch of departments, O.K.?"

When pressed for specifics, Macey replied that it is against the law to promise "any employment or thing." But he did assert, "There's no question that I have at least four department heads picked out for women."

### Leonel Castillo

Back home and running for office again, Leonel Castillo is in many ways the candidate to watch. A Mexican-American, Castillo was city controller for two years before taking a Washington appointment to head up the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1977. He resigned that job to run for mayor of Houston.

Some observers feel that his absence from Houston could hurt him in terms of name recognition and building a solid base of support. He has had only two months in which to campaign.

Nevertheless, he has a respectable \$250,000 in campaign funds, due in large part to support from organized labor, who have pledged both people and finances.

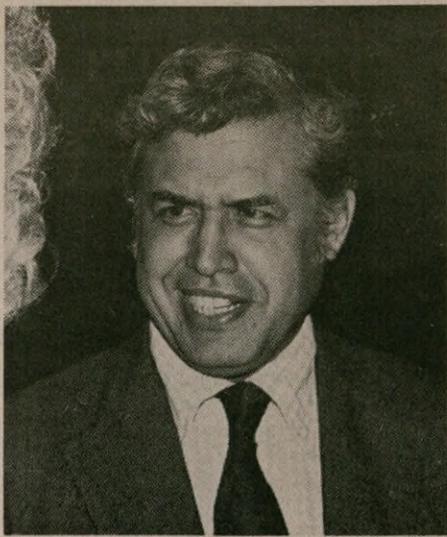
Liberals, in particular, hold him in high esteem. The Harris County Democrats endorsed him unanimously, as did the Harris County Women's Political Caucus and the Gay Political Caucus. Billie Carr called him "the progressive in the race."

"Leonel is the only intelligent, capable, foresighted, scrupulously honest of the major candidates for mayor," said Lance Lalor.

But there are problems. Some liberals feel that Castillo is trying to go it alone, seldom asking for advice or taking any.

"He's never been a team-player type," said Carr. Some who gave him advice urged him to wait it out two years or run for an at-large seat.

"Leonel had to take the chance," said

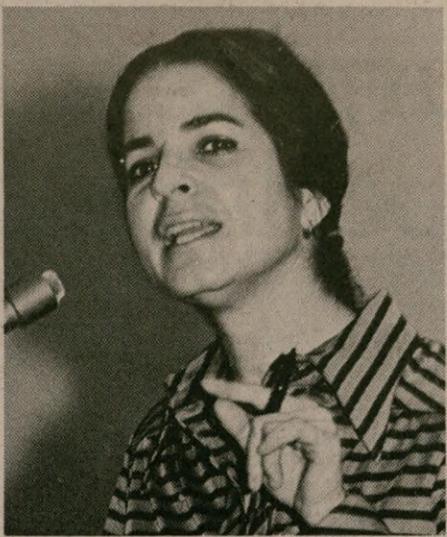


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LEONEL CASTILLO



BETTE GRAHAM WHITE



DEBBY LEONARD



JEWELL LEMONS

liberal activist Bob Hauge. "From a practical standpoint, the argument could be made that you need to spend time building up a campaign. But intellectually you could make the claim that he'll be a much better mayor with his national experience."

"I know the Washington connection," explained Castillo. "I'm one of the few in this race who knows Jimmy and Teddy and I know people in Washington who'll be there regardless of who'll be elected."

"Castillo set the trend for the controller's office," said Hauge, "by being strong and speaking out. He was an activist in office. Who remembers the man who held it for 27 years before him?"

The most serious drawback for Castillo is the lack of support from black leaders in the community. "Black leadership is the problem," said activist Macario Ramirez. "They're protecting their own self-interest. We hope they don't interfere."

"My perception is he's not electable

in Houston in 1979," said Lalor. "His name recognition is small . . . and there's a sufficient degree of racism left in Houston."

It seems ironic that blacks are being charged with racism against Mexican-Americans at a time when the first moves are being made to form a local coalition of the two minorities.

As head of the newly-formed National Black-Hispanic Coalition, U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland admits to feeling frustrated. "There are some serious problems," he conceded. "There is racism. No question about it. No question about it."

A black leader, who declined to be named, felt that a major cause of Castillo's problems with blacks is John Castillo, Leonel Castillo's brother-in-law. John Castillo was head of Community Development in the Hofheinz administration, is now an executive assistant to McConn, and some blacks fear he will be inherited by the next mayor.

"John Castillo destroyed more opportunities for blacks and browns to get together," claimed the black leader. "He created some unnecessary problems by making sure his folks got the goodies. He is now the symbol of the animosity that black people hold for the Chicano community."

He went on to say that this animosity was not directed personally at Leonel Castillo. "He's a good man and would be a fine mayor."

Whatever animosity exists, does not seem to come from the black community at large. "Our indication is that 70-75 percent of black residents support Castillo," said Ramirez.

Dr. Richard Murray, political analyst, feels that although tension exists among the leaders, it does not filter down to the street level. "I don't think it will be that much of a problem," he said. "Politically, there is a perception that (blacks and browns) share more than they disagree on."

Realistically, Castillo is by no means the front-runner in the race. "It would be a minor miracle if he pulled it off," said Carr. "But there's one thing about Leonel—he's kind of magic. He's never lost an election. He always comes through, even when he's not supposed to. He has a good sense of what the public wants and one reason for that is he trusts his own judgment and his judgment is good."

**Bette Graham White**

"What I'm best at is believing in the impossible," said Bette Graham White, addressing Women in Action recently.

That statement is probably a realistic assessment of her chances of becoming mayor.

White has a master's degree in theology, and has served as Community Development Commissioner for Montrose and the Fourth Ward. Making her second consecutive bid in that race, she is running on a platform of "bringing style to the mayor's office."

# MEDIA RATED ON CANDIDATE COVERAGE

Most candidates have had less than a month to reach the public, so the Houston media, more than ever, will play an important role in helping voters meet the candidates. The media will be doing this in two ways: (1) by taking cash to run ads and (2) by giving space or air time to permit voters an opportunity to see, hear, or read about the candidates and their views.

City Controller Kathy Whitmire credited her victory two years ago with her appearance in a political forum on Channel 13. Whitmire appeared with four other controller candidates, some of whom had "downtown money" and invested it heavily in billboards and broadcast time. "We ran a grass roots campaign," said Whitmire, "and couldn't afford to put our money into media advertising. More people told me—during the campaign and after—that they voted for me because of that one public affairs program on Channel 13."

Except for the incumbents and a handful of independently wealthy political aspirants, most women and men are running tight money campaigns. These candidates are dependent on the free access given them on public affairs programming, as well as on coverage by the Houston dailies. The *Post* and the *Chronicle* printed daily articles in a district-by-district and at-large breakdown, giving good background on the candidates and their major positions. Joe Nolan at the *Chronicle* has been the primary source of news analysis stories. There's been a lot of note-taking at press conferences, political rallies and endorsement meetings but no one's written *The Big Story*. Yet.

For more politics in print, the League of Women Voters is coming out with their perennially excellent *Voter's Guide*, a 20-page tabloid on candidates' replies to the League questionnaire. (See *Network* on how to get one).

Here's what Houston stations are offering in terms of public affairs time—along with our rating on their commitment to public service. Three stars is *best* (meaning an attempt to interview all candidates), two stars is *good* (all mayoral and some council candidates), one star is *mediocre*, and a zero or meatball is self-explanatory.



**KTRK-TV:** For the third straight year, Channel 13 is granting time to every candidate running for office in a *Meet the Candidate* series. The station is interviewing all candidates for mayor in three separate half-hour programs, and council candidates in 15 half-hour time slots. News Director Walter Hawver says hardly anyone turns down this opportunity. Even Mayor McConn, in un-incumbent fashion, will appear. (Sundays, October 21, 28, and November 4 and 10 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.)

**KUHT-TV:** Channel 8 and the League of Women Voters will co-host an election eve special, *9 and 5 at 8*. All candidates will have two minutes to present themselves to viewers, and will answer one question from a member of the League of Women Voters. If time permits, follow-up questions will be asked by Joe Nolan, political writer for the *Chronicle* and Susan Wright, political commentator at KUHT. (Mon-

day, November 5, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.)

**KPFT-FM:** Ed Falk, host of *Issues with Ed Falk*, began interviewing candidates as early as September. Although all candidates were welcome to appear, Falk's main criterion was to give air time to candidates with limited campaign funds. A strong conservative, Falk interviewed candidates of all political persuasions, including the socialist candidate for mayor, and many liberals. On the show before the general election, Falk will do a wrap-up with Steve McVicker, KPFT news director, and the editors of *Breakthrough*. (Mondays, 6:30 p.m.); On *Access with Jack Woods*, Woods gave air time to many of the progressive candidates in the city race weeks before the election (Wednesdays, 7 p.m.); and Nancy Lane Fleming and Rita Saylor devoted three programs of *Breakthrough on the Air* to women in politics. (Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.)



**KHOU-TV:** Mayoral candidates and other "major" candidates will appear on Channel 11's morning (7:30 a.m.) and noon shows in the weeks before the election.

**KRIV-TV:** Mayoral candidates (1/2 hour each day starting October 23, time to be announced, check dailies) and candidates in District I, the predominantly Mexican-American district (time to be announced) will appear on Channel 26 programs.

**KYOK-AM:** All mayoral candidates and candidates from District D, a predominantly black district (time to be announced).



**KHTV:** One hour program for all mayoral candidates on Channel 39. (Sunday, November 4, 6 - 7 p.m.)

**KPRC-TV:** Coverage on *Big 2 News Conference* for Mayoral candidates. (Sunday, November 4 at a special time, from 4 - 5 p.m.)

**KCOH-AM:** Two candidates each Sunday on *Food for Thought*. (Sundays 5 - 5:30 p.m.)

**KULF-AM:** Mayoral candidates only on *Houston '79*. (Sundays, October 28 and November 4 at 7:30 a.m. and repeated at 11 p.m.)

**KPRC-AM:** Only mayoral candidates. (Starting Monday, October 22, daily from 2 - 3 p.m.)

**KAUM-FM:** One hour with candidates. (Monday, November 5, 1 - 2 p.m.)

**KUHF-FM:** Two programs with District G candidates only (Monday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.; repeated next day at noon.)



No plans: **KENR-AM, KXYZ-AM, KIKK, KLVL, KNUZ/KQUE, KODA.**

No response: **KTRH, KILT.**

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# Caucus targets three council races & the politics of endorsements

With all the effort made on behalf of single member districts to increase the chances of women and minorities getting elected, it could happen that the new nine plus five plan will give us 14 white, black and brown councilmen and no women. In fact, a woman has never been elected to the Houston City Council in 142 years.

"I don't think 9-5 helped women at all," says attorney Jo Ann Gerhardt, a campaign aide for Olga Soliz, running at-large, position 3. "It really didn't help minorities either. They have only three token (district) seats."

The shortness of this campaign gives a double advantage to those with name identity: the incumbent council members and other office holders in this race.

"If you take the seven councilmen running for re-election, plus the four state legislators (former and present) and the HISD trustee who are all giving city politics a first shot, these men have the edge in 12 out of 14 races," observes

Benegene Kring, chair of the Harris County Women's Political Caucus (HCWPC).

"We are not suggesting, however, that people vote for women only. We believe in supporting progressive candidates—male or female. Those who are strong on women's issues," she says.

## Harris County Women's Political Caucus

Members of the caucus screened candidates for city office in late October and made these endorsements:

- District A—no endorsement
- District B—no endorsement
- District C—Lance Lalor
- District D—Anthony Hall
- District E—Helen Hopkins
- District F—no endorsement
- District G—Kathryn Ross
- District H—Anne Wheeler
- District I—Ben Reyes
- At-large, position 1—no endorsement
- At-large, position 2—Eleanor Tinsley

At-large, position 3—Olga Soliz  
 At-large, position 4—Pat Ginther  
 At-large, position 5—no endorsement  
 The Caucus targeted Kathy Whitmire's campaign for City Controller two years ago, and its members were the backbone of that successful election effort. This year they are targeting three races—Eleanor Tinsley (Position 2), Olga Soliz (Position 3) and Kathryn Ross (District G). Both Tinsley and Soliz are running against incumbents. Tinsley took on a 20-year incumbent, Frank Mann, and Soliz hopes to unseat Johnny Goyen, a 22-year incumbent. Ross ran against Mann two years ago and is now running in a newly created district.

## Eleanor Tinsley

Tinsley has probably the best name identification of any of the 17 women running for council seats. She is a former president of the HISD school board. She's spending about \$100,000 on her race and she is the only woman candidate, thus far, to have billboards, a strange sight up there among the Maceys, Manns, McKaskles, Mancusos and McConns—the five-M company.

Because the Tinsley name is so well associated with community involvement (she serves on the boards of 40 organizations), because she got into the campaign early and raised some big money, and because of an exceptionally well-organized campaign, political observers, like Dr. Richard Murray of the University of Houston, give her the best chance of any candidate—male or female—to unseat an incumbent.

"The city is beyond the time of Frank Mann. I think whatever services he has given the city have been given, and it's time for new leadership," Tinsley said of her 70-year-old opponent.

"After 20 years Mann should be a leader. Instead, he either reacts to crises or puts things off for weeks and months." She gives examples of his votes against a swimming pool ordinance and maternity benefits for city employees.

Tinsley is the strongest challenger to ever take on Frank Mann. She called a press conference in late October claiming Mann acted unethically when he "falsified" a recent \$3500 campaign expenditure. The money went to pay his attorneys in the federal grand jury investigation looking into the allegation that Mann accepted a \$1000 gift from the firefighters in his last campaign.

Mann says the \$3500 was justified to counteract "anything that these people are trying to bring up to cloud the issue in this campaign."

Denying any wrongdoing on his part, Mann called Tinsley "a rat on a sinking ship grasping for anything to try to get elected."

He attacked, as well, the fact that the Gay Political Caucus chose to endorse her. "I don't know what her standards or morals or ethics are. She's got the support of the queers. I don't know what she told them to get their support. They didn't interview me because they know my stand."

Tinsley's been fighting a feisty campaign and an exhausting one. She has kept up an hour-by-hour campaign schedule with personal appearances all over the city.

One *Chronicle* reporter trying to meet

a deadline and irritated over the problem of reaching Tinsley for an interview asked one of the campaign volunteers, "What's with her? (implying—why does she think she's so important anyway?) I can pick up the phone and get Frank Mann straight away."

"That's because he's not campaigning. He's always in his office," Nancy Winslow, the campaign worker told him.

## Olga Soliz

Olga Soliz says Johnny Goyen isn't campaigning either. "I was so surprised to have him join us on a candidate's forum (on Channel 13). That was the first time I'd seen him in years. He hasn't appeared anywhere in the community.

"He's either at work, at home—or just enjoying life," she guesses. "But we're taking time away from our jobs and our families to listen to what the community is saying. We're more in touch with how the public feels."

But while people express their views to the candidates. Soliz, a long-time activist in the Harris County Women's Political Caucus and an advocate of building an 'old girls' network, says she picks up a discernible mood in the community. It goes something like this: "Why's a woman like you taking on old man Goyen? or Why are you trying to take the old boys out?" They're really saying 'We prefer to keep things the way they are.' That's why we keep re-electing incumbents."

Soliz says the hardest thing to overcome in her campaign experience is what she calls the "presence of the incumbent." At civic groups people reserve an importance for office holders they don't bestow on lowly candidates, she says.

"On several occasions we've waited for our turn to speak only to have an incumbent's representative arrive, speak and leave. While we're still sitting and waiting, the incumbent makes an entrance and he gets to speak longer because people are so thrilled he bothered to show. So now you've heard two speeches on how he's going to improve the quality of life and you're still sitting and wondering if you'll ever get to say anything before you have to leave and take your children to their swim meet."

Soliz has some strong views about politicians—"They shouldn't be in for life" and supports a limit on the number of terms of public office, "Two," she says firmly.

Soliz filed for office on the deadline date, October 6. In less than one month, she has raised over \$15,000 and plans to buy radio and television time. The body of her campaign workers are members of the Women's Political Caucus and friends from the Harris County Hispanic Caucus, of which she is a founding member.

Unlike Tinsley's harsh words about her opponent, Soliz steers away from any direct attacks on the man she is challenging and instead says matter-of-factly, "Johnny Goyen has served this community 22 years. Now's the time for a change. It's healthy to get new people, new ideas, fresh progressive approaches."

## Kathryn Ross

A photo in her campaign brochure shows Kathryn Ross in front of City Hall. One caption holds a lot of promise. It reads: "She's not one of the boys."



ELEANOR TINSLEY is running for At-Large, Position 2



Gary Allison Morey

Members of the Harris County Democrats voted on endorsements for the upcoming city elections.

## “You dance with them what brung you!”

This is Ross' second run for City Council. She made an impressive showing against Frank Mann in an at-large race two years ago, placing second among the five candidates. Now she's running for a seat in a new district, G.

Candidate Ross has been “speaking to the issues” but the other day when she addressed the membership of Women in Action, a coalition of almost 50 community groups, she chose to share one of her battle cries with them — her “war of the words.”

Ross challenged the very language people have grown accustomed to hearing at City Hall over the last 142 years. On June 26, Ross spoke before the Mayor and City Council and proposed that all references in the City Charter (written in 1905) to the offices of *council* and *council men* be changed to *councilmember*. She told the City Fathers the language was “outdated” and said it gave the implication that council positions were “for men only.”

“This is a disservice to the thousands of women who are taking active roles in society—not only in the home, but in schools, churches, social services, the business community and the election process.”

At the close of her statement she also proposed to volunteer her services, free of charge, to come to City Hall with a ladder and change the lettering over the council offices from councilmen to council members.

Ross heard nothing from Council over the summer but recently picked up a copy of the “Charter Amendment Adopted at the August 11 Special Election.”

It called for “all references in this charter to councilmen, commissioner or alderman shall be construed to be references to council members.”

“I felt really good about that change,” Ross said.

Ross is one of 12 (four are women) seeking the District G seat, a silk stocking area that runs west from River Oaks to Memorial. It is a pretty conservative district. One of her opponents has been known to describe herself as “a lady, not a woman,” when she speaks to groups in the area, particularly when speaking to men's groups.

Her opponents include a progressive candidate, Jimmy Dunne, a former county coordinator for Common Cause; Christin Hartung, a former aide to County Judge Jon Lindsay; Betty Moore, owner of a nursery and primary school, and businessmen Don Hogan and Mike Kizkiel. HCD almost endorsed Kizkiel, a Republican, because the screening committee felt “he was really a Democrat.”

Because of her good showing in the last race, Ross stands a pretty good chance to make the run-off. (See *Questionnaire* on District G.)

### Harris County Democrats and St. Rep. Lance Lalor

The Harris County Democrats search out progressive candidates in their screening and endorsement meetings. Here's how their slate looks:

- District A—no endorsement
  - District B—Ernest McGowen
  - District C—Lance Lalor
  - District D—no endorsement
  - District E—no endorsement
  - District F—no endorsement
  - District G—no endorsement
  - District H—Anne Wheeler and Dale Gorczyński
  - District I—Ben Reyes
  - At-large, position 1—Ginia Wright
  - At-large, position 2—Eleanor Tinsley
  - At-large, position 3—Olga Soliz
  - At-large, position 4—Pat Ginther
  - At-large, position 5—Judson Robinson
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HCD endorsement is the brass ring of politics. The membership rolls of the liberal organization usually double the night of endorsements, as candidates pack the meeting with family and friends who buy *donkey cards* and cast their votes. There are always the floor fights interrupted by all those heated debates on Robert's Rules of Order. That's what usually happens. That's what's expected.

But this year the unexpected took place. Lance Lalor, the White Knight of Texas liberals, told the county liberals initially he didn't want their endorsement. It would hurt him in his district. Thanks, but no thanks. The group was outraged by his actions. They gave it to him anyway.

Lalor, a former aide to Mayor Fred Hofheinz before serving in the Texas House, wants back into city politics. He's running in a field of 13 in the newly created District C, which includes Montrose-Fourth Ward (how liberal can you get?—They keep re-electing Ron Waters), the Rice University and Texas Medical Center areas, as well as the conservative enclaves of Meyerland, Post Oak Manor, and the Westbury subdivisions. *Breakthrough* is in District C.

Lalor's campaign literature which was passed out at the Harris County Democrats endorsement meeting contained a prominent quote from *The Texas Observer*: “He can be counted upon to stand tall for the progressive cause.” Lalor's liberal voting record is impeccable.

One member of the screening committee described their mood after learning about Lalor's initial reluctance to accept HCD's endorsement: “Everybody was shocked, most said they were offended, but they were really angry. Lance would have been the unanimous choice.”

Instead, the committee took no action in the race until the membership meeting when Lalor was endorsed from the floor.

An aide that evening said Lalor had changed his mind and would accept the endorsement.

One observer said, “It looked like a set up job. In other words, if it looked like the group would be really put out, then his aide should get up and say he changed his mind. I feel we forced the endorsement on him.”

Another active HCD member who also served on the screening committee said Lalor made a bad political move. “Refusing the endorsement only succeeded in drawing more attention to it. This could hurt him with progressive voters,” who point to Kathy Whitmire as an example of a political figure who takes all the endorsements and wins besides.

Lalor also balked at the endorsement by the Gay Political Caucus this year.

While Lalor is running against some conservatives and candidates with high name recognition—Geneva Kirk Brooks, head of Citizens against Pornography, Dean Goss of the dinner theatres and Barry DeBaKey, son of the heart surgeon—his biggest fight will come from liberals like Morris Graves, once an aide to former U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who almost won the HCD endorsement, and moderates like George Greanias, the Rice University professor, or John Shanahan, the smoothtalking businessman and Southwest Civic Club president, who sounds good on women's issues.

“Vera Jackson, an active League of Women Voters member, really impressed our members,” said Benegene Kring, chair of the HCWPC, but the Caucus endorsed Lalor based on his legislative record. (Please see *Questionnaire* responses for District C.)

There is no doubt about it. Liberals are worried about what Lalor's up to.

“Lance seems to be turning his back on those who put him in office,” Pat Lane, an active member of HCD says. “Mickey (Leland) always said, ‘You dance with them what brung you’ and I believe that.”

Bob Hauge, a member of HCD's executive committee, calls Lalor “an astute politician.” Astute enough, he says, “to realize that the endorsement from the HCD wouldn't help him in his race. If he felt that way, we shouldn't have endorsed him.”

“Secondly, if Lance is right, that speaks poorly of the HCD and the force they have to bear on an election in the southwest part of Houston. That's an indictment of HCD.”

Although Hauge says it is too early to judge Lalor because he's been a good legislator and fought for many causes in the past, he admits he worries about politicians who get “weak-kneed” at election time. “Who's to say they wouldn't be weak-kneed later on in cases requiring a strong liberal stand.”

“It makes you suspect of a person's ability to withstand pressure . . . if they're afraid of the liberal tag.”

It's *The Gammage Syndrome*. Former U.S. Rep. Bob Gammage is a classic example among Texas liberals of someone who tried to appeal to both conservatives and liberals. He lost his congressional re-election bid to Ron Paul, the arch-conservative candidate, mainly because he lost what Hauge calls the liberals' “emotional support,” something progressive candidates acquire because they are outspoken and because they are seen as leading the charge.

Gammage fostered and initiated various conservative issues once he got to Washington—one of them being a vain attempt to reinstate the House Un-American Activities committee. “That probably lost him as much support as any one thing he did,” said Hauge, who also serves on the state's Democratic executive committee.

“Gammage taught every politician in this place a good lesson,” Hauge said. “You can't desert your friends if you hope to survive.”

Her campaign literature explains that White, "of the West Texas Weatherfords, . . . learned early the importance of independence . . . that led her beyond the confines of debutante balls and the role of housewife."

White believes in the importance of name recognition. She makes a practice of spelling out her name for audiences and having them repeat it after her. Instead of campaign buttons, she intends to hand out rape whistles inscribed "Bette."

Because she is short on finances, White is relying heavily on key individuals to contribute services and expertise. "People have donated everything from money to music," she said. Her campaign fund stands at about \$7500.

At a meeting of Woman to Woman, an informal group of mostly church-affiliated women, White was asked what her priorities as mayor would be. "The main thing," she replied, "is to put those who didn't believe to shame."

Following Eleanor Tinsley, who described her civic involvement and gave specifics of how her election to city council would benefit women, White said: "My approach (to this group) will be really different from Eleanor's but that's to be expected. That's probably why she's running for city council and I'm running for mayor."

Asked why she did not first run for city council, White replied, "I was Community Development Commissioner and I found out then what it means to have a title after your name. That gave me a stepping stone. The mayor would call me up, I got letters . . . the Texas legislature acknowledged me."

She described the difficulties and dangers of running for office. "I've come to this through a lot of work and loneliness. . . It's a thankless job. I had the guts," she said, "when everybody laughed in my face . . . It's been very hard but it's also made me the kind of person I am today and I feel good about that."

White's life was threatened, she claimed, after she announced for mayor, and she was offered round-the-clock security. Then, at a late-night press conference at the Orchard Park apartments, she reported that while she was handing out rape whistles she was confronted by a man wielding "a six-inch switchblade."

"It was then I realized I was willing to give my life for what I believe in," asserted White.

#### Debby Leonard

"Working people keep Houston running. Working people should run Houston," is the slogan of mayoral candidate Debby Leonard, who has previously run for mayor and governor of Texas.

Leonard is a local leader of the Socialist Workers Party. An oil worker of Atlantic Richfield's Houston refinery, she is a former president of the Houston Coalition of Labor Union Women.

She feels that decisions which affect us all are not made openly, but are carried out "secretly, by the small minority who own the corporations and the banks." She does not think that the Democratic and Republican parties represent the interests of working people, and advocates a labor party, launched by the unions.

Campaign funding runs to less than \$5,000. "If we had a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner," said Leonard, "no one would come, because the people who support me can't afford that."

"I don't expect to be the next mayor," she told *Breakthrough*. "Every vote for me is important because it is a challenge to the way the government is run."

"You don't have to be a socialist to vote for me. What we are saying is that there is an alternative. Women and minorities should break away and challenge the system as it exists now."



Mary Cerutti

#### Jewell Davis Lemons

Beer and barbecue are recommended highly by mayoral candidate Jewell Davis Lemons, a 70-year-old attorney. Describing herself as a "beer and barbecue girl," Lemons cautioned that if anyone approaches who is against decency and Christianity, "Walk away. Don't drink your beer and eat your barbecue with them."

Lemons wants "Christian people" to vote for her as "a protest against indecency. I am for everything the pope is for, and I am against everything that Madelyn Murray O'Hair is for," claimed Lemons.

Her campaign budget so far totals \$1,850. That includes her \$1,250 filing fee, \$100 for signs and \$500 for printing cards.

Her only contribution to date has been from the man who sells papers at the 24-hour newsstand at the corner of Bellaire and Gessner. He gave her a Susan B. Anthony dollar. She is very proud of this contribution and does not want to spend it.

"I do not worship money," said Lemons, "but I welcome contributions from Christian people. I don't want contributions from pornographers."

Contributions, from pornographers and/or Christians, have been in short supply for all three women in the mayoral race. Between them, they will spend less than \$10,000, or about one percent of the total campaign funds of the nine candidates.

Debby Leonard collected signatures in lieu of a filing fee. She will spend about \$800 on brochures. Bette Graham White called her campaign financial status "desperate" and said, "we have not been able to generate any cash flow."

#### Larry Robinson

Larry Robinson is running for mayor, again. It cost him \$50,000 to be defeated in 1977, and he was the first contender to start spending money in this year's race. (He was the one appearing on TV in September, before it was even certain we would have a Nov. 6 election.)

He's not saying how much he's spending this time around. He would only say that "several thousands have been spent and several thousand more will be spent."

#### C. Leon Pickett

A well-known figure at City Hall, C. Leon Pickett never misses a city council meeting, and is always on the agenda to speak. He writes up all the dastardly deeds of city officials in his monthly, *The Pickett Line*. But "nobody takes him seriously," said Bill Balleza on KHOU-TV. "He is a self-styled critic of

city council—some people call him the town cryer." He ran for governor in 1972 and for mayor in 1977. This is the first time he has paid the filing fee.

#### Lawrence Andrew Sims

A law student and file clerk with Fullbright and Jaworski, Lawrence Sims could not be reached by *Breakthrough*.

Citizens Anti-Nuclear Information Team (CAN-IT) sent the following questionnaire to all candidates running in the city elections:

1. Would you approve transportation of nuclear waste through the city of Houston? Along nearby highways?
2. Do you approve construction by Houston Lighting & Power of a nuclear power plant at Allens Creek, 45 miles from downtown Houston?
3. Nuclear power plants produce no electricity for 5 to 15 years, if ever. HL&P now passes on much of the cost to ratepayers through an allowance in its rate base for Construction Work in Progress (CWIP). Should present ratepayers continue to pay the cost of these plants—thus being forced to invest in a speculation in which they bear risk but hold no equity?

They received the following replies:

#### Mayor

Leonel J. Castillo	1. No ... no.	2. Not disposed to approve.	3. No.
Larry Robinson	1. (left blank) ... check mark.	2. Needs more information.	3. Needs more information.
Lawrence Sims	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council At-Large, Position 1</b>			
Jeff Daiell	1. Yes ... yes.	2. Would need more information.	3. Yes.
<b>Council At-Large, Position 2</b>			
Eleanor Tinsley	1. Only low level waste such as that produced by medical usage. 2. Plant currently beyond city's jurisdiction; preferable to limit population encroachment toward plant. 3. Current ratepayers should not pay—future ratepayers should.		
Joyce Williams	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council At-Large, Position 3</b>			
Olga Soliz	1. No ... Only with an alert system.	2. Only with guaranteed safety.	3. No.
<b>Council At-Large, Position 4</b>			
Pat Ginther	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council At-Large, Position 5</b>			
Jack Josey Terence	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District A</b>			
Stan Casey	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District B</b>			
Ernest McGowen	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
Robert McPeters	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District C</b>			
Carl Haggard	1. No ... no.	2. No, unless converted to fusion. Fission too dangerous.	3. Yes, if fusion used.
Lance Lalor	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District D</b>			
Rodney Dargin	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
Roy Grims	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
Moses LeRoy	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District E</b>			
Ed Foote	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District F</b>			
C. Gary Price	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District G</b>			
Jimmy Dunne	1. No ... no.	2. Yes.	3. No.
Mike Kiszkiel	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
Dianne May	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
Kathryn Ross	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District H</b>			
Russell Stanley	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
Anne Wheeler	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.
<b>Council District I</b>			
Ben T. Reyes	1. No ... no.	2. No.	3. No.

For more information on the anti-nuclear group CAN-IT, call 522-3343.

Two other women candidates in council races are running against incumbents. Helen Hopkins (District E) received an endorsement from the HCWPC and Ginia Wright (At-Large, Position 1) was endorsed by the HCD. Anne Wheeler (District H) won endorsements from both groups.

**Helen Hopkins**

Helen Hopkins says she is getting her old yard signs out of the garage where they've been stored "just in case" she got the urge to take on Frank Mancuso, again.

In 1975, Hopkins was the only one to run against the former major league baseball player and familiar face on council since 1962. She polled 40% of the votes in a city-wide race and won over 60,000 votes, a fact she says the local media have "scrupulously" avoided mentioning.

"That's an impressive figure," she says. "If someone was looking for a potential winner, they could pick up on that fact and say, 'Hey, she does have a chance.'" Hopkins feels the media have "fought hard to make us all sound alike" in their reporting on the District E race.

Hopkins has been a leader of Citizens for Flood Control, a group of homemakers and residents who have protested the lack of adequate drainage and the lack of responsiveness of city and county governments to their problems. They called a mass meeting back in 1975 to get the attention of local officials. "We filled a church with 500 people - angry and distressed homeowners - but it had no effect on our office holders."

That's when Hopkins first decided to run against Mancuso. She raised \$20,000 for that at-large race. This year her friends in Citizens for Flood Control raised her \$500 filing fee and the \$5000 in her campaign chest.

"I'm only \$12 over budget at the moment," she says. Her funding has come in donations of \$10 or less. She's had only one \$25, one \$50 and one \$150 contribution. "To me, democracy should not cost a lot of money."

Hopkins obviously has no budget for billboards but says she wouldn't put them up even if she did. "I'm against billboards. I think they should all come down. They are so ugly. Here in south-east Houston we have enough of a blithe along the Gulf Freeway."

On another matter, Hopkins points out of the campaigns' little ironies "Isn't it interesting, that the Chamber of Commerce, the police and fire fighters and the labor unions are all backing the incumbents. Isn't it interesting that both labor and big business are backing the same people. I can't understand how they both figure they're *their* men."

**Ginia Wright**

Ginia Wright was past president of the Houston City Council of PTA's, an experience that she says "politicized" her.

Anticipating the stereotypes people have of PTA workers, Wright is quick to say, "We were not cookie baking types. We learned about the legislative process by preparing for and participating in hearings in Austin and in Washington. If it had not been for the PTA, I would not be running for city council today."

This is Wright's second bid for office. She lost an HISD board seat two years ago by 196 votes. She spent \$5000 on her race, her opponent spent \$20,000. She likes to tell him his 195 votes cost him \$15,000.

"You don't need the money if you have the votes," Wright feels. She is confident about unseating Jim Westmoreland and took on an at-large race against him rather than a District A race against Mc Kaskle because she felt Westmoreland was the most "vulnerable" of the two. "People know his name, but they don't know what he does." *If anything*, she

implies. Wright calls her opponent "The Phantom." She has not met him out campaigning. *He shouldn't be so sure of himself, you think she's thinking.*

Ginia (as in Vir-ginia) Wright feels she has spent 12 years grooming for an elected position. One Austin legislator, impressed with her ability as an expert witness, encouraged her to seek office. "When I told him I was running against an incumbent, all he could say is 'you've got guts.'"

As head of the PTA, Wright spoke up for returning schools to the semester system, programs for pregnant teenagers ("I am pro-choice, she adds"), and was a strong advocate for sex education in the schools "with appropriate teachers and in an appropriate setting, not just in the gym class on the bleachers on a rainy day." She is proud of the fact that through PTA efforts "we have gotten home and family living courses down to the sixth grade."

Like Hopkins, Wright is astounded to see the incumbents endorsed by unions and even the minority groups. On their questionnaires, these groups seemed to be looking for *change* candidates. Yet they are backing the old order," she says with disappointment.

"I want the endorsement of the people," she says. "If they really want a change in city government, they should vote WRIGHT."

**Anne Wheeler**

Anne Wheeler's six and nine-year-old daughters each say they want to be a "tax lady" when they grow up. That's because their mother, a school teacher by profession, is such an effective spokesperson for the tax reform movement.

As chair of the Taxpayer's Political Action Committee (for the record, their activities bear no resemblance to the Proposition 13 antics), Wheeler says her group took up the tax fight for the inner city - for the low to moderate income groups and to bring about a fair tax system since the city had no tax system.

"They just go around and hot spot certain areas, like West End-Cottage Grove - raise the taxes 1000% and force those on fixed incomes to sell. The developers run this city," she says emphatically, "and they want this land for expensive townhouses, condominiums, and businesses."

Her group tried for over a year to work out the inequities through City Hall. "They just laughed in our face. They said we didn't have a tax problem (despite the fact that certain areas hadn't had their taxes raised in 25 years). So, her group went the City Charter route and effected a change through legal means to bring about a re-evaluation for the whole city. They came up with a formula that wouldn't put a burden on poor neighborhoods. "It evened things out. The only thing that gave us this power was to effect a charter change. Now, they're not laughing at us any more and they're all talking about *fair and equitable* taxes in their campaigns."

Because of her work in the forefront of the tax reform movement, Wheeler has attracted everyone from the "very, very conservative to the very, very liberal" in her campaign.

She's running against a state legislator whom she feels has name recognition, but not all of it is positive, she feels. People remember Herman Lauhoff as the one who sponsored a bill to raise the City of Houston's Mayor's salary to \$72,000, making him the highest paid mayor in the country and he proposed legislation increasing the salaries of city council members. Her opponent also was responsible for the MTA bill that called for the appointment rather than the election of MTA board members.

"I argued against a Mayor being able to appoint his cronies. He told me electing them would just bring politics into it. Then, 'let's have the governor appoint all state legislators,' I told Lauhoff."

## We support Eleanor Tinsley for City Council because she has a proven record of leadership and accomplishment for women.

**As President of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, she secured passage of legislation to fund foster care for neglected and abused children not previously covered by AFDC.**

**As President of the Houston School Board, she initiated project EVE to provide non-stereotyped vocational training for women. She had the Deans of Women raised to the rank of assistant principals, equal in pay and status to their male counterparts. She was a strong supporter of the High School for the Performing Arts, the Young**

**Mother's Program and she chaired the committee that established our Community College.**

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# ELEANOR TINSLEY

*City Council*

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# QUESTIONNAIRE

It would be so easy to sit this election out and wait till the run-off. With almost 100 candidates and only a month between the filing deadline and the election on November 6, the selection process could seem to be overwhelming. In anticipation of the confusion over this particular election, we worked to develop a questionnaire keyed to women's issues. Of course, all issues are women's issues, but we felt our readers would be able to learn the views candidates have on mass transit, tax reform, annexation, and other city problems from other sources. Breakthrough readers are voters. Ninety-four percent of our subscribers voted in 1977. Read this before you vote in 1979. — Eds.

1. **City Problem.** To begin, what do you consider to be the single most important problem in the City of Houston? How would you deal with it? Would this mean additional tax dollars?
2. **Battered Women.** Currently, there is only one shelter for battered women in Houston. Studies have shown that one shelter is needed for every 10,000 in the population. A number of other cities support battered women shelters through various public and private funds. Do you see a need for funding more shelters? YES NO. Should the City of Houston provide funds for more shelters in Houston?
3. **Affirmative Action.** There were no women department heads appointed in the McConn administration until the departure of the city's purchasing agent. Based on December 1978 statistics and excluding the city's police and fire departments which are not required to report to the Affirmative Action Division, only one-third of the city's employees are women. Of employees earning \$25,000 or more, only 13.9% are women; of those earning between \$16 - 25,000 only 16.4% are women, whereas 72.2% of those earning below \$8000 a year are women. Do you perceive this situation as inequitable? If elected, what action would you take?
4. **Rape.** In 1978, 1126 cases of rape were reported in Houston. (FBI statistics estimate only 1 rape out of 10 is reported). Currently, there are two employees in the city's health department responsible for rape victim services. Do you think the city is adequately handling this problem or do you feel more services are needed?
5. **Sexual Harassment.** New York City's Women's Institute found that 70% of women are sexually harassed at some point in their careers. A number of complaints of sexual harassment have been made by women city employees in the last few years, yet no city employee has ever been fired as a result. Will you take complaints of this nature seriously, if you are elected?
6. **Women's Advocate.** During the Hofheinz administration a women's advocate position was created and funded. Would you support such a position? With what responsibilities?
7. **City Jail.** Have you ever visited the City Jail? YES NO. Do you consider the facilities for women and men adequate? If not, how would you improve them?
8. **Police/Fire.** Should all police officers and fire fighters perform the same duties or do you see specific areas for men only?
9. **Child Care.** Should the City of Houston provide child care for its employees? Please elaborate.
10. **ERA.** Do you feel the Equal Rights Amendment is needed? Why or why not?
11. **Women in your Campaign.** What positions are held by women in your campaign?
12. **Additional Comments.** Do you have any additional comments on issues of particular concern to women?

Candidates designated NS if they felt they needed more information before responding to any question raised.

Breakthrough does not endorse candidates. We hope the information we bring you about the candidates will help you make a more informed decision when you vote. We wish to bring your attention to the endorsements of the Harris County Women's Political Caucus and the Harris County Democrats. (See story on page 8).

## MAYOR

Louis Macey, incumbent council member and businessman.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Debby Leonard, refinery worker at Atlantic Richfield, member of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union, former president of the Houston Coalition of Labor Union Women and leader of the Socialist Workers Party. Ran for Mayor in 1971.

1. **City Problem.** The misleadership of the Democratic and Republican politicians who serve the interests of the big corporations is the chief problem. They are responsible for sexism and the attack on women's rights. We propose a party of working people, a labor party, organized by the trade unions to help lead in the struggle for women's equality; a solution to the energy rip-off; etc. 2. **Battered Women.** Yes. Yes. 3. **Affirmative Action.** A living wage is a basic human right. Workers need unions to fight for cost of living escalator clauses. They should rise with the real rate of inflation as determines consumer Price Index which deliberately underestimates price increases. All wages should be raised to union scale. Affirmative action should be strictly enforced. Quotas are needed in hiring and job up-grading to provide equal opportunities for women as well as blacks and chicanos. 4. **Rape.** No. We demand the elimination of the judicial process predicated on the assumption that female rape victims are the guilty party; establishment of centers—independent of the police and courts—designed to welcome, counsel and aid. 5. **Sexual Harassment.** Yes. 6. **Women's Advocate.** Yes. Position should bring women together and bring them out of their domestic isolation and their lack of confidence in their own abilities, intelligence, independence and strength. This position should, also, help lead the struggle for women's rights. This leadership should penetrate into all layers of society and not be tied to any particular political (group). 7. **City Jail.** Yes. No. We support prisoner demands for better conditions. However, prisons are not the answer, regardless of how many reforms are realized. The majority of prisoners are the poor while the real criminals such as the police who murdered Reggie Lee Jackson go free. The society must be reorganized so that all people will have a right to a decent job, housing, etc. and are part of the real decision making process of the economy. 8. **Police/Fire.** Yes, all fire fighters should perform the same duties. We believe that the police exist to protect the interests of the rich and should be eliminated. Justice cannot be administered at the point of a gun whether it is held by a man or woman. 9. **Child Care.** Yes, women need twenty-four hour childcare centers and schools conveniently located and open to all children from infancy to early adolescence, regardless of parents' income or marital status, with trained male and female personnel and elimination of all sexist practices. 10. **ERA.** Yes. There are a host of laws that deny women equality. Ratification of the ERA would make these laws unconstitutional and strengthen existing anti-discriminatory legislation. 11. **Women in your Campaign.** The campaign manager is a woman, as is the treasurer. 12. **Additional Comments.** LERN (Labor for Equal Rights) has launched a march and rally for the ERA in Richmond, Virginia on January 13. This action was endorsed, recently, at both national conventions of NOW and CLUW. Women's and civil rights groups, trade unions in Houston should use this opportunity to turn the Virginia effort into a massive national drive for the ERA.

Rev. C. Leon Pickett, an ordained minister in the World order of the Deist Church, and editor of The Pickett Line, a free newspaper.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Lawrence Andrew Sims, a law student and a file clerk with Fullbright and Jaworski.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Larry Robinson, a salvage company owner and mayoral candidate in 1977.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Jewell Davis Lemons, a lawyer and active member in Citizens Against Pornography.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Jim McConn, incumbent mayor and builder.

1. **City Problem.** Transportation is probably the most important problem in the City of Houston and by establishing the MTA last year, I think citizens have taken a step toward solving the problem. 2. **Battered Women.** Yes. The city has a responsibility toward battered women because we are the first point of intervention. The police need to make sure that the women know where to go and that they get help in filing charges of assault against whoever is beating them up. The city should help organizations to find funds and also to possibly help fund such facilities through Community Development and/or revenue sharing funds. 3. **Affirmative Action.** I have appointed Mary Etta Jackson as head of Purchasing and Erie Callaway as head of the Affirmative Action division. I have also appointed four women judges. Five high level member of my executive staff are women. I intend to hire and promote more women in my second term. 4. **Rape.** One of my first endeavors for women was to prepare and distribute from the mayor's office the booklet *How to Avoid or Cope with Rape*. This book is now in its third printing and is being used as a model for other cities. We are working both to prevent rape, through our rape squad, and to help those who have been raped by making health services available. 5. **Sexual Harassment.** Reports of any kind of harassment may be reported to the Affirmative Action division where they are judged to be of probable cause or no cause. If there is probable cause, Affirmative Action goes to the department head and proceeds with an investigation. On-site interviews are conducted

with appropriate personnel. As a matter of last resort, if Affirmative Action has not been able to straighten out the matter, the victim of harassment may go through Civil Service grievance procedures. 6. Women's Advocate. No, I do not. I prefer to work directly with women myself. I felt that the role of a women's advocate was divisive. Also, why not a men's advocate, elderly advocate, child's advocate, etc. 7. City Jail. Yes. The jail facilities for men and women are completely outmoded and we are having talks with Harris County about Houston prisoners going directly to the new county facility. 8. Police/Fire. The job a person does should depend on skills, training, and meeting certain physical requirements and not on whether they are male or female. 9. Child Care. It is illegal to provide a fringe benefit that helps some but not all. Child care helps women with children but not all employees. 10. ERA. I support the ERA because I feel that it should be clearly stated, for all time, that women are entitled to the same rights as everyone else under the law. 11. Women in your Campaign. Fleda Coates—headquarters coordinator; Barbara Strong—campaign coordinator; Ann Cherrington—research; Dorothy Stevens—head of phone bank. 12. Additional Comments. I would like to see women become more involved in the political process. I see that some women are running for council and mayor this term and I hope several of them win because we need to have women more directly represented in our city politics. But whether women run themselves or help others to run, it is only by getting involved that they will make their talents and their needs and priorities known.

*Leonel J. Castillo, former Controller for City of Houston (1972-77) and Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Holds a masters degree in community organization from University of Pittsburgh.*

1. City Problem. Unplanned, chaotic growth, without central purpose or vision has caused all sorts of gaps in this city's development. Our problems with mass transit, flood control, basic city services (street repair and trash pick-up), crime prevention, and social services all have roots in this lack of overall planning. I think the time has come to slow down our territorial acquisition while we focus on handling what we already have. We have to spend money to deal with these issues, but Houston doesn't lack money—in fact, we've been returning about \$20 million per year to Washington in unspent federal grants. In addition to using these funds, we can also generate more revenue by improving our valuation and appraisal methods for industrial property taxes. 2. Battered Women. Yes, I support city funding for battered women's shelters based on the number of people in Houston who need the service. 3. Affirmative Action. Yes. The City should aim at having equitable representation of women in all departments and on all pay levels. To successfully accomplish reform, affirmative action units have to be strengthened to arm department heads with some tools they can use in hiring. Department heads should be responsible for meeting specific goals—to see that the work force in each department is balanced or moving in that direction at an established rate. 4. Rape. Current city response is minimal—unfortunately it hasn't grown at all since it was formed. A rape program should include special training for police officers, additional work in the legal department to improve our capabilities to prosecute rapists without further traumatizing the victims, and some support services for families. I think we should push much harder for victim compensation legislation—on both the State and City levels; crime victims should be compensated for the time and money they must sacrifice to take their cases through the courts. 5. Sexual Harassment. Harassment of any kind should be taken seriously. When any person is harassed or exploited through the abuse of power, human rights are being violated and the situation is serious. Some recent court decisions are finally verifying that women also have legal rights to protection in these cases. 6. Women's Advocate. I prefer dealing with the problems women have had with city government by seeing that women hold major positions of responsibility within the administration—for example, that a representative number of department heads are women. I would also support the efforts of an affirmative action unit to deal with discrimination against women and minorities. 7. City Jail. Yes. Jail facilities are another example of our lack of planning. The City Jail was built for a smaller population. It needs extensive renovation. We actually need a facility near the courts, such as an old warehouse that could be converted with community development money. In the meantime, we could reduce the jail population by changing the rules on bail bonds to hold only those people who require maximum security measures. We could also contract with organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Catholic Church and other interested groups to house people who need minimum security. Prisoners would also greatly benefit from my proposal to use trained correctional personnel in place of police officers for guard duties. 8. Police/Fire. There are few duties where the sex of the officer is important—perhaps it might be in the case of undercover work when a drug or prostitution ring is being investigated. I think jobs should be assigned on the basis of individual ability—the person who can perform the duties in the job description is the person who should get the assignment. I'm also advocating annual physical and medical exams as a requirement for all officers. 9. Child Care. I proposed this about 5 years ago. The City should have a child care facility near downtown, but I'd also like to see us link in to existing child care programs at other major facilities such as the one at the Medical Center. This is a necessary service because there are so many single parent families and families in which both parents work outside the home. 10. ERA. I've supported it publicly here and I've supported it in Austin and in Washington and I'll support it again. The ERA simply extends the premise "All men are created equal" to "All persons are created equal." I think if this were law, it would initiate the restructuring/reordering of people's opinions and values, attitudes in relation to previously held concepts on male/female roles. 11. Women in your Campaign. Almost all staff positions are held by women at all levels: Grace Moore, Administrative coordination, Sherlene Peterson, Precinct captain, Shirley Coleman, Finance, Gloria Barajas,

Public Relations, Evelyn Castillo, Treasurer. 12. Additional Comments. The questions women have been asking during this campaign reflect a deep concern with the quality of life we have in this city, not so much in terms of bread and butter issues, but rather focusing on the need for a more sensitive and responsive bureaucracy. Concern for persons living on fixed incomes who are caught in the squeeze of rising property taxes, concern for battered women and abused children, concern for families who have lost everything they own because of a flood—these are the problems women are asking city government to confront. I decided to run in the mayor's race because my five years as City Controller and the time I spent serving as Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service gave me the experience necessary to successfully tackle urban problems. With planning and coordination, we can have a city government that is responsive to human needs.

*Bette Graham White, masters degree in theology, served as Community Development Commissioner for Montrose and Fourth Ward areas, and ran for mayor in 1977.*

1. City Problem. The most important problem in our city government is the quality of management in various city departments. Departments in dire need of quality management have such low management salary budgets they cannot attract high quality managers, while other dept. heads are overpaid. 2. Battered Women. Yes. The city of Houston should develop a program which allows Houston's major corporations to participate in community development. As mayor I will continue to be outspoken as to the overall needs to support women at every level of government and implement creative programs, not just status quo. 3. Affirmative Action. This situation is deplorable. If elected I would set forth an affirmative action plan designed to recruit high quality women into top management positions, as well as a program to equalize responsibilities and pay. The results of this program would be monitored by me. 4. Rape. It is clear to me that these services must be improved. If elected, I would implement an adequately staffed section in the health dept. to aid in establishing cases which would stand up in court, plus many other related services needed to meet the needs of women and children. 5. Sexual Harassment. I would take these complaints seriously and study each case on its own merits. 6. Women's Advocate. My personal thinking is that with numbers of women administrative assistants and dept. heads, this would only be if really desirable by women's groups. I would re-establish this position. Responsibilities would include executive recruitment, salary administration, community action programs, and departmental policy administration. 7. City Jail. Yes. Conditions are inadequate. I would develop a program under which those who have been arrested will be treated with the courtesy due human beings. 8. Police/Fire. Duties of police officers and firefighters should be governed by ability, not sex. 9. Child Care. Houston should provide child care centers for its employees, as well as a workable flex-hour program for parents of school age children. 10. ERA. Yes. It is time for women's rights to be protected by statute. 11. Women in your Campaign. Dr. Mary Patricia Abernethy—Task Force Co-ordinator. Although most positions are untitled, most positions are held by women. People in my campaign are heading up areas according to their professions, to name a few: Naomi Rosborough, Pat Holleman, Jackie Petterway, Vicki Beez, Dena Davidson, Laurie Keeper, Lauren Kane, Nancy Couch, Mildred White, Margaret Dubas. 12. Additional Comments. If I am elected, I will see to it that the police department makes available a free 'crime whistle' to protect women who so desire. My primary concern is that as mayor equal rights are aggressively actualized.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS—DISTRICT A

*District A is located in northwest Houston. Includes neighborhoods of Oak Forest, Garden Oaks, Afton Village, Timbergrove Manor and Cole Creek Manor. 86.8% Anglo, 7.3% Hispanic, 5.9% Black.*

*Stanley T. Casey, a printed forms consultant.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

*Charles "Sonny" Luedtke, a law student.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

*Phyllis Gladu, a homemaker and real estate agent. Served as secretary and public relations person for the Tax Protest Group.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

*Larry McKaskle, incumbent council member since 1969.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS—DISTRICT B

*District B is located in northeast Houston and includes all of the Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens, Wilshire, Huntington, Trinity Gardens, Houston Gardens and Pleasantville. 65.0% Black, 26.7% Anglo, 8.3% Hispanic.*

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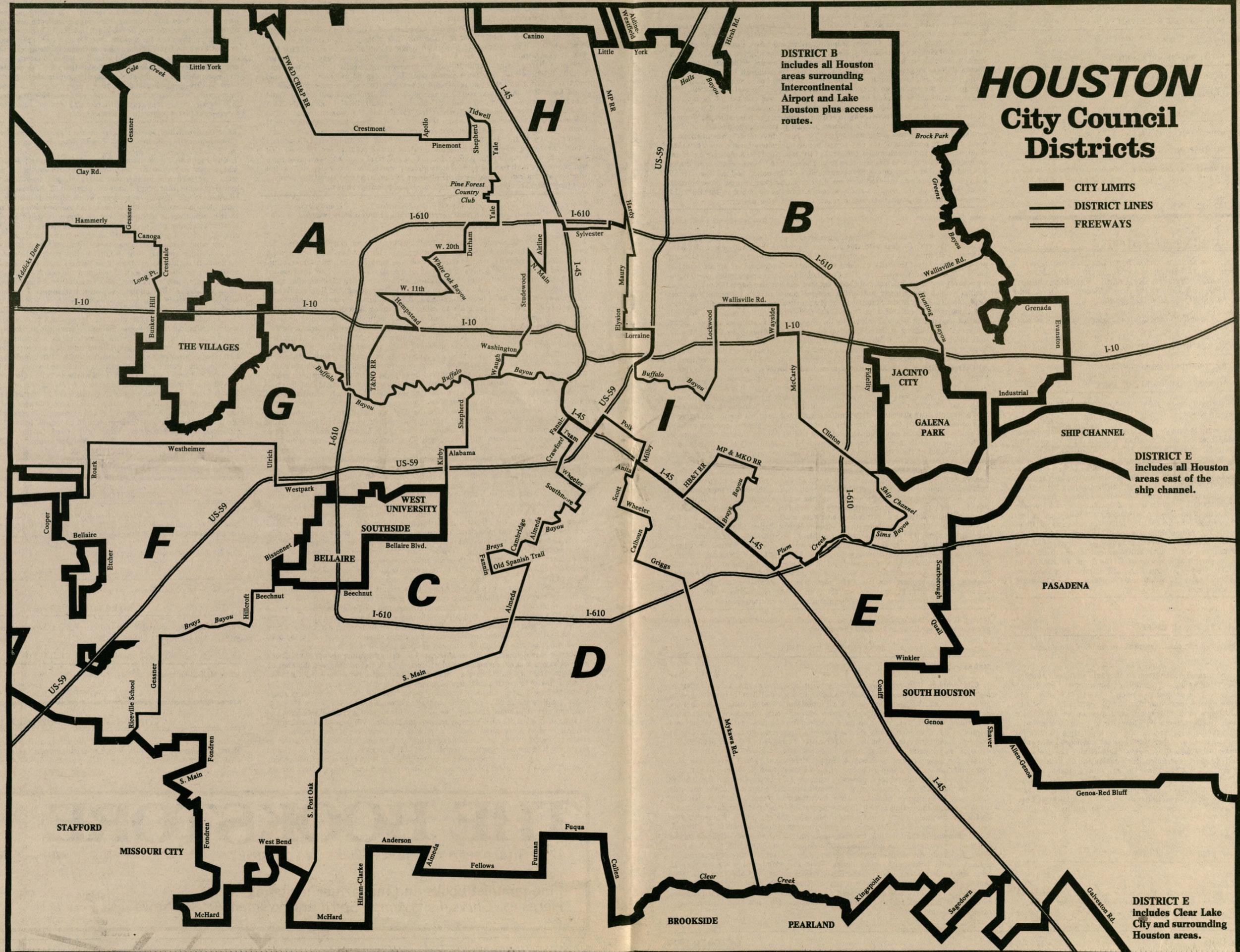
# HOUSTON City Council Districts

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DISTRICT B includes all Houston areas surrounding Intercontinental Airport and Lake Houston plus access routes.

DISTRICT E includes all Houston areas east of the ship channel.

DISTRICT E includes Clear Lake City and surrounding Houston areas.



Ernest McGowen, Sr., a letter carrier and an HISD school board member.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Raymond L. Fisher, an attorney.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Paul B. Joseph, superintendent, facilities and grounds for the MTA. Holds a bachelors and masters degree from TSU, where he is working on his doctorate in counseling. Worked for former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Robert Carl McPeters, a journalism teacher in HISD.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Emma L. Horn, founder and director of the Northeast Community Project, a social services organization and a North Forest School Board trustee. A former HISD teacher and graduate of TSU.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS—DISTRICT C

District C runs from the near southwest-south central area to the city's southwestern edge. Includes Montrose, Rice University, the Medical Center, South Hampton, Braes Heights, Meyerland, Westridge, Willow Meadows, Willow Bend, Post Oak Manor, the South Braeswood area and Westbury. 75.9% Anglo, 14.1% Black, 10.0% Hispanic.

George Greanias, an attorney and Rice University assistant professor of public management and law.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Helen Viola, a homemaker and a "conservative community leader."

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

B. E. DeBakey, president of a firm that owns and operates convenience stores and Director of the Child Care Council of Greater Houston.

1. City Problem. Inability of the city to provide basic city services and mismanagement of city government constitute Houston's most important problem. I plan to deal with this problem by applying sound business practices aimed at improving delivery of city services. More efficient use of city revenue would check the need for additional tax dollars. 2. Battered Women. Yes. While I would prefer funding from nongovernmental sources, I am not unalterably opposed to governmental funding for additional shelters. 3. Affirmative Action. I favor hiring the best qualified person for the job. 4. Rape. N.S. 5. Sexual Harassment. N.S. 6. Women's Advocate. I believe every officeholder must be a staunch and unstinting advocate of all constituents, and I believe Houston's next mayor should address the position of women's advocate. 7. City Jail. Yes. N.S. 8. Police/Fire. There should be no specific duties for men only. 9. Child Care. I do not advocate the city's providing child care for its employees, just as I do not presently provide child care for my employees. However, as a director of Child Care council of Greater Houston, I am familiar with the need for improved child care services including those for parents who work outside the home. 10. ERA. I see no reason to oppose ERA. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign coordinator, volunteer coordinator, media coordinator. 12. Additional Comments. I am an advocate and supporter of equal rights for women.

Dean Goss, an entertainer and owner of a dinner theatre.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Vera Jackson, a financial management consultant and member of the League of Women Voters.

1. City Problem. A strong fiscal management system to eliminate waste and abuse of the tax dollars. This does not mean additional tax dollars, but a demand for departmental budgetary performance to provide quality services. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes, and should make available an adequate comprehensive program that can be supported by public and private funds so all sectors can participate in this need in our society. 3. Affirmative Action. This is inequitable. When elected I will initiate a very stringent affirmative action compliance procedure; use my negotiating abilities for council to enforce the AA ordinance. 4. Rape. More services are needed. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. If women's rights cannot be effectively handled through the affirmative action department, the position should be recreated. 7. City Jail. No. 8. Police/Fire. N. S. 9. Child Care. The city should upgrade the pay for mothers so they can afford child care from their salaries. 10. ERA. Yes, because women are treated unfairly in employment. 11. Women in your Campaign. I have no funds, my campaign is a one-person operation, i.e., myself. 12. Additional Comments. Women should be elected and appointed to leadership positions to utilize their vast talent.

Morris Graves, a personnel director.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Toney L. Reed, a businessman.

1. City Problem. The single most important problem is the lack of city government's personal responsibility to the citizens as exhibited in the poor city services, the inefficient transportation system, and the increasing crime rate. I insist on humanizing

Houston's government. I believe that every citizen's request should get a personal response. 2. Battered Women. Yes. I would prefer the funding come from community resources including various social organizations. 3. Affirmative Action. The situation is obviously inequitable. I encourage women to prepare themselves for a profession and then aggressively pursue it. The key is qualifications and salary according to position, regardless of race, sex, or religion. 4. Rape. Coping with the physical and psychological anguish resulting from rape is a serious dilemma. I am aware of the functions of the Victim Witness Program and the Rape Crisis Coalition although I am not informed about the two employees in the city's health department. I need more information before judging the status quo as adequate or inadequate. 5. Sexual Harassment. Most harassment should be handled by the woman in similar ways on the job as in public. However, if typical methods of discouragement are not successful, then I would certainly respond in a constructive way to serious complaints of this nature. 6. Women's Advocate. I do not support such a position because it assumes the position of representing a special interest group and suggest the possibility of Mexican-American or black advocate positions. If the city government is adequately functioning, then there is no need for additional special offices. 7. City Jail. No. N.S. 8. Police/Fire. If any person applies for a job in this area they should be required to perform the same duties. 9. Child Care. No. Child care is the responsibility of the parent and not the city. 10. ERA. Yes. Inequalities involved with sex discrimination have become more apparent which emphasizes the need to stress women's rights as described in the ERA. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign manager and most other positions.

John H. Shanahan, Jr., a businessman and president of the Southwest Civic Club.

1. City Problem. The delivery of an adequate level of public services to keep pace with Houston's growth. To deal with this problem, I propose the development of a comprehensive planning and capital improvements program to manage growth—as already provided for in the City's city planning ordinance. No additional tax dollars would be needed. 2. Battered Women. Yes. The City should fund this severe public need. Funding sources would include not only local tax revenues but also Harris County Hospital District (which has primary authority), federal grants to City's Human Resources Dept., and funds from the State Dept. of Human Resources. 3. Affirmative Action. The situation is inequitable. City Council has authority only to confirm the appointment of department heads appointed by the Mayor. I would introduce and/or support ordinances establishing affirmative action and equal opportunity employment practices and charging the Civil Service Dept. to report on the progress of same. 4. Rape. Rape is a reprehensible crime against a person. The City needs to significantly expand its services to rape victims, including: (1) assignment of more female police officers to rape investigation, (2) assignment of new medical & social work personnel to Health Dept., and (3) establishment of followup and counselling programs for victims. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. Personnel administration, again, is the sole authority of the Mayor. The Council, however, can and should enact a comprehensive personnel ordinance that establishes the "personnel policy" of the City and hold the Mayor responsible for the effective discharge of the ordinance through the Civil Service Department. 6. Women's Advocate. No. It is the duty of the Council, as elected representatives of the public, to function as the advocate. A very special duty of Council is to function as the advocate of those in the community who have traditionally been denied access to the processes of the City government. A paid position, on the Mayor's staff, only sets the incumbent up for confrontation and discharge without the recourse of elected public office and independence of the Mayor—or anyone else in City government. 7. City Jail. No. N.S. 8. Police/Fire. Yes. 9. Child Care. Only if the program can be operated without cost to the City. Child care—and the cost thereof—is the responsibility of the parent or parents of the child, and the wages paid should be sufficient for this. 10. ERA. Yes. Sex discrimination has become a fact of our culture. It is contrary, however, to the language of our federal and state constitutions. The passage of ERA will serve as a proper "finishing touch" to our Bill of Rights to remove this longstanding problem. 11. Women in your Campaign. My treasurer is a woman: Joan Shanahan Grigsby. My campaign coordinator is a woman: Sherrell Cockrell. My closest advisor is a woman: Carol Bradshaw Shanahan. 12. Additional Comments. "Quality of life" concerns will be a principal focus in this election. Women in this city have traditionally rallied public support for these concerns: park development, city beautification, public support for the arts, neighborhood restoration, and the task of cleaning up our city. Perhaps as never before in its history, Houston needs to focus Council's attention on these concerns, beginning with the election process.

Wesley K. McGavock, a health management consultant who received graduate degrees in business and medicine at Stanford University.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Max Spero, a businessman.

1. City Problem. The problems caused by inept city government such as inflation, higher taxes and increased crime could be solved by a more efficiently run city government. What this city and state need is a Proposition 13 of its own. Additional tax dollars could be made available by more efficient city government procedures. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes, I do see a need for funding more shelters for battered women as this is an increasingly serious problem. However, I do not feel the City of Houston should provide the funds. 3. Affirmative Action. No, I do not perceive this situation as equitable. I believe more women should be given the opportunity to qualify for higher paying positions. 4. Sexual Harassment. Yes, I would take such complaints seriously and with proper proof, would take action. 5. Rape. I do not think anyone is handling this problem properly, from the City to the Courts. I feel it is the city's responsibility to take care of the victims of crime. We take care of the criminals—even pay them salaries while they serve their terms of punishment. Why shouldn't we take care of the victims as well. In face, we should do more for the victims than we do for the criminals. There is too much emphasis on the criminal. 6. Women's Advocate. No, I feel we should cut down on city government, not increase it. 7. City Jail. Yes. I have visited the City Jail, but have never visited the women's facilities, so can make no comparison. I do not approve of making hotels out of jails. 8. Police/Fire. From the standpoint of sheer physical ability, I do not feel all police officers and fire fighters should perform the same duties. From this standpoint, I do see specific areas for those persons who possess this physical ability. 9. Child Care. No. Why should city employees be considered any different from employees of any firm? 10. ERA. I feel there is a decided need for ERA, but the way it has been handled defeated its purpose. 11. Women in your Campaign. I do not have a formal campaign organization.

Lance Lalor, State Representative from District 80, a former aide to Mayor Fred Hofheinz and twice selected as "one of the Ten Best Legislators in Texas" by Texas Monthly magazine.

1. City Problem. Our police department is stretched too thin, and is too unprofessional and undisciplined to cope with the needs of a big city. We have too few officers; inadequate equipment, communications, and transportation; substandard physical facilities; and abominable community relations. Worse, we have no tangible plan either for upgrading and modernizing our department, or for recruiting, training and retaining enough professional officers. That should be first priority. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes. I authored and passed the first state legislation to protect victims of family violence, as well as the bill which is now providing \$200,000 per year in state funds to aid community-based shelters for battered women and their children. Houston ought to move aggressively to attract these state and available federal funds by providing local matching dollars. 3. Affirmative Action. The situation is inequitable, and the short-term solution is to try to attract qualified women with management skills from the private sector who will make lateral transfers into the city bureaucracy. The long term solution requires more aggressive and sensitive recruitment, training, and promotion of talented females. 4. Rape. The City services are still far from adequate. I helped create the position of Rape Coordinator for the City in 1974. The city's initial efforts in this area have been proven to be successful and rewarding. These services now merit expansion to aid more victims. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. Yes. I believe the first two women to hold this position contributed immeasurably to the welfare of the entire city. The hiatus has been unfortunate, but we ought to pick up where Nikki left off as soon as possible. 7. City Jail. Yes. The county is now building a modern jail structure. The city jail is 30 years old and cannot be properly refurbished. The city and county have a perfect opportunity to utilize the new County Jail cooperatively and to save the taxpayers millions of dollars annually. We ought to jump at this opportunity. 8. Police/Fire. There is no evidence that any significant areas of police or firefighting work require sexual segregation (other than, say, jail matrons, etc.). 9. Child Care. Yes. This is the best way to assure that the city can choose its employees from among the best talent available, not just those without family obligations. 10. ERA. We need the ERA to encourage willing and voluntary relaxation of sexual barriers, instead of resorting to slow, case-by-case, litigation to resolve particular obstacles. 11. Women in your Campaign. All major positions—campaign manager, office manager, director of organization, and research director.

Geneva Kirk Brooks, a former teacher and head of Citizens Against Pornography.

1. City Problem. The increasingly unbearable tax burden and the crushing weight of governmental interference in our lives is our greatest problem on the local, state and national levels. We must try to get more services for our tax dollars, make all citizens more responsive and responsible in caring for themselves and their neighborhoods and we must stop huge tax increases. 2. Battered Women. Yes. We need more facilities for battered people, not just women, or people in great stress situations who need temporary housing and help. It seems to me that along with shelter should be workshops and service facilities which will allow these people to do productive work which could support the facilities. Runaways need such facilities more than anyone. 3. Affirmative Action. I would work tooth and toenail to get more women in positions of authority. Kathy Whitmire is an example of the kind of job a woman can do. I would like to see a woman in the city attorney's position and many other high positions where ability, not strength, counts. 4. Rape. A problem ignored in Houston is the incest problem. Along with rape cases, we need facilities and services for these victims. We need aware citizens who will insist on stricter enforcement of laws to prevent such attacks, but we need more help in getting these victims readjusted, and in the cases of incest, into better and different environments. 5. Sexual Harassment. I certainly would take these complaints seriously. This is an example of why ERA would hurt women—it would not take the rape of a woman any more seriously than the rape of a man by a woman. Women need more, not less, protection from sexual assaults. There is no place where women deserve help and concern more than on the job. Men take advantage of women because men are usually the "boss" and women need to keep their job. We can stop such practices if we have concerned women on the Council. 6. Women's Advocate. I would support the position of citizen's advocate for anyone who felt they had some complaint which was not receiving proper attention and who needed guidance and help. Sometimes children, old people, and men, or minorities need help—not just women. 7. City Jail. I have been in the men's jail and found it very crowded. I think we should have regular jailers instead of using police officers. It seems to me that inmates could be required to do duties to keep the place cleaner. 8. Police/Fire. No, we should lower physical requirements for certain duties. Women should not be expected or forced to perform duties which demand great physical ability. 9. Child Care. This would be an additional tax burden and it would seem that child care is something that each employee should take care of for himself. There is a limit to how much people can pay in taxes and services related to the job should receive priority. 10. ERA. ERA would remove laws regarding rape making rape against men equal with rape against women, forcing uni-sex toilets installation, forcing the same treatment and duties in combat. These are the areas of ERA which would take from women some of the protections they presently have and need. Also, women who conceive and nurture children should not be forced to be equally responsible for the support of children. Women already have equal rights on the job, in politics and in the community. 11. Women in your Campaign. All work is done by women who are the same women who worked so hard to get anti-pornography laws passed (now being challenged in the Fifth Dist. Court in New Orleans). 12. Additional Comments. I am for equal pay for equal work and I feel that women should not be discriminated against in areas in which they wish to participate and in which they are mentally and physically capable. I want to see more women in politics. I wish we could get a woman mayor elected. We women can do many great things to make our communities better for our children to grow up in.

Carl Haggard, an attorney who resigned as an assistant district attorney to run for Council.

1. City Problem. Returning the basic city services which we have lost is the most important issue. We need to get back to the basics in city government—street repair, garbage collection, sewer and sanitation, and police and fire protection. We can redirect tax dollars to the essential services without an increase in taxes. 2. Battered Women. Yes. As a former Assistant District Attorney for Harris County, I saw first

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hand the results of inadequate services for battered women. The loss to the justice system is great in terms of the loss of a necessary witness, the battered woman who is the victim. The City of Houston would not have to provide funds if a vigorous funding program in the private sector was tried. I would help to raise money in the community for shelters so that tax dollars need not be spent. 3. Affirmative Action. We presently have laws on the books which make such discrimination illegal. We should make these laws equally applicable to the police and fire department. I will be a strong voice for applying what I call a rule of "fundamental fairness" to employment and wages. Councilmen need a stronger voice in the appointment by the mayor of department heads which has been an executive function without any legislative checks and balances. 4. Rape. As a former prosecutor I saw the result of inadequate services—in the number of victims who would not testify due to being jaded by the system. We need to get volunteer women's groups more involved with counseling to keep down the costs. I found these volunteers more sympathetic and hard working than any city employee. But we do need at least one employee per shift at Ben Taub. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. Women should not forget that they can also have redress in the courts regarding sexual harassment. 6. Women's Advocate. The position of women's advocate was abolished and I am not in favor of reactivating it. The City Attorney should be the one to insure equal treatment of women within city government. Outside of government the position of women's advocate seemed to be counterproductive as it was viewed by many as unnecessary. 7. City Jail. Yes. The federal courts reviewed both the city and county jail facilities and only ordered the county to build new facilities. The present city jail seems adequate for the purposes intended, that is, as a temporary holding facility. Citizens accused of a crime are usually transferred to the county facilities, and if it is a city offense and they are not bonded out, then they will go to the city farm. It's good enough to pass federal muster. 8. Police/Fire. If a woman can pass the same tests and perform the same duties as men, then they should be given equal opportunity in those areas, as is presently being done in the police department. From my experience in the District Attorney's office, I found that there was no problem of a female officer "backing up" another officer. In fact, in many dangerous family disturbance situations, the female officer brought a calming effect. 9. Child Care. No. This is something the individual employee should manage, as other non-governmental employees have done. As a Harris County employee, the county did not, and should not have, provided child care for me. 10. ERA. I feel that there are adequate laws already on the books to insure equal and fair treatment and that these laws should be enforced. If an Equal Rights Amendment was necessary to reemphasize women's rights, then it should be passed. Even if it is not adopted, there are laws which can be enforced to the same end. 11. Women in your Campaign. My campaign is a grass-roots campaign to get out the vote in the precincts. About half of the precinct chairpersons are women, and they hold the real power in the precincts. Without them, my campaign could never have gotten off the ground. 12. Additional Comments. I have a nine year old daughter, Stephanie, who is not yet aware of the injustices which exist in this world. I pray that through my works and with the help of others that she will grow up with the freedom to choose a life as a mother, a wife, a professional, or all of these or none of these. I see the role of a homemaker as just as important as any career, if that is what she chooses. I hope that others will not stand in her way or ridicule her choice, whatever it is. This is the true meaning of freedom.

### COUNCIL MEMBER—DISTRICT D

District D is a southeast-south central district. Includes most of the Third Ward, all of Riverside Terrace, Foster Place, MacGregor Terrace, MacGregor Place, South Park, Southland Acres, Sunnyside, Scott-Crest, Edgewood, Kennedy Heights and Crestmont, as well as Texas Southern University. 78.0% Black, 17.9% Anglo, 4.1% Hispanic.

Anthony W. Hall, Jr., director of a healthtesting program and former state representative (1972-78) who gave up his House seat to run for Congress.

1. City Problem. Houstonians are demanding increased and better services for each tax dollar. The Council must do a better job at insuring Houstonians they will get what they want and pay for better streets, better police protection, better drainage. I hope to help provide District D residents with these improved services. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Federal matching funds are available for such programs and the City should serve as a conduit to insure that these funds are available to our citizens. 3. Affirmative Action. Yes, this situation is inequitable. I believe that a true policy oriented Affirmative Action Program is needed in Houston. We need to increase our recruitment of all minorities to city government and also pay particular attention to advancement of our present employees and equitable salaries. As a Council member I would make implementation of these policies a priority. 4. Rape. More services are needed. Primary emphasis should be on increasing police personnel properly trained to deal with rape victims in a sensitive manner. Additionally, the standardized rape evidence procedure should not be the sole responsibility of the victim. The Houston Police Department's coordination with the District Attorney's office should be improved to help expedite case preparation. 5. Sexual Harassment. Certainly reports of job harassment should be taken seriously. The Civil Service Department presently handles these complaints. The three members of the Board and the Director are all appointed by the Mayor. I feel that a woman sensitive to this problem should hold at least one of these important positions. 6. Women's Advocate. I would support a women's advocate position. It is my feeling that such a position should be responsible for general policy decisions and should work closely with the Affirmative Action Division to insure more and better paying jobs for women. However, I feel the titled position is less important than implementing goals. 7. City Jail. Yes. The facilities are inadequate and it is my understanding that women inmates do not have access to the same programs as men. This inequality should be corrected immediately. 8. Police/Fire. All police officers and fire fighters should perform the same duties. Great care should be exercised to see that recruiting requirements are not inherently discriminatory. 9. Child Care. Although the City can take an active leadership role to encourage child care programs in private enterprise, it is unrealistic at this time to set up such a program within City government. 10. ERA. The Equal Rights Amendment is a necessary addition to the U.S. Constitution. Without its addition discrimination based on sex will not be constitutionally prohibited. The inclusion of the ERA in the Texas

Constitution has required the courts to strike statutes that have discriminated against women. The ERA will continue to guarantee equality through our judicial system. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, Bookkeeper, Media Consultant, Scheduling Assistant, Office Manager are among the positions held by women in my campaign.

Robert J. Washington, *an account controller.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

George Dillard, *a technical advisor to the city parks department.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Francis Page, *a businessman.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Roy L. Grims, *a mechanical technician.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Lawrence Pope, *a businessman and former Houston police officer and deputy U.S. marshal, making his fourth try for a Council seat.*

1. City Problem. Flood control is. We would deal with this problem by coordinating with county, state and federal agencies in securing their expertise and funding. No. It would not. Using the funds that are presently available. 2. Battered Women. The city should seek other available funds. 3. Affirmative Action. Yes, the City of Houston should have a strong and supervised Affirmative Action program in each city department. 4. Rape. There should be services available. Fourteen years of law enforcement experience, nine years Houston Police Dept., five years as the first black Dep. U.S. marshal in Texas enables me to be concerned in the updating of our services in the City. 5. Sexual Harassment. I will take these complaints seriously. 6. Women's Advocate. Yes. As an Affirmative Action supervisor. 7. City Jail. Yes. No. By stationing a licensed physician in each facility. 8. Police/Fire. If individuals meet the qualifications set up by these departments, then the jobs should be made available according to guidelines, if they are met. 9. Child Care. If funds came from some other source. Tax dollars should be spent on basic city services. 10. ERA. Yes, we should support a strong affirmative action program in all levels of government. 11. Women in your Campaign. 50%. 12. Additional Comments. Women should have opportunities based on ability and qualifications.

Moses Leroy, *a retired Southern Pacific Railroad employee and civil rights activist.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Rodney Dargin, *a lab technician and an executive board member of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

J. Don Boney, *quit his post as director of education for the Houston Urban League to run for a Council seat.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Izlar "Ike" Lankford, *a real estate firm owner.*

1. City Problem. Crime. Increase police protection by enlarging the force. Not necessarily. It would depend on city priority. 2. Battered Women. Yes. 3. Affirmative Action. Yes. I will work with Affirmative Action Division and other city councilmen to see that the affirmative plan is utilized in hiring of City personnel. 4. Rape. Yes. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. Undecided at present. Need further statistics as to its importance among women. 7. City Jail. Yes. Eliminate over crowded condition and see that facilities are proper maintained to see that inmates receive a well balance nutritional diet, adequate medical attention when needed and proper supervision by screened qualified personnel. 8. Police/Fire. No. 9. Child Care. No. 10. ERA. Yes. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign manager, recording secretary and campaign coordinator.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER—DISTRICT E

District E is in southeast Houston and includes the University of Houston, Pine Valley, Park Place, Gulfgate, Garden Villas, Bayou Oaks, Glenbrook Valley and Clear Lake City. 75.8% Anglo, 15.7% Hispanic, 8.5% Black.

George R. Schilter, *an attorney who ran unsuccessfully for a county court-at-law judgeship in 1978.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

John Hughey, *a printing and office supply business owner who ran unsuccessfully for City Council in 1959, 1961 and 1963.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Helen Hopkins, *a realtor who ran at-large in 1975, polling 30% of the city-wide vote. Active leader of League of Women Voters and Citizens for Flood Control.*

1. City Problem. We have three that are vital and to overlook either will mean very difficult times ahead: Crime, Flooding and Transportation. We must add more men on the police force who are capable and honest and we must have more substations in the neighborhoods. Additional minority police are needed. Development must be planned

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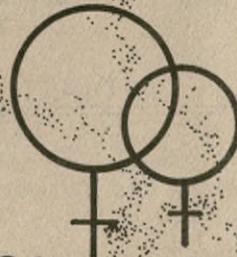
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and catch-up done to have adequate drainage (building moratoriums needed in areas where inadequate). Maintenance problems of MTA must be solved. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Definitely. 3. Affirmative Action. No, it is not! Qualified women should be given jobs for which they qualify; often they are doing the work while a less-qualified man has the title and salary. There is nothing just about that. 4. Rape. Definitely not. More services really are needed—from time of the assault through trial of suspect and rehabilitation of victim. 5. Sexual Harassment. You can count on it! 6. Women's Advocate. Yes. I think Nikki Van Hightower did a superb job and defended women's rights as she should have. It was a tremendous loss to all women—those who realize their needs and those who have not yet become aware. 7. City Jail. Yes. It was in 1975; at the time I happened to go, it was clean (I was kept waiting downstairs about 45 minutes) and nearly empty. I did note that there were not mattresses on all beds. 8. Police/Fire. A woman should have any job she is qualified—mentally and physically—to do that she wants. 9. Child Care. Yes. Child care is a real problem for the working mother and now most mothers must. Actually it is a very good form of delinquent and crime prevention to have really good child care available to all who need it. 10. ERA. Yes. We seem actually to be losing ground in the area of salaries for one. We will never have total equality until it is the law of the land and even then, enforcement may be difficult. 11. Women in your Campaign. I filed at the last minute because my neighbors whom I had worked with in Flood Control asked me and paid my filing fee so we are using a Task Force type campaign. It is equal—men and women—both are working and we have only a Treasurer designated—a woman. 12. Additional Comments. We need to increase our ability to cooperate and support one another.

Edward R. Foote, a tire store owner and an officer of ACORN.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Frank O. Mancuso, incumbent Council member for 17 years.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

### COUNCIL MEMBER—DISTRICT F

District F is located in far southwest Houston and includes Sharpstown, Alief, Townpark and Beltway. 75.8% Anglo, 15.7% Hispanic, 8.5% Black.

John C. Goodner, a real estate executive.

1. City Problem. Basic Services: Water, sewer, garbage disposal, fire and police services must be provided to meet an expanding population. These basics must be met before we can move into areas of increased life quality items. More planning and foresight can decrease waste and increase the money available for services, without increasing taxes. 2. Battered Women. Yes. I am in favor of more and better facilities for battered women and children whether by city or private funding. 3. Affirmative Action. I do not have a "Plan." I do feel that women are very capable of management positions. I have never been prejudiced in that direction. 4. Rape. I would certainly support any effort to increase this needed service. 5. Sexual Harassment. I plan to take all complaints seriously, on this subject or any other. 6. Women's Advocate. I don't like the term "Women's Advocate." It is not definitive enough and implies pleading. I would consider a more overall term of "Women Coordinator." I cannot say at this time whether I would support such a position. I would work towards removing prejudice and when that is accomplished there would be no need for such a position. 7. City Jail. No. 8. Police/Fire. Police officers and fire fighters in many instances require people with strong physical characteristics. Therefore, there would be some instances that this requirement would have to be considered. 9. Child Care. Absolutely not. Why should working taxpayers pay for their own child care services (when necessary) and for city employees too? 10. ERA. Yes. 11. Women in your Campaign. My campaign manager is a woman and approximately 65% of my campaign workers are women. 12. Additional comments. I would like to see women take a more active role in civic affairs, at all levels.

Robert Collins, an attorney.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Joseph J. Burris, Jr., a real estate broker and former engineer for the city water department.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

C. Gary Price, a building maintenance company owner.

1. City Problem. Indifference of city government to the concerns of Houstonians. This is an indifference resulting from omission on the part of a government frantically playing "catch up" with extensive growth. I will use my office to focalize the consensus of needs of my constituents through use of advisory groups and then attach the problem of providing for their satisfaction. 2. Battered Women. Yes. 3. Affirmative Action. I perceive this to be an inequitable situation that cannot be corrected overnight. The problem has been many thousand years in the making. While most positions to be filled will be out of my jurisdiction, I will surely support the employment of women, in management and better paying positions if they seek them. 4. Rape. My immediate reaction is that more services are needed. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. Yes, I would support such a position with responsibilities defined by a committee drawn for women's organizations throughout the city. 7. City Jail. No. No. More space. 8. Police/Fire. Equal pay would necessitate equal duties. No exceptions. 9. Child Care. No. This is a function best left to private enterprise. 10. ERA. Yes, to assure women of a strong legal position and clear status within society. 11. Women in your Campaign. I have no full-time or part-time campaign employees. I do have several women advisors.

Walt Vansickle, president of a mortgage company. He has made unsuccessful races for the state legislature (1965), city council (1967, 1971, 1973) and for city treasurer (1974 and 1978).

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Robert B. "Brad" Searcy, an attorney and active worker in the Republican Party.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Roy A. Barnes, Jr., a buyer for a transmission company who unsuccessfully sought election to city council in 1975.

1. City Problem. The major problem is the lack of an adequate mass transportation system. Council must give the MTA all the cooperation necessary to achieve its goals. No additional tax dollars would be necessary. 2. Battered Women. No. No. 3. Affirmative Action. No discrimination would be condoned by me. 4. Rape. There should be more employees devoted to rape services. 5. Sexual Harassment. Very seriously. 6. Women's Advocate. No. 7. City Jail. No. N.S. 8. Police/Fire. Same duties. 9. Child Care. No! The city is not a baby sitting service. 10. ERA. No. It is unnecessary. 11. Women in your Campaign. Advisors. Constituency to be represented.

Don Jones, an attorney and export company president.

1. City Problem. The improvement and extension of city services, especially to our newly-annexed areas such as Alief. Priorities must be established with regard to the most outstanding problems herein, with close budgetary scrutiny as to present disposition of funds. Hopefully money could be channelled from less urgent spending areas and distributed more effectively without the need of additional taxation. However, if proper utilization of existing funds indicates insufficient revenue available for these improvements, additional tax dollars may be necessary. 2. Battered Women. Yes. If the present facility and program has proven successful, which I believe it has, then additional shelters would seem justified. 3. Affirmative Action. Women have proven themselves to be effective, productive workers, especially in areas of administration. The situation with regard to pay is inequitable. As a councilman, I would not be able to legislate regarding this matter, but I certainly would speak affirmably for qualified women seeking administrative positions in city government. The entry-level salaries for city employees (both male and female) are far too low to attract qualified people for the jobs. As a councilman, I would not be a "rubber stamp" for the Civil Service. Many city jobs now stand vacant due to poor starting salaries, and lack of consideration of applicant qualifications. 4. Rape. The handling of rape victims is far from adequate. This is a result of an understaffed department. The present staff of two people are responsible for servicing some 25 area hospitals. They must provide in-service training to emergency room staff who deal with the rape victims. Since the hospitals are open for 24 hours, they have to provide instruction to three shifts. They provide instruction to the medical staff concerning the use of rape kits, as well as how to psychologically handle the rape victim. Aside from this already exhausting job, they must be able to scrutinize the bills sent from the hospital to the Health Department for collection. This calls for medical expertise and time to make careful evaluations of listed expenses. Obviously the magnitude of this job requires the recruitment of more than two people. 5. Sexual Harassment. I definitely would. (Questionnaire incomplete.)

Jeanne Elliott, a businesswoman who ran five previous unsuccessful campaigns for city council. A member of Happiness of Womanhood and Women who want to be Women.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Henry W. Kyle, an engineer and a former city building inspection director.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Helen Hanna, a law student at the University of Houston, a homemaker and a Republican party precinct chair.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

### COUNCIL MEMBER—DISTRICT G

District G runs west from River Oaks to the Memorial area and includes Afton Oaks, Tanglewood, Briargrove, River Bend, Whispering Oaks, Briargrove Park, Shadow Oaks and Royal Oaks. 92.4% Anglo, 5.4% Hispanic, 2.2% Black.

Dianna May, a sales representative for a lumber firm.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Marc Hill, a law student at South Texas College of Law.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Mike DeGeorge, a real estate agent who has run unsuccessfully for council five times.

1. City Problem. Crime. Recruit a larger police force, encourage stiffer penalties, more drug treatment facilities, greater public awareness and cooperation. 2. Battered Women. Yes. No. I believe the funds should come from other sources. 3. Affirmative Action. No! I would encourage the hiring and promotion of more women provided they are qualified. 4. Rape. No. More services are needed in this regard. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes! 6. Women's Advocate. No. I don't believe it is needed. The problem can be handled by the Mayor's office and the City Council. 7. City Jail. Yes. We need to build more and better jail facilities. 8. Police/Fire. No. Qualification should be the only criteria. 9. Child Care. No. I don't believe this should be a responsibility of the City Government. 10. ERA. Yes, as a guideline to follow for equal rights. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign treasurer, campaign manager.

Don Hogan, an insurance firm executive.

1. **City Problem.** The big issue is lack of effective city management, which causes neglect of the services that the city is supposed to provide. We need to force the city to make the most efficient use of the current tax dollars. 2. **Battered Women.** Yes. Yes, and more support should be encouraged by private groups, with more public education on the subject. 3. **Affirmative Action.** Yes, the situation is inequitable. I would encourage *active recruitment* of qualified women for higher positions. We need to get the best qualified people available regardless of sex. 4. **Rape.** The city is woefully inadequate in handling this problem. More services are needed, as is more public awareness of the seriousness and gravity of this situation. 5. **Sexual Harassment.** Yes, I will take complaints of this nature seriously, and will investigate all legitimate complaints, and will urge the mayor to take action. 6. **Women's Advocate.** No, I feel there are operating departments that should be open to women—positions of actual influence—not just for show or political reasons. 7. **City Jail.** No. No, I have not visited the facilities yet, but based upon the reports I have received, I doubt that facilities are adequate, and I feel they should be improved. 8. **Police/Fire.** They all should perform the same duties. 9. **Child Care.** I doubt that the present budget will allow for this benefit. I do feel that this benefit would be of great value to present and potential employees of the city. The whole subject of on-premises child care should be explored by all employers, public and private. 10. **ERA.** No. We cannot eliminate discrimination by passing more laws. Our society is too legalistic already. I believe in equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, religion, or sex. 11. **Women in your Campaign.** The major position of campaign coordinator/manager is held by Pat McIntyre and Dorothy Gaige is in charge of public relations, promotional and press activities. Mary Jane Hopkins is handling all radio advertising. Actually, you do not have room on this questionnaire for me to list all the women and their various positions in my campaign. 12. **Additional Comments.** I feel the talents, energy, enthusiasm, intellect, innovation, and good taste of women have not been utilized enough in our society, and I *strongly* feel they should be!

Mike Kizkiel, owner of a construction and trucking business.

#### RESPONSE RECEIVED POST-DEADLINE

Christin Hartung, former executive assistant to Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay and Republican Party worker.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Jimmy Dunne, a math teacher in HISD and former Harris County coordinator for Common Cause.

1. **City Problem.** Traffic congestion is our most important problem. The MTA needs more efficient management to see that our tax dollars are wisely spent. We do not need any additional taxes. I believe that I can contribute to more economical use of our taxes. 2. **Battered Women.** Yes. Yes. I believe that this would be a worthwhile project for the City as well as Harris County. I believe that the City could share in the operations by subsidizing the shelters by paying approximately 50% of all costs. The County, Corporations, and various foundations could kick in the remaining 50%. 3. **Affirmative Action.** Yes this situation is inequitable. If elected I would bring public pressure to bear on the Mayor and department heads to make the hiring of females on a par with men. 4. **Rape.** We need the necessary medical, psychological and legal help necessary to assist these victimized women. We do not want to create a large bureaucracy but we do need to provide adequate services. 5. **Sexual Harassment.** Yes, I will take all such complaints seriously. An accumulation of complaints against any one supervisor or a verified serious harassment will call for dismissal, legal action, or whatever the situation warrants. 6. **Women's Advocate.** No, but I would support a position of ombudsman to be advocate for all citizens faced with a difficult bureaucracy that may not be treating our citizens fairly. 7. **City Jail.** No. I have visited the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville. Most prisons are inadequate and should be improved so that the prisoners are treated humanely. Job training is probably the most important service as most prisoners are uneducated and unable to hold a good paying job. 8. **Police/Fire.** I believe that women can hold almost all of the jobs that men can. Women and all other minorities should be hired without discrimination. 9. **Child Care.** Child care facilities should be encouraged and upgraded in all areas of the city. A self-sustaining child care facility would be welcome by all who need them regardless of who they work for. 10. **ERA.** Yes it is needed. To show the world and especially America's women that our nation stands for equal rights for everyone. I think that the opposition is misguided and misinformed about the possible results. 11. **Women in your Campaign.** The same as men. All volunteers regardless of gender are welcome to participate. 12. **Additional Comments.** I'm glad that women are asserting themselves today to gain equal treatment by laws, employers, and in every way possible. Most Americans have never believed that women were victims of discrimination but today that fact of unfair treatment has been publicized and is being acted on. I'm with you all the way!

Kathryn Ross, a homemaker and graduate of Houston Baptist University. She ran against Councilman Mann in 1977 and placed second in a field of five candidates.

1. **City Problem.** Lack of mobility. Use vans instead of buses for neighborhood routes. Cost would be 10% of buses. Authorize additional taxi cabs. Re-design some streets and intersections to improve traffic flow. Better engineering of signals. Get big trucks off freeways during peak hours. Do road repairs at night. 2. **Battered Women.** Yes. 3. **Affirmative Action.** Introduce ordinance to require equal pay for equal work. Work to see that women in departments are given opportunity to advance, instead of hiring new men from outside. 4. **Rape.** More services are needed. 5. **Sexual Harassment.** Yes. 6. **Women's Advocate.** Yes, to coordinate all matters relating to women's special problems. 7. **City Jail.** Yes. Not adequate—inhumane. Needs completely rebuilding. 8. **Police/Fire.** All officers and personnel should be allowed to perform whatever duties they are able to. 9. **Child Care.** All businesses should provide this care. It's an investment in crime prevention, education and future of society. 10. **ERA.** Yes. I consider it to be a formal recognition of the equality of all citizens and hopefully will give legal recognition. 11. **Women in your Campaign.** Almost all.

Hub Ratliff, an investor.

1. **City Problem.** Inability of the city to provide \$1.00 worth of essential services for

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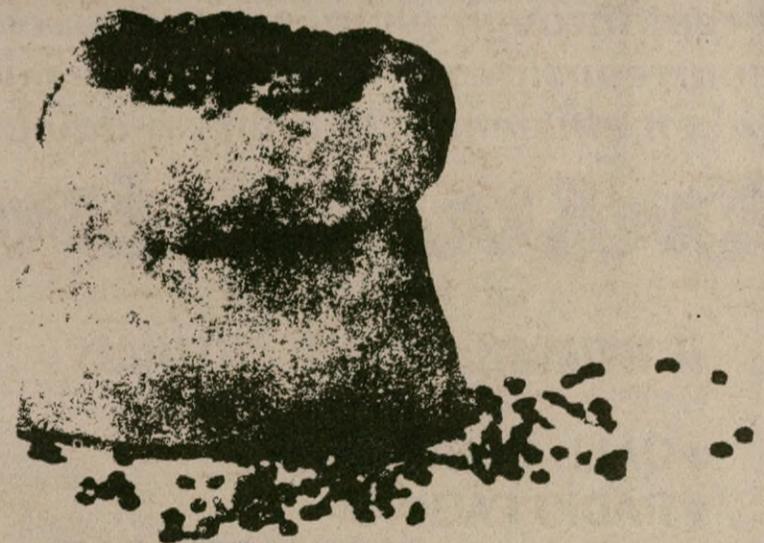


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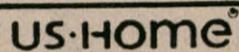
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\$1.00 in our tax dollar. Provide accountability, responsibility of all department heads to all members of council, not just the mayor. 2. Battered Women. N.S. 3. Affirmative Action. No question that women should get equal pay for equal work. Otherwise I need more information. 4. Rape. N.S. 5. Sexual Harassment. N.S. 6. Women's Advocate. No. 7. City Jail. No. N.S. 8. Police/Fire. N.S. 9. Child Care. N.S. 10. ERA. N.S. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign Treasurer. Volunteer Chairman. Phone Committee Chairman. Several advisors as to campaigning.

Betty Moore, an owner and operator of a nursery and primary school. She is a former HISD teacher and director of the Briargrove Civic Club.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Donald B. Longcope, a retired teacher who taught 43 years in HISD.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Jim Assad, in real estate.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

**COUNCIL MEMBER-DISTRICT H**

District H is located in north central Houston and includes most of the Heights and all of Acres Homes, Lincoln City, Highland Heights, Hidden Valley, Greenridge and Imperial Valley. 52.8% Anglo, 27.4% Black, 19.8% Hispanic.

James M. Goins, a barber.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Willie D. Hatchett, a retired army veteran, now a full-time student at Texas Southern University in public administration.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Herman Lauhoff, a state representative from District 84 since 1974 and a personnel administrator.

1. City Problem. Presently, crime against persons and property are the most serious problems in Houston: more policemen must be recruited. We have fewer policemen per capita than any other urban city in the U. S. There must be more neighborhood programs involving citizens with the police department. Neighborhood civic associations should be informed through monthly computer printouts on the number and type of crimes in their neighborhood and given advice on how to deal with that crime. 2. Battered Women. Yes, Yes, and if we do not get the public support for the needed shelters, I would be happy to help solicit private funds for this cause. 3. Affirmative Action. I will support a policy to hire women in responsible, well-paid city jobs. 4. Rape. No, I would be interested finding out the extent of the needed services and addressing those needs. 5. Sexual Harassment. This type of complaint is as serious to me as any other job complaint and should be dealt with in a professional manner. 6. Women's Advocate. Probably not. That job was very controversial. I believe it served to diminish the concept of women's rights in City Hall. Women's rights can be better served through their elected representatives. 7. City Jail. Yes. The jail is overcrowded. I would like to see another jail facility at the prison farm on Mykawa Road. 8. Police/Fire. Individuals have different strengths and weaknesses. Job duties should be assigned accordingly. 9. Child Care. No, this would stretch the city budget beyond the taxpayer's ability to pay and open the door to other costly benefits. 10. ERA. Yes, I support this equal rights amendment and believe its passage would promote equal rights uniformly across the U. S. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign co-manager/campaign treasurer-wife. Speaker representative-sister. 12. Additional Comments. I will welcome any comments on how to improve women's positions in City Hall.

Russell Stanley, an attorney.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Anne Wheeler, an elementary school teacher. The Community Development Commissioner for the West End-Cottage Grove and a leader of the Taxpayers Political Action Committee.

1. City Problem. We must elect a city council which will be responsive to all citizens and neighborhoods. The tax system can be reformed to deliver better services without an actual tax increase. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes. 3. Affirmative Action. The situation is inequitable. Women who are already employed in city departments should be promoted or given in-service training to qualify them for promotion. We must promote the hiring of women. 4. Rape. We need more services to help rape victims at the police level as well as in the clinics. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. The position should be independent of the Mayor and part of affirmative action programs in general. A Charter revision giving the council more authority over department heads and budgets would assist in supporting women's rights. 7. City Jail. Yes. The facilities are not adequate. The jail is overcrowded. Minorities and women are mistreated. We need trained civilian employees operating the jail to free uniformed officers. 8. Police/Fire. There should be no differences in their duties except that searches should be conducted by persons of the same sex. 9. Child Care. There should be a city day care center. 10. ERA. It is needed and the need is obvious. 11. Women in your Campaign. The majority of the steering committee is made up of women. My campaign co-chair is Jean Cline and the office coordinator is Camille Horne. 12. Additional Comments. I would oppose the Akron ordinance or any similar ordinance. I also would be a women's advocate on city council and would be particularly sensitive to women's concerns in

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Dale Gorczynski, director of the Harris County Youth Program and a Heights Community Development Commissioner.

1. City Problem. (a) Police protection for our community along with police responsibility to the community. (b) Hire and train additional police who can enforce the law without breaking it or abusing their authority. (c) Not necessarily additional tax dollars, but certainly additional expenditure for the police department. 2. Battered Women. Yes. On a cost-sharing basis with private, state, or federal funding. 3. Affirmative Action. Assure that every qualified person, male or female, of whatever ethnicity is given an equal opportunity for employment by the city at every level. 4. Rape. I doubt the city is adequately handling this task, as it is not handling any other well. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. Yes, power to assure that complaints of women living and/or working in the city are adequately addressed. 7. City Jail. No. 8. Police/Fire. No. 9. Child Care. No, this is generally not an employer's responsibility and I sincerely do not think citizens should be taxed to pay for such a private service. 10. ERA. Yes. 11. Women in your Campaign. We don't have any formal positions, but of the four persons constituting my campaign staff, three are female. 12. Additional Comments. Probably, but if I hope to win the election, I've got to go knock on some doors.

COUNCIL MEMBER—DISTRICT I

District I is sandwiched between Districts B and E in the eastern to south-eastern section of Houston and includes Moody Park, Denver Harbor, Central Park, Magnolia Park, Harrisburg and Pecan Park. 63.3% Hispanic, 27.2% Anglo, 9.5% Black.

Mario Quinones, a businessman.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Ben T. Reyes, state representative from District 87

1. City Problem. I consider a breakdown in the quality of life to be Houston's most serious problem. The remedy, I believe, is improved city services and the more equitable distribution of these services. I do not believe we need additional tax dollars, but a wiser spending plan. 2. Battered Women. Yes. I think the City of Houston should, along with private interests, fund the needed shelters. 3. Affirmative Action. I believe that no person should be denied employment or promotion because of sex. When elected I will work for nondiscriminatory practices at City Hall. City government should be a model for other employers. 4. Rape. I believe the entire rape victim services program should be reevaluated. Our goal should be to provide a compendium of readily available services to women who are victimized. 5. Sexual Harassment. Anytime one individual's personal freedom and dignity is infringed upon, the situation is serious. It is my practice to not avoid or neglect any complaint presented to me, this procedure will continue. 6. Women's Advocate. I would support the position because I believe the issues of women have been neglected in our community. I would see such a position as an enrichment to the communication between women and city government. 7. City Jail. Yes. The conditions are miserably inadequate. The new jail will relieve the situation somewhat. I also favor an active and informed pre-trial release program. 8. Police/Fire. In an all male force of police or fire, all do not perform the same duties, because of needs and skill. I think this same common sense criteria should be maintained when women join the ranks. 9. Child Care. I support the idea of child care for working parents. I would seriously study the issue of child care for city employees' children. 10. ERA. I am a strong supporter of ERA. I believe the clout of a constitutional amendment will be beneficial to women. 11. Women in your Campaign. My top administrative aide is a woman. Women coordinate the activities of my three campaign headquarters. A woman is in charge of precinct organization for my campaign. My campaign's legal counsel is a woman. My wife is the treasurer of my campaign.

Larry Ybarra, manager of an auto rental company and Community Development Commissioner for Magnolia area.

1. City Problem. The most important issue is the city's uncontrolled growth. The city gets bigger and bigger and city services can't keep up with it. We need more planning. We need timetables. This will not mean additional tax dollars, it means saving tax dollars. With better planning we could actually save money and spread what we've got more evenly throughout the city. 2. Battered Women. More shelters are needed. I also feel very strongly that a shelter for Hispanic women is needed in the Hispanic neighborhoods. Hispanic women need a shelter sensitive to our language and cultural needs. I would support and assist a community based organization in seeking private or public funds to do this. 3. Affirmative Action. It is inequitable, and I know that when you go further and look at what Hispanic women make compared to other women there are further inequities. Hispanic women are at the bottom of the scale. I will work to change that. The city must take affirmative action to insure that all segments of the population are given the opportunity to serve the city and at equal wages. 4. Rape. More services are needed. They are needed in all neighborhoods. The city should work to coordinate efforts in the Health Department, the Police Department and the county neighborhood clinics. 5. Sexual Harassment. YES. I would take them VERY SERIOUSLY and I would not hesitate going to the Department Heads for action. 6. Women's Advocate. All departments in the city need to be sensitive to women's issues. All departments need to take affirmative action to hire more women and at equal salaries and benefits. The mayor needs to appoint women to department heads and to all city boards and commissions. When the mayor or council is asked for recommendations to state and federal boards and commissions, they need to recommend women. We can no longer isolate the problems in one office. It makes it too easy for someone to shrug off their responsibility to women by giving one office all the women's problems. 7. City Jail. No. 8. Police/Fire. All police officers and fire fighters should be treated equally on the job. 9. Child Care. Child care paid in part by the city and the employee

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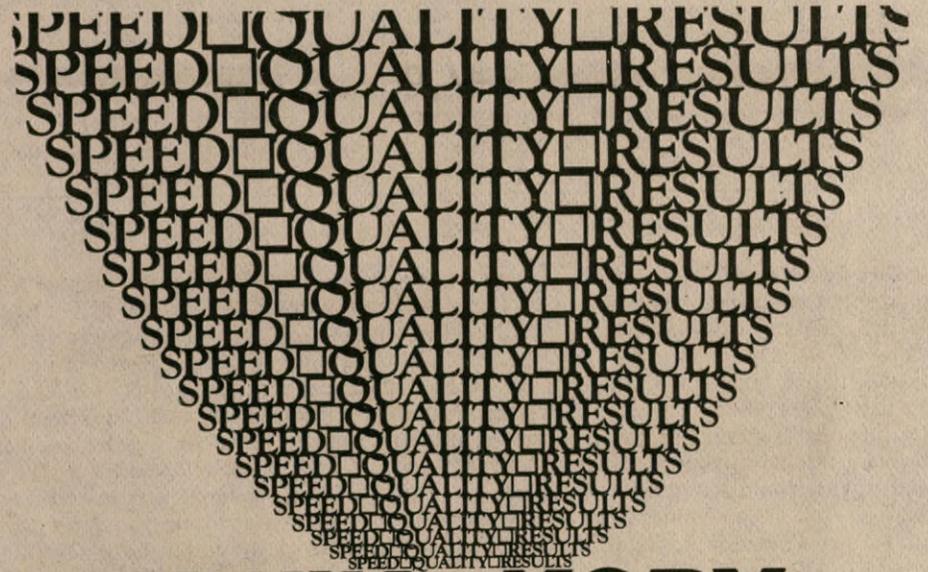


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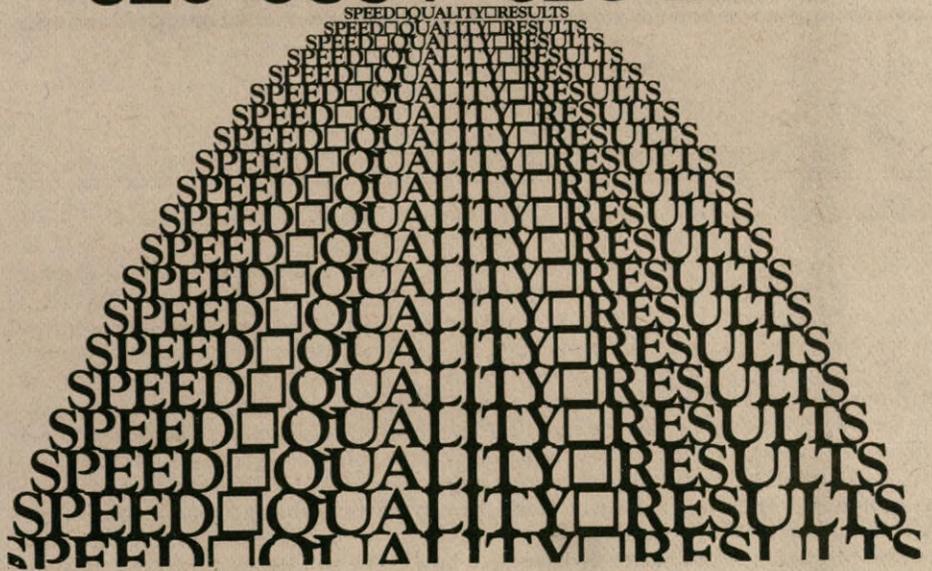
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would be an added benefit to many employees. But, before the city commits to this a study would have to be made to see if enough employees would take advantage of it, where it can be located, and the costs and funding of such a benefit. I would support it. 10. ERA. YES. It will finally set the record straight that this country stands for equal rights for all. 11. Women in your Campaign. Coordinator, volunteer coordinator, office manager, fundraising coordinator. 12. Additional Comments. I feel that the city's biggest responsibility to its women employees is adequate pay and benefits. The city needs to take a hard look at its job descriptions and titles and upgrade positions where women are doing more work than some of their male peers yet have a lesser title and pay.

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### COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE—POSITION 1

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*Ginia Wright, a homemaker and immediate past president of the Houston City Council of PTA's.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

*Jeff Daiell, a secretary and Libertarian Party official.*

1. City Problem. The problem affecting the average Houstonian the most is crime. I support redirecting the priorities of the police force away from "victimless crimes" and toward crimes of violence and theft (murder, rape, robbery, mugging, and the like). Officers from the Vice and Narcotics squads could be reassigned to foot patrols in high-crime areas without any increase in the budget. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Facilities such as these should be funded privately. 3. Affirmative Action. All City jobs should be filled on the basis of qualification only. Individual merit, not gender, must be the deciding factor. I support efforts to make this strict policy enforceable by dismissal. 4. Rape. I believe services such as this should be privately provided. I do feel the City can do more to prevent rapes, and should, such as heavier patrolling of high-incidence areas. 5. Sexual Harassment. All persons are entitled to dignity and respect; abuse of authority by sexual harassment should be grounds for dismissal. I do believe, however, that there are cases where flirtation may be non-abusive; it is a distinction that must be made, but "crossing the line" into harassment is intolerable. 6. Women's Advocate. I don't believe it's fair to tax all Houstonians for a women's advocate position. I would instead urge this as an additional duty for a mayoral assistant. 7. City Jail. No. N. S. 8. Police/Fire. Assignments, like hiring and promotion, should be based on ability only. If a woman is individually capable to handle a given job, there is no reason to deny her the position on the basis of her gender. 9. Child Care. No. This should be an individual responsibility, without placing another burden on the taxpayers. 10. ERA. Yes. I do. There are still many city, county, state, and federal ordinances, laws, rules and guidelines that discriminate against women (and some against men). They will not be removed without an explicit Constitutional amendment. 11. Women in your Campaign. My campaign staff is rather informal, but two of my six closest helpers are women. I was also instrumental in encouraging Janice Juckett (At-Large Position 5) to become a candidate. 12. Additional Comments. Women have traditionally been the victims of Government interfering in our lives. For women to be free, more power and responsibility over our own lives must be returned to us and removed from City Hall (and other levels of government). If we remove the legal restrictions on, and discriminations against, women, they will be able to overcome any other problems.

*Jim Westmoreland, incumbent council member.*

1. City Problem. Lack of a transit program. I've requested monthly reports from MTA to try and see where the problem is. Certainly no additional tax dollars should be needed. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes. 3. Affirmative Action. It is only inequitable if there are women applying for the higher paid positions and not being accepted or promoted though qualified. 4. Rape. If the health department is not adequately handling the rape cases, then they need more employees in that area. 5. Sexual Harassment. The complaint should be taken seriously, just as a woman harassing a man should. The end result is a good working atmosphere. Even if civil service allowed firing, the harassment would have to be very strong to justify firing a man or woman—rather than relocation. 6. Women's Advocate. No, not as such. An advocate shouldn't be limited to women's problems. If the position was created, it should be a general advocate who could respond to problems of the elderly, handicapped and others as well. 7. City Jail. Yes. I haven't toured the cells. 8. Police/Fire. If a certain job requires a great deal of strength, then men should be designated, but the man should be required to meet certain standards too. If they lack the strength, then they shouldn't qualify just because they're male. 9. Child Care. No. I personally don't see this as a function of city government. The salaries should be made sufficient to allow the employee to provide child care. 10 ERA. I don't see it as an issue in city government, only national. 11. Women in your Campaign. My wife is my campaign treasurer.

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### COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE—POSITION 2

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*Eleanor Tinsley, civic leader and former President of the HISD school board.*

1. City Problem. The delivery of basic services—from police protection to garbage pickup—is the single most important problem in Houston. It can be dealt with by 1) using the budget to set priorities; 2) planning for the future (before we annex, for instance, departments need to be prepared to deliver services); 3) getting Community Development monies into those areas qualified to receive them; 4) working with the private sector to solve Houston's problems. At this point I would not think new taxes are necessary, although down the line they may be. Instead I would promote a rational and responsive prioritizing of how city tax dollars should be spent, work for an equitable tax structure, make sure tax monies are not spent wastefully by working for better planning within and management of the city government and more coordination between departments. 2. Battered Women. Yes, we need more shelters. I would need more information than I currently have as to how many and the cost involved. In addition

I would have to study the budget and determine the priorities of the city with input from all segments of the Houston community. I am certainly willing to listen to arguments that shelters should be a priority. 3. Affirmative Action. When you add in police and fire department personnel, the figures become even more inequitable. The lack of women—and of women in administrative, policy-making positions—in City Hall is a black mark for Houston city government. The Affirmative Action Commission and Division must be supported in its efforts to promote the hiring of women and minorities. Council should request reports for both the division, the commission and from the department heads as to their progress in hiring and promoting women. The availability of non-traditional jobs should be made known to women currently in and out of city employ. On the job training in non-traditional jobs for women should be provided by the city. Tuition should be paid for women employees to attend educational programs such as the University of Houston's Continuing Education seminar on Women in City and County Government. Volunteer experience should be taken into account on resumes considered by the city. 4. Rape. A few years ago the city was doing nothing for victims of rape. At least we have made a start. But it is only a start. We should expand, at the minimum, the number of persons dealing with this problem in the health department. 5. Sexual Harassment. Certainly I would take such charges seriously and would follow through to determine their validity. Where the charges prove true, appropriate action should be taken to redress the injury. 6. Women's Advocate. I would like to think that a concerned member of city council combined with a strongly supported affirmative action division and an enforced affirmative action plan would make a special woman's advocate position unnecessary. The election and appointment of more women to city offices will also make such a position unnecessary. The last woman's advocate says her position was really a powerless one. 7. City Jail. Yes. There is nothing to crow about in the city's jail facilities for women or men. A few improvements, thanks to citizen pressure, have been made recently in the women's facility (the toilets now have doors); the men still live in very overcrowded conditions with no doors on toilets and no outdoor recreational facilities. I support the current plan which calls for the county to take over the function of the city jails within the next two years or so. 8. Police/Fire. In terms of broad, overall duties, I see all police officers and fire fighters capable of performing the same duties. 9. Child Care. It would be wonderful if the city could set an example to other businesses by providing child care for children of employees. However, this is again an instance where I would have to study the budget and weigh all the priorities demanding attention before determining THE priorities to be funded. I am willing to listen to arguments on behalf of this project. 10. ERA. Indeed. While Texas is fortunate in having a state equal rights amendment, Louisiana, Georgia, Arizona, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Utah, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nevada are without such protection. Women and men should be constitutionally guaranteed "equality of rights under the law . . ." 11. Women in your Campaign. Women in my campaign are: campaign manager, treasurer, finance chair, members of my steering committee, office manager, research chair and in charge of most of the committees involved in the campaign. 12. Additional Comments. While I am running for office because I am a qualified person, I also firmly believe we need women in political office to provide the networking and support system which is necessary to put more women into government. Men tend to bring in men. We need qualified women to bring in qualified women. We have a vast untapped resource in Houston: qualified women who could bring their talents to bear on solving Houston's current problems and avoiding future pitfalls. Houston is the poorer for not, in the past, having made greater use of this resource.

*Joyce Williams, a newspaper columnist, "Ask Joyce," for the Forward Times.*

1. City Problem. Crime—police substations—increase organize crime department, pass ordinance prohibiting abandon buildings and weeded lots, property owners or city. These are crime hatcheries. No. N.S. 2. Battered Women. I write about the problem. I work with the problem. Federal funds should be provided through special funded program. Yes. 3. Affirmative Action. N.S. 4. Rape. More services are needed. 5. Sexual Harassment. Definitely! 6. Women's Advocate. N.S. 7. City Jail. No. N.S. 8. Police/Fire. I view *specific areas* for men only. 9. Child Care. N.S. 10. ERA. N.S. 11. Women in your Campaign. Chairperson, campaign coordinator. 12. Additional Comments. Create a liaison position (female only) between the citizens and the system.

*Frank E. Mann, lawyer, accountant and incumbent council member for 20 years.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

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### COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE—POSITION 3

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*Randy McLeod, a carpenter.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

*Johnny Goyen, a real estate broker and incumbent council member for 22 years.*

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

*Olga Yvonne Soliz, a business consultant, vice chair of the Harris County Women's Political Caucus and former National Chicana Chair for the National Women's Political Caucus.*

1. City Problem. Improved delivery of basic city services; i.e. garbage pick up, street repair, police and fire protection. It probably would require some additional tax dollars, but I think a lot of it could be offset by better financial planning and budgeting. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes. Based on current statistics I believe this has become a fundamental public welfare problem which cannot be ignored. 3. Affirmative Action. This is an inequitable situation which council should address itself to by all possible means, including pressure on the Mayor as to her/his appointments and review of the entire city civil service procedure. 4. Rape. More services are needed. This is the fastest growing and most underreported major crime. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. I would support a position of this type. Would prefer to see it be a much stronger position than in the past, perhaps as part of the Civil Service Department. This position should be a direct liaison to Mayor and City Council to not only monitor the status of women in city government, but make recommendations. 7. City Jail. Yes.

No, they are inadequate. I would encourage an improvement of the present facility with extended services, such as Women in Action have initiated. 8. Police/Fire. I do not think they necessarily have to all perform the same duties. For example, writing parking tickets or directing traffic do not require fully trained police officers. I do not see specific areas for men only. 9. Child Care. I think it would be a giant step forward for the city to help provide facilities and handle the administration of the facilities, but those who are using the facilities should pay for their use. 10. ERA. Yes, it is essential that women be included in the U.S. Constitution. 11. Women in your Campaign. Steering committee, campaign coordinator, volunteer coordinator, office manager, extensive aids. 12. Additional Comments. City Council should ensure that no city benefit program, for example, health insurance, is discriminatory to women, or to anyone due to race, religion or sex.

Don Stockwell, self-employed.

1. City Problem. Houston's most important problem is to maintain its unique status as a big city relatively free from political cronyism and confiscatory taxation. Achieving this goal will require continuing voluntary efforts by Houston citizens to solve common concerns. 2. Battered Women. N.S. I believe that private voluntary support for such programs will create a more effective solution for such problems. 3. Affirmative Action. As a prospective city councilperson, and as a human being, I do not sanction discriminatory employment practices based on sex. 4. Rape. I support re-prioritization of Houston police enforcement to increase investigation and prosecution of violent crimes, including rape, at the expense of enforcement of victimless crimes. 5. Sexual Harassment. I would expect to judge such situations on a case-by-case basis. 6. Women's Advocate. A responsible city administration should not require such special-interest advocates. 7. City Jail. Yes. I suspect that the administration and procedures should be reviewed prior to a commitment for new facilities. 8. Police/Fire. All city employees in the same specific job classification should be expected to perform the same duties. 9. Child Care. No. 10. ERA. Yes. It provides equal rights for both men and women. 11. Women in your Campaign. Campaign treasurer.

Joe Allen Mallott, president of a management service company.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE-POSITION 4

Pat Ginther, a commercial real estate agent-broker.

1. City Problem. Leadership. Our councilmen lost control (through complacency?) of Houston's growth hurting every resident and future residents. Every service provided by the city needs reassessment to evaluate exactly where we are. With encouraged citizens input, goals must be established and everyone must help. We need new leadership and direction. No need for additional tax dollars. I CARE. 2. Battered Women. Yes. If city funds are being provided for "like" shelters, they should be provided for battered women. 3. Affirmative Action. Nobody said being a working woman, competing against Victorian, chauvinistic men was easy. It is inequitable. The best person should get the job. I have no objections to placing the person most qualified in a position. I will need help in staying aware of inequities. 4. Rape. If your information is correct, it is absurd. The city is not even recognizing the problem exists, much less handling it. The department needs a complete overhaul. 5. Sexual Harassment. Certainly I will take them seriously. However, let's recognize changing chauvinistic attitudes, while progress is being made, takes time. 6. Women's Advocate. How many more positions would be needed other than a woman's advocate? To me, during this election especially, you would be smarter to elect 14 councilmen in favor of your beliefs. 7. City Jail. No. No, but without having done so I know the facilities are inadequate. In addition to the new jail, we need more localized small detention centers for both sexes. 8. Police/Fire. How should I know before being in office and studying each department whether the same duties are proper for the police and fire departments. No, I see no specific areas, but I need more input. 9. Child Care. Absolutely not. There is no need to elaborate. 10. ERA. Yes. Because I believe in equal rights mentally, it has nothing to do with sex, race, creed, religion, physical abilities, etc. 11. Women in your Campaign. My wife is Treasurer, and 50% of my campaign workers are women.

W. T. Fraser, a purchasing agent.

1. City Problem. The most important problem facing the people of Houston is a misplaced confidence in the ability of Government to solve problems. People must be reminded that government does not solve problems, people do. The person who knows best how to solve his/her problem is that person. We are best able to cope with the problems of life by taking care of ourselves through individual action or in voluntary association with others. The government's role is to provide us the freedom necessary to help ourselves. 2. Battered Women. Yes. No. Funding for shelters should be on a private basis. This method of funding accomplishes several objectives. First, it removes it from the political process and allows the problem to be addressed as it should as a human rights issue. Second, individuals cannot pass the buck for not having sufficient shelters and blame government. Tax credits for contributions to shelters should be given. 3. Affirmative Action. Inequitable, I do not know? Unrepresentative -definitely. To the extent that qualified women want to work for the city, there should be no barriers to their achieving parity with men workers. Legal barriers

that is. Certainly performance and merit must be taken into account, however the percentages should be much closer to 50% if only merit is taken into account. 4. Rape. Additional services are needed. Rape is one of the most serious crimes committed in the city. The police and all city agencies must make major commitments to the reduction in the number of rapes. As a corollary of this, a change in emphasis is needed to focus the blame on the person committing the rape and not on the victim. 5. Sexual Harassment. All employees, whether men or women, must be secure in the knowledge that sexual favors are not a requirement for any city job. In the event such requests are made, strong and immediate disciplinary action must be taken against the person making the request. Of course, the opposite is also true, no employee should use sexual favors for the advancement of his/her career, and strong and prompt disciplinary action must be taken on complaints of this nature also. 6. Women's Advocate. I am in favor of such a position but not if it entails the expenditure of tax money. To the extent that such a position is staffed through volunteers or through private funding, I believe that a focus for women's issues is valuable. Again, I believe that a mechanism could be worked out where contributions to funding such a position could be partly or wholly deductible against city taxes. All city officials should be taking a lead in pointing out areas where women or others are discriminated against and working toward the removal of all barriers to all people having equal rights. 7. City Jail. No. NS, I must plead ignorance on this one. If there is a problem and it is brought to my attention while on city council, I would investigate and make an attempt to correct the problem. 8. Police/Fire. There are very few functional differences between men and women, and these (sexual) are not normally job related. To the extent that any person can perform the requirements of a job, he/she should not be prevented from holding that job. If women wish to assume the risks or physical hazard of certain jobs, that is a decision of the women involved personally. Other people's attitudes toward the role of women should not prevent her from holding that job. 9. Child Care. No. There are adequate private facilities available and city employees are paid enough to provide private care. It does not make sense to provide child care for a man whose wife chooses to stay home and it is inequitable to provide the service to a woman if it is not provided a man. 10. ERA. Yes. It must be made clear that all citizens regardless of sex or any other physical characteristic stand equal in the eyes of the law. They must have equal opportunity and equal rights. 11. Women in your Campaign. The only position in my campaign which is held by a woman is Campaign Treasurer. Of course there are only two people in my campaign so you might say that 50% of the people involved are women (as I am a man) or you could say that 100% of my staff is women. Numbers can tell any story. 12. Additional Comments. My attitude is that women should be regarded as people as should men. All issues of the city should be approached on the basis of how they effect people. To the extent that some action discriminates in favor or against a certain sex, it must be minimized.

Homer L. Ford, an architect and incumbent Council Member for 14 years.

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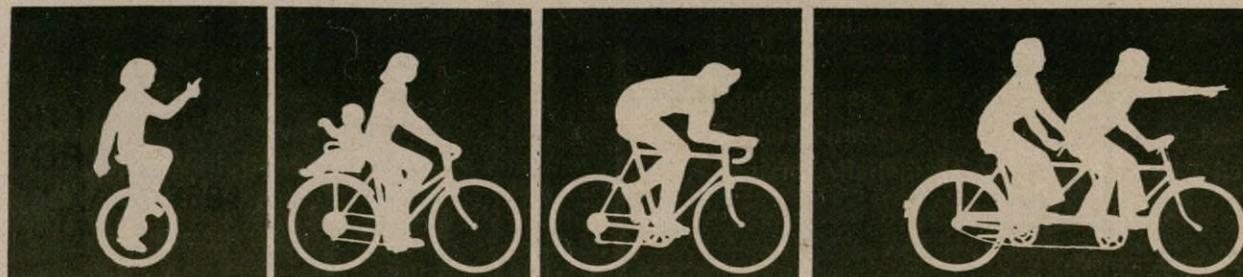
#### COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE-POSITION 5

Janice Juckett, a secretary.

1. City Problem. The most important issue is crime. I favor concentrating our police resources on crimes of violence and theft, and not "victimless crimes". I would also lobby for offender restitution to the victim where such is practical, and mandatory sentences for certain crimes. 2. Battered Women. Yes. No, they should be provided privately. It isn't fair to make all taxpayers pay for the benefit of some. 3. Affirmative Action. I would demand that all positions be filled on the basis of individual merit. 4. Rape. I feel more services should be provided privately. I feel utilizing officers now assigned to "victimless crimes" to patrol high-incidence areas would reduce the number of rapes. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. No employee should ever feel his/her job, raises, promotion, or assignments are dependent upon sexual-favors. 6. Women's Advocate. I believe this should be an additional duty for a mayoral assistant. 7. City Jail. No. 8. Police/Fire. Assignments, hiring, promotion, and raises should all be on the basis of merit, not gender. 9. Child Care. No. Taxes are high enough. 10. ERA. I favor a more vigorous application of the 14th Amendment. 11. Women in your Campaign. My campaign consists mostly of myself, and I am a woman. 12. Additional Comments. I just want to repeat my theme that individual merit must be the guideline in City policies (including contracts).

Joe Perino, worker as a fire fighter for 22 years, two years as fire chief and now owns a fire protection company.

1. City Problem. Houston has the resources to improve the quality of life for all neighborhoods but lacks good political leadership that is sensitive to the issues. Only the people can correct this by electing the right candidates to office. 2. Battered Women. Yes. Yes. 3. Affirmative Action. Yes. Encourage promoting qualified women to higher paying positions. 4. Rape. More services needed. 5. Sexual Harassment. Yes. 6. Women's Advocate. Having witnessed the opposition to the advocates position, I would still support it. To be more effective, this position should be an elected position and funded by the city tax dollars -similar to the office of City Controller. 7. City Jail. Yes. The facilities should be less impersonal and separation between the maybe once-in-awhile offender and that person who is habitual or unclean. 8. Police/Fire. NS. Is the question about consolidation or male/female. 9.



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# Network

Editor, Lynne Mutchler

**Child Care.** NS 10. ERA. The constitution is explicit on equal rights for all - the breakdown for equal rights is that there are not enough women in high political and judgeship offices. **11. Women in your Campaign.** Advisors and workers. **12. Additional Comments.** As Fire Chief, I experienced the same situation that many men have after promoting a woman to a high position, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief. When the male subordinates realize that top management is serious about promoting women they are reluctant at first but accept it. The biggest opposition is from the other women. They insist the promoted woman is a peer. If women provide half the vote they should be entitled to half the political appointments.

Jack Josey Terence.

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

**Judson Robinson, Jr.,** a real estate executive and incumbent council member for 8 years.

**1. City Problem.** Crime. Although our present police force is inadequate and needs expansion, this alone will not solve the problem. Crime is a social disease that in many cases is closely correlated with poverty, unemployment, drug abuse and alcoholism. A solution will require many agencies working together in a coordinated effort. **2. Battered Women.** Providing shelter and other supportive services for battered women is an essential part of any responsible program. An equal amount of attention needs to be devoted to prevention through better, more effective family counseling and assistance programs. Yes, I would support more shelters for battered women. **3. Affirmative Action.** As a minority myself, I have always and will continue to support strong, effective Affirmative Action Programs. We need a total program to address all the issues from employee recruitment to promotion and advancement. **4. Rape.** More services are definitely needed. However, we also need to do a better job of preventing these acts of violence before they occur. One way to accomplish this is through better law enforcement and by keeping repeat offenders off the streets. **5. Sexual Harassment.** Absolutely. Every person is entitled to work, with dignity and without fear of harassment. **6. Women's Advocate.** I supported the women's advocate position when it was originally created and funded. However, the program proved to be ineffective. I believe these concerns are best addressed through a total Affirmative Action Program that looks at all the human rights issues. **7. City Jail.** Yes. Obviously much could be done to improve these facilities especially in preventing acts of violence and harassment among the prisoners themselves. Efforts should also be made in the areas of prevention and rehabilitation. We need to eliminate the cause of crime and decrease our dependence on incarceration which has never proven to be effective. **8. Police/Fire.** All police officers and fire fighters do not perform the same duties now. I am convinced, however, that better stratification of duties would open up more employment opportunities for women and help solve some of our recruitment problems. **9. Child Care.** No. There are many excellent public and private day care centers available. To provide these services to City employees would either take away from other programs or increase the tax burden for all Houstonians. **10. ERA.** Yes. In the area of human rights, we can never have too many guarantees. **11. Women in your Campaign.** There are as many women involved in my campaign as men. My wife, Margarite, is serving as Campaign Manager, and other women are in my coordinator roles. **12. Additional Comments.** I have always supported women's rights along with other human rights issues. If reelected, I will continue to support the advancement and rights of all minorities.

A live "Meet the Candidate" special scheduled by the League of Women Voters of Houston will be broadcast Monday, November 5, 8 to 10 p.m. on *KUHT-TV*, Channel 8. The election eve program will provide a forum for all candidates in the races for mayor and city council. Each candidate will be required to answer an issue question formulated by the League and general questions from *Houston Chronicle* political editor Joe Nolan and Susan Wright of *KUHT*.

*Voters Guide*, the 20-page tabloid of nonpartisan voting information published by the League of Women Voters of Houston, contains information on candidates for mayor, city council, comptroller, and Houston Independent School District board of trustees. A map showing the new city council districts, a precinct chart to determine your district and a map showing HISD voting districts are included as well as information on the three constitutional amendments and the city referendum. This free publication is available at all city and county libraries or from the League office, 1947 West Gray, Suite 202, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. weekdays.

The *Voters Guide* will also be distributed by League members at Target Stores on Saturday November 3 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for Voter Information Day. A sample ballot and demonstration voting machines will also be on display.

Enforcement of criminal tax laws against political contributions by corporations will be the topic Monday, November 5 at 4:30 p.m. at Krost Hall of the University of Houston College of Law. Gerald A. Feffer, deputy assistant attorney general of the tax division of the U. S. Department of Justice will lecture on corporation "slush funds" and overseas payments as well as political contributions. The free lecture, fifth in a continuing series, is sponsored by the UH Tax Law Association. For further information call 749-4331.

The Mockingbird Alliance of Houston will meet Saturdays, November 10 and 24, at 3 p.m. in the Baltic Room of the University Center, UH Central Campus to take an active role in the anti-nuclear movement. For further information call 520-7506 or contact Mockingbird Alliance at 900 Lovett, Suite 207, Houston TX 77006.

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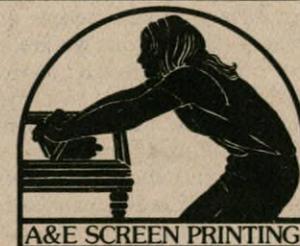
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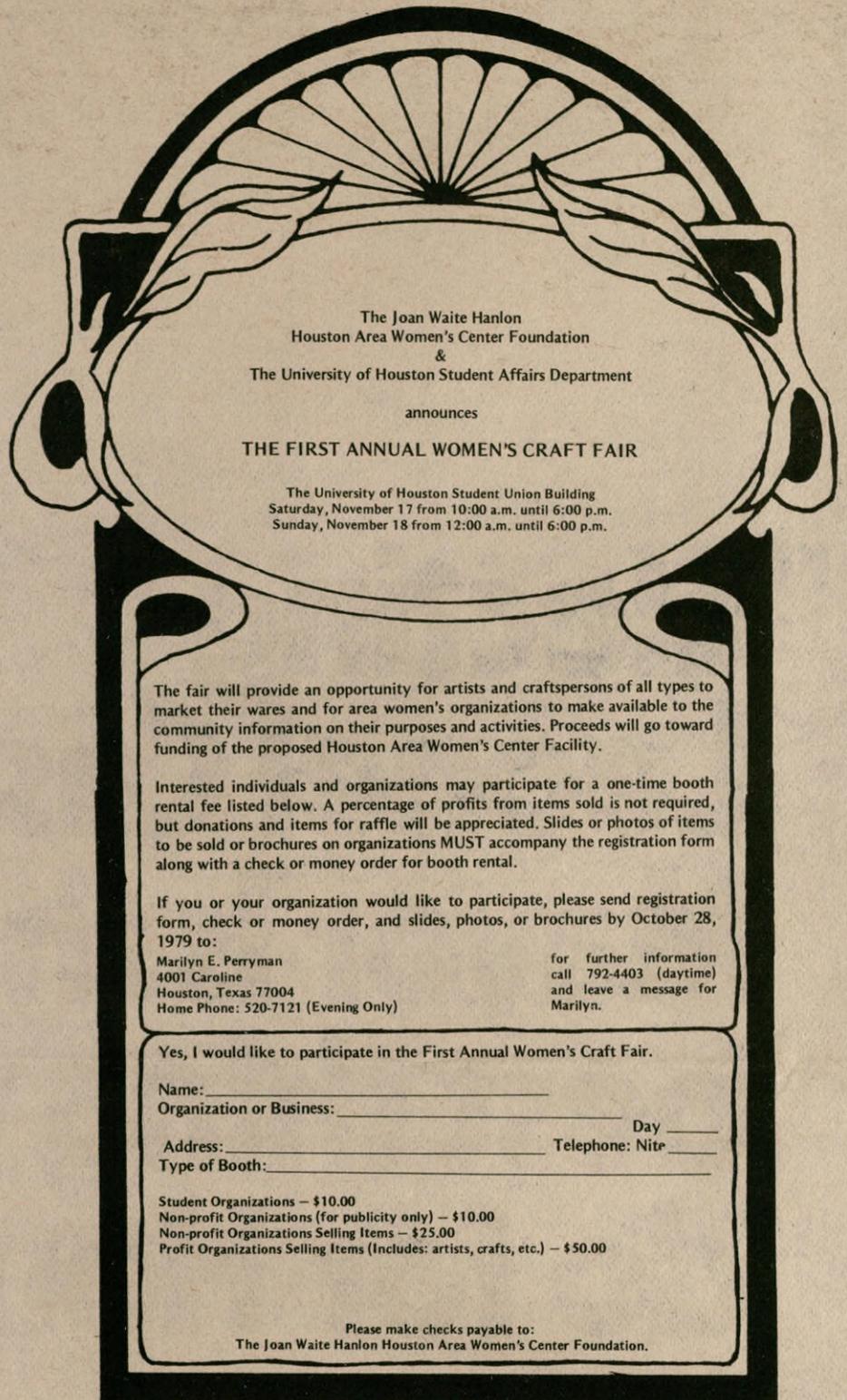
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