

CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Houston, I submit and introduce to you the ordinance set out below with the request that it be passed finally on the date of its introduction. There exists a public emergency requiring such action and I accordingly request that you pass the same if it meets with your approval.

Date: December 1, 1983

William W. White
Mayor of the City of Houston

City of Houston Ordinance No. 83-1954

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON RUNOFF ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 1983; COUNTING THE VOTES CAST; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; DECLARING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE SAID ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON:

Section 1. The City Council hereby finds and determines:

a. This resolution is adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council.

b. In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Houston, there was held in the City of Houston on November 29, 1983, the City of Houston Runoff Election (hereafter the "Election") for the election of an officer of the City in that position where no candidates received a majority of all votes cast at the general election held on November 8, 1983.

c. The Election was regularly ordered and notice thereof regularly given for the time and in the manner provided by law.

d. The returns of the Election, properly certified, were made and returned in the manner required by law.

Section 2. That the returns of the Election, as corrected, having been here and now examined by the City Council in open meeting, the City Council finds and determines therefrom that a total of 118,395 persons voted at the Election and that at said election the following candidates received the number of votes indicated opposite their respective names below:

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Office of Council Member At-Large Position 4</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Anthony Hall		78,199
Nikki R. Van Hightower		39,068

Section 3. That on the basis of the canvass above mentioned, the City Council finds and declares that Anthony Hall received a majority of all votes cast for Council Member, At-Large Position 4 and was elected to that office.

Section 4. The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 5. There exists a public emergency requiring that this ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction, and the Mayor having in writing declared the existence of such emergency and requested such passage, this

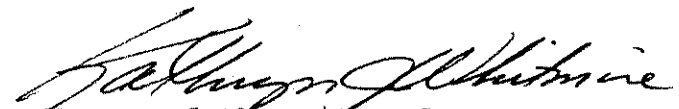
ordinance shall be passed finally on the date of its introduction, this 1st day of December, 1983, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED at 4:55 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of November, 1983.

Mayor Whitnire and Council Members McKasble, McGowan, Dreasin, Hall, Marcase, Dondner, Hartung, Garczynski, Pepa, Lewis, Greenwood and Ralston

voting "AYE," None voting "NO" and Council Members Westmoreland & Degen absent.

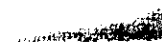
APPROVED at 4:56 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of December, 1983.


Mayor of the City of Houston

APPROVED:



Executive Assistant City Attorney
CMW:bb 12/1/83

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