



HEY HOUSTON!

VOTE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS!
A GUIDE TO THE 2015 HOUSTON CITY ELECTIONS

BE SURE TO VOTE BY NOV 3RD
Your secret ballot means it's all yours to
decide. But hopefully this independent
local nonprofit-prepared info helps.

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ABOUT TEXAS RISING

Texas Rising is a movement to inspire and engage a rising generation of young Texans in electoral politics, policy advocacy and community organizing. We are leveraging the power of thousands of young, diverse, community-focused activists to hold our elected officials accountable to all Texans, not special interests and the voices of intolerance and division.



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WHAT'S AT STAKE

HERO INITIATIVE

Last year, the City of Houston passed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO), becoming the last major city in Texas to put in place such an ordinance. This fall, Houstonians will vote to decide whether or not to keep HERO in place in our city. HERO ensures that a broad range of Houstonians – regardless of race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or military status – has the opportunity to earn a living, take care of their families, have housing, and be served by businesses and government, without fear of discrimination. It's surprising to think that before this ordinance was passed, it was legal in Houston to discriminate against people who are gay or transgender—but it's true. This ordinance also strengthens protections for everyone else. When a person is discriminated against just because of who they are, it hurts them and their families. Every Houstonian should have a fair opportunity to earn a living and build a better life. Vote YES on Prop 1 in November to keep the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance. It's the right thing to do.

PROPOSITION 1: HOUSTON EQUAL RIGHTS ORDINANCE

WHAT IT DOES IN 12 WORDS

This proposition would keep the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance in place.



A YES VOTE MEANS...

A YES vote means the city would keep its ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or military status.

who says YES...

- ACLU of Texas
- NAACP
- Mayor Annise Parker



A NO VOTE MEANS...

A NO vote would remove the city ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or military status.

who says NO...

- Texas Values
- Houston-Area Pastors Council
- Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

RECOMMENDED: YES



all the info you need

TWO WAYS TO VOTE

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

**With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.*

VOTE EARLY

Do this! It's an easy way to skip the election day line and you can go to ANY early voting location in the city between Oct. 19 – Oct. 30, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Look up the locations and times at www.harrisvotes.com.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY – TUES. NOV 3

On election day you can only vote in your precinct location. Go to www.harrisvotes.com to look your precinct and find out the location where you can vote. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. As long as you are in line before 7 p.m. you are legally allowed to vote, so stay in line.



FIND OUT MORE

This independent voter guide is designed to give you the quickest, most important information on what you're facing on your ballot and why it's important to vote. But obviously there's a lot more information out there. If you're looking to read more on this issue, we highly encourage checking out:

www.houstonunites.org

And remember, this doesn't end with election day! We need you to join us in this movement!

www.txrising.org

