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Scott Lewis 00:02

have increasing prices, excuse me, hospitals haven't cut their rates of increasing prices. They're charging \$12 for band aids this year, they're gonna charge \$14 for a band aid next year. And

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as someone who who worked for a doctor for a year, I tell you that until the you know, when the government's paying the bill, the whole concept of supply and demand goes out the window. Absolutely. And so one of the reasons there's been this outrageous growth is they can charge it because the government is paying the tab. So I mean, I support the fact that they're trying to save Medicare. And I really hate the fact that there's so many Democrats out there screaming that we're gonna send old people out on the street. I mean, it's just not true.

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I defer all questions on on anything having to do with medicine to my lover who's a doctor, and who would shoot me if I said anything contrary to his views on it.

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LuJack Tyler 00:51

All right, Dell, and Tari. Please don't leave. Jewdon Boney has just joined us. I think Scott wants to play some music. I don't know.

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Scott Lewis 00:59

Let's keep going. You want to keep going. Let's keep it let me do an ID that you are listening to Scott Lewis and LuJack Tyler on after hours of continuing tradition on 90.1 FM KPFT Houston

and 89.1 fm KEOS College Station. And Bryan. Earlier this evening, I was at Halloween magic, which is a big annual aids fundraiser that just through ticket sales alone this year raised \$65,000 For three local aids charities not including the big auction that they had, outside which sales will be tallied for later. The point of this long drawn out story is that I was telling the people that I was with at my table, that I was really excited that I was going to have Jude on Boni on my radio show tonight, because he is the local community activist representative in Houston, that I probably respect more than any other. And so I'm excited to have you here. I'm proud to have you here. And I want to talk to you about not necessarily national politics. The point of that whole long story was they were asking, I told him who was gonna be on the show, and they weren't familiar with who you are. And I said, Imagine the Reverend Jesse Jackson on a local level, not a national level, but on a local level. And that's Jewdon Boney. And the another person at the table tried to characterize you as a little more conservative. Then I said,

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Jewdon Boney 02:40

these days, I'm being characterized as a more conservative, more radical, more liberal, depends on Houston press, you read it,

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but you're not cold and heartless, are

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Jewdon Boney 02:48

you not at all?

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Scott Lewis 02:50

I want to move the focus from national to local, because you're running for a local city council district seat district. And I think that the two of you can be can take a part in this as a conservative, gay people, and that you would have different concerns on a local level than myself or LuJack might have as people who are screaming left liberals. And but definitely like the Republican or the more conservative segment of community is equal and needs to be represented and listened to just as much do you don't tell us a little bit about why are you running for city council?

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Jewdon Boney 03:25

Well, I'm running for city council because that by the way, let me just say thank you for having me on. And I'm very pleased to be able to be here tonight, and hopefully talk to the audience and also share the microphone with these other two gentlemen and talk about some local issues. I'm running because I want to expand my public service role in the community. I want to be able to help more people. I want to bring a perspective to city government that comes from somebody who has been involved in human rights work. Also in committed to organizing, I think that more can be done to serve the diverse population of the city and also district day.

And I want to be a part of that effort. It's not a career move. For me, it's career consistent. And serving as a city council member will allow me to basically do more good work in the community and make this community even a stronger and more vibrant community.

L LuJack Tyler 04:23

That's it on the misconception is that you are a man that can't get the job done at City Hall and that you are a man that will scream and shout to the point where the mayor will tune you out. How do you feel about those those points of view that have been made about you? Well, for people who aren't as educated about you as me,

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I'd say definitely, yeah, I think those people probably really don't very much know very much about my track record. I have a track record not of air grievances, but getting things done and probably We'll be getting things done that most people would have considered impossible or unable to do. You know, we have brought a man of death row from Conroe, Texas, which is a city that's basically about 40 years behind the rest of America against incredible odds, and a man who came within six days of conviction, everybody else had basically given up on his case, class, Ben is alive and free today and exonerated. We stopped the execution of Gary Graham, a man who had a has a criminal past some very horrible crimes that he has committed. There are some people who dispute his guilt, even in the current case that he's on death row. But by basically being able to focus in on the facts of the questions about his trial, and the questions about the evidence, we stopped his execution in two courts considering whether he needs a new trial where they'd have a fair opportunity to determine his his guilt or innocence. I was the lead negotiator and part of the strategy team that negotiated the settlement of the desegregation law school school, desegregation delegation, school lawsuit, and Houston, the first time that that was ever done in the United States. I was part of the lobbying team that created the opportunity for the chief of police to appoint assistant chiefs of police, which is why we have such a diverse command staff within the department now. I was one who raised initiative that there should be no racist or sexist slurs and harassment within the Houston Police Department with within city government, and said that they ought to be a city ordinance and policy that anybody who was found to have who's racist or sexist slurs, I should say homophobic slurs as well, should be subject to discipline up to and including termination. That's now city policy. I said that there should be human relations and sensitivity training within the fire department, the police department headed the fire department had none, the fire chief said we don't need it. There is human relations, sensitivity training within the fire department now. My track record is of getting things done, I don't have a problem getting my business taken care of Dallas city department. And it comes from a basis of respect that public officials have for me, it comes from being able to organize their constituent body of support that's willing to take non violent, but aggressive, sustained action. It comes from being able to articulate issues from the basis of fact, in a persuasive and effective manner. It comes from being willing to suffer struggle and sacrifice and take calculated risks but not be reckless. I have already changed laws without being a law maker I've already created and change policies without being a policy maker all city council will do will enhance my ability and resources and assets and opportunities to do more. They're probably I've actually probably been able to accomplish. And when I say I want to say that I've done this in coalition with other people, it's not been in a single efforts of just mine alone. I want to make that perfectly clear. But I've been in a

leadership capacity and role and have often been in a strategic role in those I was asked by the NAACP, the Urban League and the minority contractors to be chair of the strategy committee around the affirmative action ordinance that was passed on last year by the city council and mayor. And we have a new affirmative action ordinance. And part of those negotiations occurred with the mayor. And part of those negotiations also occurred with the majority contractors. And so you know, I've had consistent meetings with the command staff of the police department for two and a half years on my agenda issues I've represented city employees and civilian I've represented police employees I've represented Fire Department employs also HS D and some other school districts as well. And I went 80 to 90% of the cases of people I represent there, there's no question if you check my record that we deliver. And part of that comes from, you know, just kind of God's grace, and he's been on my side and we've won, but also in the African American community. Conditions are so desperate concerns are so great that we don't have time and I don't have time to just add grievances. We want somebody's gonna bring the bacon home. So whoever can be most effective in bringing the bacon home, and I've not really, I've only screamed in one action. And it was at a school board meeting in With Elizabeth Speights, was completely ignored and disrespected by the den Superintendent John Raymond. And were correctly assessed to John Raymond was bad news for his school district, it took everybody else a little bit longer to get hold of that vision center on our way. But we stopped the school board meeting, that was one of the few times I had to take some action by myself. And they listened. And they never disrespected that school board member like that again. So now I'm not a screaming radical. I like to see myself as a determined prophet who tries to raise the consciousness of folks try to say, well, you're just raising hell, what I'm trying to do is raise consciousness. And I'm not the most liberal or conservative, I don't I'm not sure what those those labels mean, I basically try to be a progressive person, and to be about some progressive politics. So I think if you support the human rights of gay and lesbian people, people say, Well, how can you consider that conservative? That's liberal, that ain't liberal. That's just right. You know, and sometimes we turn right as being progressive, basically trying to move the human race forward to something that's more humane, more civil, and more just, that's basically what I've dedicated my life to.

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Scott Lewis 11:20

What are your priorities as a city council member? What will be your priorities?

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Jewdon Boney 11:25

Well, I have kind of a different platform than most of the people running for office, because I've talked to so many people in the district. And like so many people that are pretty well disgusted and turned off by electoral politics and what they call politicians or elected officials, that we continually elect people to office, a lot of new pop up from nowhere, every election, you know, this is a whole new array of people that we've never seen before they run for office, and they've got all these credentials, and all of them taught very well.

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LuJack Tyler 12:00

And we often very well, dressed very well

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Jewdon Boney 12:03

dressed very well, yeah. And we often elect people like this the office and then they disappear. They go wherever politicians go and do whatever politicians do, and we don't hear from them again until shortly before election time. And so what that has said to me is accessibility and accountability. People want elected representatives that are basically working on an agenda that they set their constituents, and who accessible them accessible to them on a consistent basis. So that if there's a constituent concern or need, they can talk directly to that representative. And that that representative will reflect in the greatest possible degree, what their desires goals aim to the next I said accessibility and accountability are the two primary things that I'm standing on. And I've structured the way in which there will be an ongoing relationship with the constituents in the district that will provide in fact, mandate require accessibility, because because I'm not asking him to come to me in the office, and saying that I'm going to return your phone calls, I'm going to come to district name on a consistent record. But in fact, I'm saying it every four weeks, every 30 days, I'm going to be in District D, soliciting the involvement, because what I want is a political relationship with the constituents in the district. Because to get the kinds of things done that I envision, that can happen, I will need to have close interaction with the constituents. I don't fear accountability. I've chaired an organization or organizations for years, and we meet once a week. And those organizations always have had a collective leadership. And I have always had the greatest amount of decision making power in the whole body. So I don't feel accountability as much many elected officials do. The third thing that I think comes right with a flexibility, accountability, constituent services, people basically want the same thing, no matter what part of this district they live in, they want safe, decent housing, and a fair opportunity to earn a reasonable living. That's what folks want. They don't want to be harassed by the police department. They want the city to provide the just services that they're supposed to provide everywhere in the community in some equitable way. And, and they want their representative to advocate for those things that will respond to their direct constituent needs. Part of that is economic development. Because no matter who we are and where we live, everybody realizes that if we're going to be able to realize our hopes, dreams and visions for ourselves and our families, we got to be able to earn a decent living, which means that the economic environment must be right. And that economic opportunities are provided based upon that environment. But we also need to try to create some businesses, you know, some people just want a job, that's fine. But most of the areas that are depressed need small business development, because major corporations are not moving into these depressed areas. So the folks there You're going to have to have some businesses that they can create on and develop some of these supportive programs for that. Thirdly, as neighborhood revitalization, there are a lot of areas of the city where there's urban blight, abandoned housing, weeds, we need, we need to, I talked to one civic club. And in the civic club, last let play civic club, they were at two abandoned cars, five abandoned trucks, two abandoned trailers and one abandoned boat. Now, he's running around trying to take pitches and censor the fact that it's not his job. That's the city's job. A home for most of us is the greatest investment we will ever have. And if we live in a neighborhood that's trashed by abandoned houses, abandoned cars, the value of our most valuable investment just simply plummets. And the environment in which we live is not healthy for ourselves, our families who are children, so people want their neighbors rebuilt, revitalize and develop. And so that, that also is a part of the platform. The other is crime, because everybody wants to be secure in their own home, they want their possessions secure, and they ought to be able to walk their streets without fear. And you know, most of us live behind, you know, triple door locks, alarm systems and burglar bars now, and it's a hell of a way to live. The two things that drive crime, as I've studied it, from the sociologists and so forth, one is economic opportunity. I mean, if they're not

jobs, people are going to steal. And so obviously, we need to create and you can't put enough police to stop crime on the streets, if you don't create opportunities for people to find other ways for fulfilling their life's dreams. So obviously, then we need to make sure that the economic environment, the business environment, the Small Business Development ban is good. So people have some alternatives. Secondly, is drugs. Almost everybody that's into the sea has an alcohol abuse or drug abuse problem. I support and advocate that anybody who has come to a decision in their life, that they want to try to kick an addictive habit of alcohol and drugs need to have have a free treatment Senator go to, I mean, I don't care how many times they make that decision over and over again, I think it is in the society self interest, that if you want help, and you want to get drug treatment, you need to have a place to go. Secondly, I think that those folks who are hard headed and offend crime, particularly violent criminals, and those who sell drugs in our community, I think, you know, you need to do a little work. And there needs to be a supervised program to come back and clean up the community, pick up trash, pickup paper, do some work. I mean, I'm not into exploitation of prison labor. But I think it is appropriate for people who do some damage, because we're all victimized by crime. We're all victimized by drugs, come on out here and do some work. And so that's one program. And third, I think those people who have basically been violent, and have taken live and mainlines, I think they have to be separated from society. I am, you know, I'm an 18 year vegetarian, so I don't even eat meat. So I really can't tolerate and most of the people who are victims of abuse, violent abuse these days are those who are least able to defend themselves children, elders and women. And I don't think we can tolerate that I think those people have to be separated from society.

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Scott Lewis 18:27

Do you think that Bob Lanier raiding the coffers of Metro to put more police on the street? Your opinion on that and your opinion, George Grinia says that, that Bob Lanier has borrowed and spent and spent and spent, and that's going to put the next mayor in a very uncomfortable position when the bills come due?

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Jewdon Boney 18:51

Well, I'm glad you raised that I should have mentioned that a mobile platform because that's something I've been talking a lot about lately. Fiscal Responsibility is also something that is a part of our platform. And what rel about, I supported me as efforts like most people to take a lot of this rail money out of Metro and do some things in terms of both security with the police department and also in terms of the public works program strings. I just didn't really see how we were going to be able to invest the kind of dollars needed for a rail system in Houston and have it serve most of the city. But you know, we've we've lived off Metro for a long time. And if we don't win ourselves off Metro funds, we won't have any funds to deal with transportation problems, which are also a major issue and probably has to be dealt. So I think we need to begin to win i sales off of the Metro Manila and a whole lot left anyway, but I think I think we need to wean ourselves away from Metro funds and let Metro begin to continue or expand its focus on transit problems, mass transit needs and concerns. Secondly, we do have some fiscal The challenges and part of what we need is some leadership on council. There's been a lot of discussion lately that I know Council is basically 50 novels for the mayor and the board in the mayor, when, when we agree and when we think is correct, I think the man needs to be challenged in an appropriate way when he's wrong. And we have a lot of people who feel

intimidated or feel that they can't even raise the issue. We passed a \$1.7 billion city budget this year with virtually no discussion and no debate. That's not good. We passed a \$2.6 billion capital improvements program, in which the fifth year is unfunded, it's \$100 million of capital improvement projects that's unfunded in the fifth year, with no discussion and no debate, that is not good. That's going to require us to do two things in the fifth year one, either raise taxes, or to not do \$100 million, with the project that the citizens are expecting that that is that that is inappropriate. That is unwise, that is incorrect. I think that what we've got to do is have discussion at the table in public, so that the public is aware of just what is the fiscal situation of the city so that they can determine whether or not these 100 million dollars with the project side of the council, whether if they do require a tax increase to the committee will support it. I don't like this idea of back room, done, do politics, where things are decided in the backroom in the public is kind of taken off guard about decisions that are made and the potential future impact of those decisions. Also related to that line, what the mayor has done has been some real creative financing, I don't think we've had a better financing magician than Bob Lanier. The problem is, who is going to replace Bob Dudley in two years that will be able to keep pulling these rabbits out of the hat when the hats becoming very, very empty. And that's the real challenge for us. And we need to deal with that now and this two year term. And what has basically happened is, not only has there been a transfer of Metro funds into the city budget, but we've also taken some money out of our reserves and apply that to the budget. The best analogy I can give to that is we've bought the cash value out of something out of our insurance policy. Well, and what the idea being that if we forced fed infrastructure redevelopment and and neighborhood enhancement, that we would lure suburbanites back into the into the city, we bring some businesses back to the city, and the tax base would expand and balance out that investment that we put in. I understand that strategy. And in some sense, that's very attractive because the infrastructure needed to be redeveloped. However, like any insurance policy, that you bought a cash value on you all right, as long as you don't do that insurance policy, if there wouldn't be something dramatic to happen. While we needed those reserve funds, we'd be upset as credit. We've got a serious problem. So in the sense that George goodness raised those ideas, they are ideas that really need to have been considerably debated and discussed in the public. And one that this council is going to have to address in future councils and mayor's are going to have to address we do have a fiscal challenge that is upon us that we're going to have to be very, very careful and circumspect as to how we manage the city's financial business, or we will be looking at some real problems down the road.

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Scott Lewis 23:35

Tyrion Dale, I want to bring y'all into this. Y'all sit here with what could very possibly be the next represent do both live in Montrose. I do in in District D Do you live in District D?

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I live downtown. I don't believe I'm in District

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Jewdon Boney 23:49

no downtown district.

 Scott Lewis 23:51

Dale, as someone who lives in District D, you're sitting across from the table from the man who could very possibly be your next city council member. What are your concerns? For a city council member? What do you look for from your city council person? What do you expect from that person?

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Well, I think I think Judah and Boni has hit on a number of the probably almost all of the important issues. City governance is an intensely practical business. It is not like being a Supreme Court justice or a president or chief of the federal department or something like that. You're not deciding big philosophical questions. You're making sure that the most basic level of services are getting to people who need them. And so first and foremost, I think a council member for any citizen has to be responsive to the needs of the citizen in his district or her district. And then has to be effective at delivering those services making sure that the voices are heard. Coming up with intelligent solutions, sometimes creative solutions to the problems in the district. And I think Jude, Dawn hit on all of the important issues, crime is certainly a concern for all of us. It's a concern for anybody living in the central part of a major city in this country. The problems of fiscal responsibility are ones that the government has to deal with constantly, and particularly at the local level, because we don't have the luxury that the federal government has borrowing every year, we've got to balance our budgets. So I actually I actually think that there's a lot in what he said that that is well worth listening to, and is promising for the future. There are a couple of big, bigger questions that could come up during his term. And I know that you've addressed these at the caucus level. And I'd be curious, if you just tell the radio audience what you think of the possibility of pressing for another non discrimination ordinance covering sexual orientation in Houston, we tried it in 1984. We got the city council to vote for it. But then there was this backlash, headed by Stephen hertz and all the rest of them, and it was repealed overwhelmingly by the voters. If we passed another such ordinance, it wouldn't no doubt be subject to such a repeal again. Do you think we're ready for another ordinance is now the time or should we wait?

 Jewdon Boney 26:27

Well, I think two things one, I have said forth widely that I support and non discrimination ordinance with regard to city employment, which is I think, was certainly within the bounds of law. I don't think the city has a legal option of declaring that discrimination in private industry as well. But at but I know that Sheila Jackson Lee has authored such a bill at the federal level that would apply to private employment, I support that, and I understand that President Clinton, the city also supports it, there's gonna be a big fight in Congress about that. So when I support it, and we'll vote for it, and we'll work for it, too. I think if we craft Dallas is past, I thought the Dallas was pitted conservative, it's hard for me to understand why Houston,

 Scott Lewis 27:14

Dallas has to openly gay, and one closeted gay city councilmember.

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Jewdon Boney 27:19

I've heard that. But still, I'm talking about the city of Dallas, Dallas is, you know, pretty conservative, political. I mean, that's Rosboroughs. Home. City. So, you know, because they also have a black man that too, but something has happened in Dallas that needs to be studied,

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Scott Lewis 27:36

everybody's moved down from New York.

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Jewdon Boney 27:41

And Austin, of course, as No, but I think if we if we craft a reasonable, progressive, and focused ordinance that deals with non discrimination of people that based upon sexual orientation, I think it ought to be able to pass counsel with no problem. And I think we would have an excellent possibility of winning any support, we need the majority of the city support and maintaining that. Now the key, I think there's a couple of things as an organizer, there's no real significant progressive legislation that has passed without a political movement that supports it. If we talk about the Contract with America that the Republicans have passed, there was a political movement that preceded that. And so what I think would need to happen is and I've talked to some people in the caucus about this is what we would need to do is to offer to develop an organized plan of action. Number one, to develop a network of political relationships with allies who are sensitive to and supportive of a non discrimination ordinance with regard to employment and city government. Develop a broader base, it should not be just a gay and lesbian community issue. It's a non discrimination issue. It's a human rights issue, and civil rights issues as far as I'm concerned, and certainly the progressive strength community to progressive African American, Hispanic and Asian community ought to be supportive of that. Then I think we need to develop some discussion about this in the broader community. I mean, we cannot just let this be discussed on KPRC on some of those talk shows, because they distort issues so badly. I mean, it's not so much that they're against a for just disposition, but they don't even put the facts out. No one affirmative action is discussed. They say it's a quota. If you say it's a non discrimination and employment issue, they're swear to god it's just saying everybody will have to hire somebody gay and lesbian and wolves their own private business or, and so forth. So I think we've got to be sure that we have laid the foundation with a god political relationships we need to establish the movement we need to open up the dialogue. We need to have every and I suggested to the all of the candidates who are seeking office incumbents and candidates need to be asked their position on that issue now. And so we try to lock in. And to part of the problem why we have often lost in the human rights movement is, is how to debate, the setup. And the fact that AI issues aren't on the table and a part of that debate. That ought to be a part of the debate now, and the way we great candidates are attempting to get to great care is we have an agenda. And we grade people on that agenda. And everybody has to go through that. We didn't know what a man stands the man to go out front progressive stance on affirmative action, and significantly because of his support, we were able to pass that to council basically, without any dissent at all, will he take that position, it's now time for him to live his legacy now, because he's gone. He's in politically probably one of the better positions as as an outgoing, lame duck mayor, to put this forth, you're doing his term at some point in time. That makes it a little safer for some of the other council members

who may run at large and be in some districts that they don't consider safe to support it. So I think now's the time to for the mayor to either privately or publicly give his commitment to bring it to the agenda. So I think it's part of the strategy that reform and the and the effective carrying out of strategy, I think it could be done. I don't think that most of Houston is homophobic. This is not Louis Welch's time, that was a different time. And there was some hot button sensitivities at that time, AIDS was was much newer to the American consciousness, a lot of fear about that. Male wittmeyer You know, had kind of changed the politics that she was doing. And and a lot of and single member districts were relatively new in the the minority at large candidates were rubbed, there was a little bit more conservative, more unstable body politic. I would think that some some ministers need to come out for non discrimination, and we need to craft it as a human rights, civil rights protection issue, equal rights for all people, I think we got a good chance of of getting the larger community support. Well, I



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just wanted to say that every time I hear you speak, I dislike you less.



Jewdon Boney 32:20

It's not the other way around.



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This is my third time first time was at the evening that the vote was taken at the caucus for their endorsements. And the second time was at the the dinner that the that the caucus had. And so this is my third time and I'm glad to hear you have a strategy for this non discrimination.



Scott Lewis 32:40

I'm sorry to interrupt but the FCC requires me to let you know that you're listening to 90.1 FM KPFT Houston, and 89.1 fm KEOS College Station and Bryan Is it too late to get registered to vote.



Jewdon Boney 32:54

It is too late to register to vote on November 7. However, we are still encouraging people to register to vote because if there is a runoff, they would be able to vote in a runoff election. No, we have the opportunity to win this election, my election district for district D city council members without a runoff. The support is that strong throughout the district. And quite frankly, the the support of the gay and lesbian community is vital and critical that and the modules community the I think the article in Houston presses is on the money that Montrose can actually determine who the next council member is for district this question is, by what criteria do the we will use to assess which one of these 10 candidates that are running, we should support? I think there are a couple of criteria. I think the best gauge of future action is past

performance. If folks don't have a record of public service, or involvement, we really don't know what they're gonna do. We just have some hopes and some beliefs about what they what they will do and how effective they will be. Second, you have to ask yourself, if you had Montrose, what kind of council member do we need? Well, obviously you need somebody that's responsive, we all do. But if you're talking about a non discrimination ordinance, that's a tough issue. You got to have a tough council person, you got to have somebody that you know, is willing to stand alone that has an independent mind that's willing to take some risks that has taken that can take heat and survive. There not a lot of folks that have been tested in those waters. And I would say that by leading opponent, who is well financed by folks downtown has no track record of ever having to withstand the fire or withstand the storm. I've had to withstand quite a few fires. In fact, some people who want to do I have this best of suits and been able to stand that so we know that second we need some to have somebody that can organize the kind of base for this kind of action. And for that I Take my skills as a community organizer, as someone who is at articulate unpopular issues to a larger constituency when it comes to force. You know, you need somebody tough, needs an organizer, you need somebody who's not afraid to go against the prevailing when I think of all the people who are running for office, I have already demonstrated those kinds of qualities. I'm also leadership development training, as well as a consultant for strategic planning, community based organizing, I know how to put groups of folks together to go after an objective and secure and achieve that objective. Therefore, I would say that for the interests of the people in Montrose, who have told me consistently that they've been ignored by their council member that have a problem with sexually oriented businesses in a neighborhood that keep reopening and reopening and reopening, and they can't get in response from the, from the public bureaucracy, I know how to get a response from the bureaucracy, and hold the bureaucracy accountable, and expose injustice to the larger community. If we're talking about a non discrimination ordinance, if we're talking about dealing with police harassment, and misconduct, for folks who who happen to be gay or lesbian in the police are mistreating them simply because they're gay and lesbian. The Avenue one been on the frontline of department said, No, we're going to have accountability to police officers, we're going to have some civilian oversight of police officers, we're not going to tolerate racism, sexism, homophobia, mistreatment of anybody that is a citizen, just because of their skin color, or religion, or, or sexual orientation. I think I think I'm the person, I think I'm the most effective person there. And I'm also saying that I want to develop a progressive political relationship with the gay and lesbian community to move towards some broader issues. Because what I've heard time and time again, and again, that's been committed, wants to sit at the table, they want their own council member at the table, and a whole lot of folks that have the strategy and are willing to even talk about that. And say that I understand appreciate that a woman told me, she said, when she has another woman speak, she has own voice. I understand that that's clear. So even though I may be as sensitive, or as articulate folks who want their own person at the table, and I think that there's a way to get that done, but it's going to come from a series of political relationships and the development of a political base. The problem with those of us who want the civil and human rights agenda and progressive agenda is the the progressive multiracial coalition has disintegrated, is disintegrated nationally, locally and statewide. Folks who were involved in the peace and justice movement who had a real clear focus about nuclear disarmament, and anti war issues. It's like we're trying to figure out what do we do now that that the Cold War is over with the Soviet Union, that most of the nuclear arms have been dismantled? Where are we? We've got to we translate that into the domestic agenda. Certainly, the wealthy conservatives and what I like to call the radical right wing because I don't think it's Republican or Democrat, I think it's kind of radical right wing, or I don't wanna say radical left wing, I'm not sure there is such thing as radical left wing, but I know there's a radical right wing, but



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they're called the socialist coming laughs Oh, okay.



Jewdon Boney 38:17

Their way out on the left, but but but, and I do think there is a real middle in America that most of us strive to try to get to, and we may be on one fence or the other, but we're really trying to get to the middle. But the problem is that the folks who are on the radical right wing, I'm much better organized as folks with the Christian right coalition after pumping propaganda out on their own TV station every day, on their radio stations every day, they impact and influence newspapers, and that affects the public man, we look over to progressive focus, you know, like they're passing out a hand written newsletter, it's not going to work that way, we've got to get better organized, we've got to develop the kind of rainbow coalition that Jesse Jackson was talking about. And that means within our diversity, we're going to have to work through these issues regarding what happens when you bring that kind of coalition together, come together on at least a central agenda, and then begin to support that agenda. And not personalities, not singular, charismatic leadership, but collective leadership with a mass base around a progressive agenda that I think that's the direction we've got to go.



S Scott Lewis 39:27

We have gone over into another segment and but we've gotten a phone call with a question and I want to ask this real briefly before we go. A caller wants to know your position on gays and lesbians on the Houston police force.



Jewdon Boney 39:40

I think as long as they can do a professional job like any other police officer, they should be on the police voice. Probably there's some on there right now. Although they may not want to admit it. They may not be openly but there's something we need to get out of people's bedroom and What I want from a police officer is them to treat me courteously, and do their job as a public servant. And I like serve and protect and deal with crime, what they're doing it off time, I don't really care. And I don't think that's an add because I don't, I don't think it's a good idea if we have officers who have racial slurs, or have all white parties at home are all male. But that's their business is when they come to the job. And they put on a uniform that bad and most of all that gun, I spent a certain professional standard from them. And beyond that, I don't think we have a right to ask anything else. And so I will defend the right of anybody to serve on a department that can do a professional job, either gay or lesbian, whatever their religion is, or the lack of their religion, or whatever their race or sex.



S Scott Lewis 40:50

The election is November the seventh Tuesday,



Jewdon Boney 40:53

November the seventh, and I really do need an ask for employee for the support of the entire community. I have been asked what can you represent white people absolutely enthusiastically. In fact, I look forward to demonstrating that I've been asked, What about I'm gonna put this out front people have asked Well, what about your relationship with Farrakhan? What about my relationship with the gay and lesbian community? What about me being an ordained Baptist minister, there is a segment of the Baptist ministers community that says I shouldn't be over here talking to the game that's been committed to because they're a homophobic, I don't ascribe to that. I don't describe any racist, sexist or homophobic remarks on anybody's behalf. Just because I may be involved with or at a rally or speaking here doesn't mean that I agree with everything you said. I don't agree with everything my wife says. I don't agree with everything that I have said in the past. So you know, I think, and I don't want to be held responsible for Farrakhan let me be responsible for Judah and bony and what I stand for, and what I said. And I think if people give me that opportunity, they'll be dealing with an open mind.



42:02

Do you have a question? We have 30 seconds. I just might add that in the interest of letting people hear what you have to say, Judy, and Bonnie has been asked to speak at the log cabin meeting, this coming Monday night, which is at the Sierra grill at 737.



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Seven o'clock, Sarah grill, which is at 59 and Montrose.



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And my understanding is he's accepted and will be there look forward to it. And when a lot of other candidates, so



Jewdon Boney 42:25

yes, oh, a lot. There's gonna be a precinct party in precinct 34 and precinct 60. I'll be the only candidate there so you get more of a chance to talk with me.



LuJack Tyler 42:33

Right. From right up the street from KPFT. It's at the love it in. Yeah. And it's from 630 to 9pm. On Monday, on Monday, Monday



Jewdon Boney 42:46

night, I'm gonna make a couple of vets. Anybody who would like to get in touch with our campaign can contact Steve Walker, who is our liaison to the caucus. My number is on my literature. I just want to talk with people let folks go to SAS and know me and let's get on down to counseling get this business taken care of.

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Scott Lewis 43:05

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