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SPEAKERS

Speaker 7, Speaker 6, Brian Bradley, Speaker 2, Scott Lewis, Jimmy Carper, Speaker 5

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Speaker 2 00:02

I have a question for each one of you. After the RNC last year, the conservative and the religious right, use the tactic of voting and writing in judges, pro-life judges, do you think, do you see the similarities? And how do you feel about comparing that?

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Speaker 6 00:17

You mean, on the city level of voting in judges?

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Brian Bradley 00:19

I don't think the only thing that we can ever accurately predict that the religious right is going to do is anything but oppose us. We can't use that as an excuse for not putting forth openly gay or lesbian candidates, we have just got to go out there and represent ourselves and the issues and fight it as tough and as hard as we can. Because this past has shown that our so called friends in political office are not going to do it. If they're not going to do it, we must do it. And we must do it because we're the ones who are going to benefit the most from it because we're hurting the religious right, let them come.

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Speaker 5 00:59

I would just respond that if, in fact, those persons wished to take me on, I would be happy for the challenge. They're neither religious, nor are they right. And I would be happy to take them on to see if, in fact, the people District D, are more interested in their, their campaign of hate than they are interested in campaign of human issues. I'm convinced the people in District D would not would not agree with their, their philosophy.

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Speaker 6 01:33

I'd just like to throw in that we can always count on the the religious right or the conservative right, wovever you want to characterize them, to constantly oppose us, they will always be waging a war of lies and hatred. And up to this point, we have relied on our friends to make our case for us. To, to, to, to try and protect us in a political sense, when we should be out there speaking for ourselves. And I think that we can make more eloquent arguments for ourselves as far as why we should participate in society, why we should be a part of government than our friends ever could.

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Scott Lewis 02:13

As we go to wrap this up, I have a couple of final questions. One, what do you think, looking at at the current times that the mindset in Houston, I'd like each of you to real quickly, tell me what you think you can deliver after two years in office. What, what is the one thing that you know, there are the certainly the buzz issues that everybody talks about. Is there one of those or something that you have in the back of your mind that you want to tackle while you're in office that you think you can actually deliver after your first two years?

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Brian Bradley 02:50

I'll go first because I'm on this end. I think what I would like to accomplish within two years is work with the president City Health Director, Dr. Mary desVignes-Kendrick, she's a very knowledgeable woman, she's very capable, we have the world's largest medical center here at our disposal, we have every aspect to make Houston, Texas, the model city for a response to AIDS. And along at the same time, I have got to see some protection for gay and lesbian and bisexual people as far as anti-discrimination goes, you know, there won't be a future if AIDS kills you today. And I don't know if I even want to be in the future, if the discrimination is going to get worse, and there are not remedies for people carrying out their hatred against us. Two years is a very short period of time, but it can be done. The elements are all here. We've got to put them together and forge forward and be the respectable leaders that we are and quit listening to the opposition. We can do it. Cote November the second.

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Speaker 5 03:54

I think the question was, can we accomplish anything within, for two years? One, let me say that I am only running for a two year term. I am, I have made the pledge that I will only serve for two years. The idea being to open up district D to democracy, to bring a progressive seat to the table and then to let the people in to district D have an open election in two years. But I think if I am elected, and if all of us are elected Election Day, we have accomplished more in one election than has ever been accomplished in the city's history, because we will have accomplished the proof to those lesbian and gay teenagers, that their life is worth something, that we can be successful, that we can be a part of the process and that we can speak for us-selves. That alone is an accomplishment that the vast majority of elected officials can never accomplish in their in their political lifetime.

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Speaker 6 05:09

I would say in, in a broad sense, when elected on Election Day, everybody's going to remember or think, oh, my God, we've elected a gay council member. And after two years, they're going to say that Rob Bridges, he's a great council member. And the most important thing is that they're not going to put, say, he's a great gay council member, they're gonna say, he's a great council member. And we will have broken the stereotype in this city once and for all, that we are a part of this society, we are part of the system, we can contribute. We're not, we're not some sort of a circus act running for office, we're real people with real ideas to solve problems, not just for our community, but for all all sorts of different communities that, that have needs that go on addressed year after year. I think that's that's probably the most important thing that I would hope to accomplish.

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Speaker 7 06:08

As mayor, I think the the most important thing to accomplish in the first two years would be again, getting a city manager form of government so that we free up city hall, we free up city council members, we empower them, and then we hold them accountable. I think they'll have a lot more authoritative latitude with which to respond to their constituents. And I think they'll be able to put forth a lot of their new ideas. This is the first time that I've really gotten together with these councilmember candidates. And it's very refreshing to hear that I'm not the only one with new ideas. And it's basically the theme, it's a matter of bringing new ideas to the table, getting these old issues solved. You know, if you look at the present city council, most of those members have served for 10 to 15 years, and over the same 10 to 15 year timespan we have been going around and around the same issues, from zoning to mass transit to a commuter tax to you know everything, it's just time to stop talking about it and get it done. At the risk of sounding like Ross Perot, it's just a matter of getting in there and fixing it, there's a lot that we can do, we have a lot to offer, we have a lot of great ideas. And it's a matter of having an opportunity to to do it. I think that our greater opposition more than from the religious people will come from people not wanting us to succeed, just so we can't, you know, just so that they don't look that and say that, oh, well, a homosexual could do it after all. And furthermore, as a 27 year old candidate, someone who isn't the typical candidate, I want to show people in Houston that anybody can run for elective office, all you need are your, is your issue, are your ideas, and the will and the commitment.

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Brian Bradley 07:41

And more money, more money, more money.

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Speaker 7 07:45

But, but basically, it's just the idea that like, putting D back in democracy and going back to basics, it's a matter of opening up the system to like, how it used to be, where anybody can run, the ones with the best ideas are the ones that are served, not on the best experience, not on the best education because all the education and experience in the world does not produce the kind of ideas we've heard about here tonight.

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Speaker 2 08:09

I think that people should know this is the first time for the country, this amount of gays on the ballot.

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Speaker 7 08:14

Great. I didn't even know that.

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Brian Bradley 08:16

Glad we know that.

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Speaker 2 08:16

Yeah.

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Scott Lewis 08:18

A caller, we'll take this as the last question. A caller called in and wanted to know what each of you think of the current police chief. And if he would keep his job if you were elected.

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Brian Bradley 08:31

If I were elected city council member, I would do everything in my power to say that Sam Nuchia was still a city employee. I would find the loneliest and dirtiest back alley street that needed sweeping and I'd hand him a broom.

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Speaker 5 08:50

I won't say whether he would keep his job or not. But I would point out that the President's Council Member for district D is against a, an independent civilian review board for the the police department This is in spite of what happened to Gate Four, in spite of either Delano, in spite of Right, yeah, I mean, just go on and on. And it's quite obvious that we need police responsibility, and i isn't there. And when the the present councilmember from District D, told us, told our community that if we really wanted an investigation of Gate Four, we should go to the federal government. It is obvious that I don't know whether Nuchia cheat will be there after Election Day, but it's very, very obvious that the present incumbent in D shouldn't be there after Election Day. Just one last point. The present incumbent told us to go to the federal government, there was nothing he could possibly do to get an investigation of Gate Four. Congressman Craig Washington asked the Justice Department to intervene at our request. And they did. If Craig Washington is going to do the job of the council member for district D, then I suggest that we give Craig Washington his salary, and save one seat at the table.

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Speaker 6 09:17

Veteran guilt. Well, it's the prerogative of the mayor to hire the police chief of their choosing. So a council member doesn't have the right to hire or fire the police chief, however, you most certainly can make sure that their toes stay pretty toasty. When they're not when they're not doing their job correctly. If they're not responding to issues in a way that that they're supposed to be doing to get the job done right.

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Speaker 7 10:47

Trust me, my toes are already toasty. As mayor, no, he won't have his job. He, you know, I asked him when he came to visit the GLPC back in July, would he serve if we were to establish one of the, that's what I should have said, the first day of office, establishing a G-force, if you want to call it that. A division of HPD. If we don't want to go to the long battle, the police officers are against it. Homosexual officers are afraid of the straight police officers and I can understand all of that, set up our own division, have them trained to the police academy, have them staff the Montrose substation, have them staff an amount of patrol that would basically cater to the gay community. It's nothing less than neighborhood oriented policing. And if we can't find a police officer, or a police chief, who's going to get us back on that track, and away from this, get your quota, make money for the city by writing all these tickets, stop black people, stop Hispanic people because you know, you're gonna catch something on it. That's enough. You know, we need leadership now. That's, you know, we can't do it. Bob made a very good move by hiring a black officer when the police department was constantly being on the, on the carpet about harassing black citizens. They're doing it again, they'll eventually be on the carpet again, I want to make Houston a model for a lot of things. But I sure don't want to do it again for the police department. Look at LA, you know, their reputation right now could use a big boost. I would really love to find a police chief, who had been over the head of say, San Francisco, or New York, somebody who knows how to deal with also the gay community, the black community, the Hispanic community, the Asian community, communities that have long been over overlooked, that have been long paying the taxes that they've never received the services for.

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Scott Lewis 12:13

I believe the five candidates for city council have or are getting a campaign office together. Is that correct? I'm sure you all need funding and volunteers.

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Speaker 5 12:44

Have a telephone that they can call.

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Scott Lewis 12:46

They can call you where?

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Speaker 5 12:48

The telephone number, right, we have one line in right now. And if people wish to volunteer, yard signs, etc. The telephone number we have right now is 748. Then it's D-N 93, D-N-9-3. And we can take information for all of the campaigns until our campaign headquarters are actually set up, which would be about another week. But 748DN93.

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Speaker 7 13:20

That's for the council members. If you want to help the mayor, my number is 523-5239. And I have voicemail. So you can leave me a message and I'll definitely get back with you. I want everybody to know that even though I'm basically running my own campaign alone, it's, I started it alone. I kind of sprung this on everybody again, because I figured anybody can run. I really would ask that the gay community concentrate right now on supporting the five council members, there are more chances there of, of gaining power and authority and recognition than there are with one seat of the mayor's and he's his own worst enemy right now. I shouldn't need that much help. But one thing I am going to ask is that we all vote united. We all vote for ourselves this time. And maybe you can play that song again, you'll know all the names, but basically, you know the campaigns are being separate from the mayor from the council members, but it ought to be like that it's the best way to do it right now. All I'm asking is that the gay community itself, itself remain united.

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Scott Lewis 14:24

You can vote on November the second you can register up until Monday if you are not registered to vote, it is obviously very important that you register and vote and of course we have candidates in district one at large, district one is, position one, excuse me. Position one is Gary Van Ooteghem, position, at large position two is Ray Hill, at large position three, it's Rob Bridges. At position four you have Brian Bradley, in District D you have Gene Harrington, and for the mayor, you have Brian Bowen. You are listening to After Hours. I want to thank all of you for being here. You've been--Thank you you've been listening to and will continue to listen, I hope to After Hours, a continuing tradition here on KPFT Houston, you have made us all very proud in standing up and so we send you off with Yer Girlfriend singing And that was the "Queen's English," which is by Jose & Luis. They are Madonna, they were a couple of dancers on Madonna's Blonde Ambition tour, and they have that last song and you probably recognize that that was Madonna in the background doing, doing a little background vocal. And if you have not seen the video for that, it is the deal. So Vivian. Vivian, I've dragged her down here and made her do this. Let's talk just for a few minutes because Jimmy's coming up with a QMZ in about six or seven minutes. The queer music zone with Jimmy where you always hear music by and for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender; communities. Did I leave anyone out? I want to mention that the AIDS Foundation has just done a mail out, so I don't know if listeners might have gotten this already. But they are doing a fundraiser. Very creative, trying to, you know, you just have to, you're having to do it different ways. I think everybody's exhausted of their time, their energies, their money. So what they have done is they have gotten three different developments to donate lake property. And they're doing a raffle, \$10 to get in the raffle, three chances for \$25. And they've got a Walden on Lake Conroe, a block of land at one at Cypress Lake, and one at Lake Conroe forest that they're going to be giving away three of those on the 16th of December, I believe December 16, 1993 at 9:30pm at the Santa Fe Bar and Patio at 804 Pacific, you do not have to be present to win so you can just call down to the AFH, get one

of those mailed out to you and send them \$10. All the land was donated, so the money goes directly to the AIDS Foundation. And if you get some lake property, you can have a date with me. And wouldn't that be exciting? But if it's a woman, it's a woman Vivian, you get it, you can take her out. The resurrection players over at MCCR are doing the Last Summer at Bluefish Cove. And we just wanted to briefly mention that. It's a thought provoking look at lesbian relationships at the Heinen Theatre over at HCC. There is a donation of \$15 requested that benefit the women, adults, super women, adult survivors and supervisors of child sexual abuse therapy. Yes, supervisors, you have to have supervisors for that child sexual abuse therapy. Those are just a couple of things that I wanted to mention and there'll be other things that we'll mention later in the program. Jimmy is getting ready to kick off the QMZ, the queer music zone. He's not in here yet, but I'm going to kick it off without him with a little song that I just love from Torch Song Trilogy. Nobody does it like Harvey, and any gay or lesbian person can be incredibly proud of Harvey Fierstein singing a song as he does this one. From his drag days. It's called "Dames" and it's from Torch Song Trilogy. Here's Harvey Fierstein to kick off the queer music zone and Jimmy will be back in just a minute to finish it up.

J Jimmy Carper 19:35

Yes, we don't actually have it together. What a surprise. We are in a brand new studio. And we have all new equipment. Well, mostly old. A couple of new,

S Scott Lewis 19:48

A bit of new equipment on you.

J Jimmy Carper 19:49

Hey, I had my 100,000 mile overhaul. Okay, it's just as good as new.

S Scott Lewis 19:54

And thank God they put the garage door down when they put you up on that rack for that loop job. Because traffic would have been swerving.

J Jimmy Carper 20:01

Well, as I was saying, and those of you who listened last week heard that little, what's called the electric flourish. What I'd like to call, you know, the fairies are here. And that means it's time for that QMZ, the queer music zone. Yes indeedy, where we feature music by gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgenderal, artists. That means queer in my book. It's just too long to say. So that's what we're going to use, if you got a better word, let's hear it. We are going to play Melissa Etheridge. Yes, indeedy, we had a woman call and request it but hey, I've got the new one. Called Yes I Am. And you're going to hear some of it tonight. But first, tonight was kind of special because over at MCCR, we got to see Lynn Lavner in concert tonight. And boy, was she wonderful. She's, just kind of Cabaret piano with lots of funny stuff in between. Just puts you at

ease. And this is one that she did. It's an oldie but a goodie. We, you've heard it on after hours and it's time to hear it again. You haven't heard it in a while. It's called "That Festive Little Neighborhood." Oh, yeah. Melissa Etheridge in brand new music called Yes I Am. How do you like that, folks? I mean, here she is singing. I am your passion, your power, your end, oh yeah, that's kind of going along with the k.d. lang, "Wash Me Clean" type of music. That's good stuff. We'll be hearing more of Melissa Etheridge, here on the QMZ. When you're listening to After Hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM, and before that we heard Helot Revolt. Yes, there is gay heavy metal. And that was called "First Day On Earth." Before that, with, we started out with Lynn Lavner, of course, "That Festive Little Neighborhood" of mine. Next, I, I'm gonna kind of not talk a whole lot except to say that this version and every version of QMZ is dedicated to the men and women out on our streets tonight patrolling, the Q-Patrol. Thanks, man. Thanks, women. We need you real bad. So let's get with it. We've got Pansy Division, which is coming to town. Yes, indeed. Pansy Division is coming to town. October 22. They were going to be here at Catal Huyuk. Can you believe it? That big fag band. Big fag punk band is going to be at Catal Huyuk. That's a Friday night, folks. And I'm going to be there. Oh, yeah. I'm gonna have my Pansy Division t-shirt on that I got in San Francisco. So yep, that that'll be me. We want to do kind of a new one. It's on their CD. It's not on their tape. I'm not sure if it's on the record. I don't think it is because this is brand new, and it's called. And you've heard it here before. It's not that brand new. You know how we are here. You get to hear it. If, if it's out there, we'll play it for you. And speaking of that, we're coming up with some new Atwood and Comeaux here and right after that. They've got a new CD out and it's hot. It's kind of Cabaret kind of stuff. We'll be doing something from there. But let's get to Pansy Division.