

gcam_ah_0382_01.mp3_edit

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 12:58PM 13:51

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

mayor, noble, makan, police department, people, gunther, problems, brisco, office, gay community, runoff, candidates, supporting, houston, gpc, frank, meeting, fred, waters, vote



00:05

We now have an interview coming up done by our own Fred with let's see if I got an interview coming up done by our own Fred with let's see if I got this right State Representative Ron waters the honorable the honorable Yes, very definitely. Okay, I'm asleep anyway, here's the Wake up wake up Ron.



00:30

It's only 1030 wrong what district do you represent specifically?



00:36

This one? Montrose, the Montrose Fourth Ward and Heights area,



00:40

Montrose fourth floor and heights. Okay. Now, the GPC meeting this evening, you were making strong supporting statements for which candidate for no



00:52

better No, we'll



00:53

get there. Okay. Could you go into a little, I guess, background on why you personally and officially support noble Gunther?



01:03

Well, Fred, I have talked to most of the candidates who are running and know most of the candidates who are running for mayor. There are a couple of people who would not talk to me. Frank Briscoe, for one and I agree with, with statements that were made earlier, I urge all citizens of Houston, but particularly gay citizens of Houston to go vote for somebody other than Frank Brisco, regardless of who that is. And if you can't agree with my candidate, vote for somebody else, anybody else. But if you allow Frank Brisco to capture the morality of this city, you deserve what you're gonna get. I'm supporting noble Gunther, because after meeting with all the other candidates that I met with, he impressed me as the person who had the right. The right philosophical, social, and financial attitudes about running the city. You need someone in the mayor's office, who is fiscally conservative or who's physically capable of administering a government and running a bureaucracy. And I think nobody out there has said Jim makan also has that non stand you're gonna have somebody on later if you who's, who's going to speak equal time on that basis. And Fred Hall finds had that you really need someone in the mayor's office who knows how to administer the city who knows how to deal with department heads, and noble Ganter has that kind of background, business background. But more important than that, you also need somebody in the mayor's office who has the right social attitude about allowing people in the city to live and work together and get along, which is what people live in Houston for we don't we don't live in Houston because of the scenery. We live here because we want to make a living. And we want the right attitude from the mayor's office to help us do that. Noble Gunther has answered all of my questions. And I can I can assure you that I've grilled him on the on the the issues with the police department. He's answered all of my questions correctly. And I think that he has, most importantly, he has a shot of making it into the mayor's office. I think that it's generally accepted that Frank Brisco is going to be the leader. The first go around and and that either Jim makan are noble Gunther is going to make it into a runoff is very, very important. And and the votes between those two men is going to be very, very close. And the gay community in particular has a very good opportunity here to get behind one of those candidates and push them into the runoff and eventually elect them. Because I think either one of those men could beat Frank Brisco.



03:44

Okay, so what you're saying is there will be a runoff between X and Y, just as this matter of who were the two I



03:51

can almost say positively there's going to be a runoff with all these candidates in the race. And really, right now people are jockeying around who's going to make it in the run off with Frank Brisco. And I think the gay community can if they want be the determining force in who that's going to be. Get there.



04:09

It's a frank Briscoe automatically in the runoff plus whoever else



04:14

04:14

that's the way there's political scientists are telling me it shapes up in addition to that, there you know, there are some people who and your speaker is going to be on is going to have some very good reasons for 14 Sir for supporting Mr. makan, he was the councilman for the neighborhoods that I represent. We got along very well, and if he makes it to the runoff, I will surely be supporting him. But Mr. makan has a record while he was in office. And regardless of what he he may tell people, his record says differently. He avoided every time a civil rights issue was brought up in city council. He was not there to vote. That goes to the Martin Luther King question when it came up that goes for for hiring. and practices. He was not there or he voted against it. He has a record. And he's he also as well, his ties to, to certain people are well known. And I don't think that he is free to keep any promises that he might make.

05:14

Now, are you saying he's got political commitments in the past or currently that will prevent him from doing things he said he was going to do? Is that what you're saying?

05:21

I don't think that at this point. And Mr. makan is his own man and can make our will be able to make good on any promises that he's made. I think that if, if he were able to he might, he might be in a better position of doing it. Then then some others, but I don't think that he can deliver on those. And I think that Mr. Ganter. Can and more importantly than that, noble Ghana has made the police department his number one priority. He has said publicly that if he cannot straighten out the police department in his first term as mayor than he doesn't want to be mayor the second turn around and he doesn't have higher political aspirations to kind of water that down.

06:03

Okay. What does Mr. Ginther mean by straighten out the police department? I assume that means that he believes there's something wrong with it. What does he believe is wrong with it? Well, if anything? Well,

06:11

I think he agrees made the police department in the community have a real huge communication gap, to say the least. And I think he also agree, I think I can speak for him when when I say that he agrees with me that the solution lies in education basic of police officers, there's no reason why we teachers go back to college on a continuing education basis. I think the Guenter campaign agrees with me that there's no reason why we shouldn't send our police officers to college and give them a higher education, continuing education, put them in touch with the community and make them make them understand and relate with the community. That's part of the Long Range solution.



07:03

Okay. Now, during the GPC meeting, one of the point is borne out in game theory versus making as mayor was that no beginner would probably be the kind of mayor who acts through delegation of authority and responsibility delegates, he would perhaps delegate his departments and work through subordinates to achieve ends. What will his position on this be? In other words, well, he'd be working through someone to coordinate with the police department liaison, or well, he worked directly to the police department, the Public Works Department, the library or whatever the problem is, well, he worked directly with them, or will he worked through a subordinate?



07:42

Well, you know, someone else made that comment tonight about what they thought the way a noble was going to operate as mayor, you perceive it, I think that I really cannot say how he will do it. But I do know this that, that it's his number one priority, and that the gay community, along with every other community will have open access to him. They will particularly have access to him through me because I have endorsed him. And I'm going to do everything I can see. Do you see that he's, he makes it into that run off and beat a friend Briscoe.



08:19

So basically noble get this attitude on the gay community on the minority communities in Houston, whatever minority you wish to speak about, would be more or less a live and let live attitude. Would that be so much summarizing it pretty good. I



08:32

think that's a good summary. summarization. He realizes that like I do that what what you want in a mayor is someone who will provide a good business climate and a social climate where people of all kinds can live in harmony. We do not need a mayor who will be concentrating on the politics of fear and division and noble get through will not be that kind of Mayor.



08:54

Okay. Now, has Mr. Gaither acknowledged that there? Or does he believe that there is in fact, been harassment by the police on a large scale, basically, the gay community recently, has he addressed that point at all, either personally or in public?



09:09

I can't say for personal knowledge, whether he's addressed it he has addressed it to me privately, I can say I can say that. I don't know what he has said publicly about it. I do know that publicly. He has said that the police department has a problem. A deep problem that's more than just image and that he's going to make it his number one priorities as mayor,



09:28

are you free to say to repeat what he has said personally about the gay harassment or what his belief is on that?



09:36

Well, I just repeat what I just said that he believes that the mayor's office must provide a physical or our economic climate where business people can can operate and a social climate where people can get along and he's going to do everything he can in the mayor's office to see that that's the kind of thing that goes across the board.



09:59

Okay, one more question and we have to take a music break between our interviews. It has been said, or mayor Hall Hines has been quoted as saying, unofficially, I imagine that he lost control of the police department some years ago. Sometimes I question whether anyone ever had control in the first place. Does Mr. Gunther believe that as mayor, he will be able to directly control his police department or what will be his police department? True, he will have a police chief who is directly responsible to him and the city council. But if noble Ganter is elected mayor, does he see that he will be able to control the police department as he wishes? Or will he lose control as perhaps Mr. Hall finds might have at one time?



10:45

Well, I think I think for an offense problem, the greatest mayor's the city of Houston has had I did not mean to detract from that at all. And we're not going to detract from him, but but it's well known that the Fred offense had other political considerations. And I don't know if Fred Hall fans ever really had control of the police department. I think that noble ginsters interest is only in the mayor's office. He's not concerned about any other office. And I think that he will spend full time on this. I know that he also recognizes he practically that that there are some legal problems, a lot of the problems of controlling the police department center around civil service laws. And I have told him that as a member of the Harris County delegation, that we will work in the Texas Legislature to give the city of Houston through the mayor's office, the laws that they need to give the mayor control of the police department.



11:43

Okay, that brings up another one. Unfortunately, during the GPC meeting, we had some very veiled and vague references to problems with Mr. Winters personal situation that would be coming out shortly. Are there any problems that people should be aware of that would compromise Michigan or in the future? As Mayor if he's elected? Are there problems? Are there not? Are these political mudslinging a lot? Well, I



12:09

kind of think that there's just people talking off the top of their head and don't really know because Jane Ely, the Post reporter did a very intensive, detailed study of both Jim makan and noble gangsters financial situation. I think Jim McClellan has more problems in that area than Nobel Ganter. does. I think he has enough independent family wealth, that he doesn't have those those kinds of problems. But I don't know the guy's personal financial statement hadn't looked over, but I don't think he has any problems from what our In other words, we don't know. I might point out that a lot of Mr. Gangsters campaign is being financed out of his own pocket and is not coming from special interest groups, as Mr. Macarons money is coming from a lot of the construction and real estate people that he does business with, and that does raise a question about Mr. Macarons freedoms to act on those kinds of issues.



13:01

Okay, well, to wrap up then, we're interviewing Ron waters state representative from the Montrose Fourth Ward Heights area. You're then supporting noble Ganter because you believe he would be



13:12

and I want to emphasize to people in the community that they cannot sit out this election has been very low key, but if they do sit it out, Frank Brisco will be the next mayor and I don't know if they followed Rico and Philadelphia, but Brisco will make him look like Kit Carson or something. They can't afford to sit it out. They've got to choose sides and just find somebody to support besides Briscoe, i If you don't know anything about Ghana, call my office and we'll sure fill you in



13:43

on waters. We shouldn't do appreciate it. Thank you for dropping by. And Jay, I believe we have some music streaming