

Sylvester Turner (D-TX-18)

BIOGRAPHY

Lifelong Houston resident whose career as a savvy Texas state legislator served as a launching pad to becoming Mayor, where he was forced to navigate major issues from pension reform to Hurricane Harvey

WORK HISTORY

Mayor of Houston, 2016-present; Member of the Texas House of Representatives for the 139th District, 1989-2016;



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POLICY POSITIONS



Centerpiece of 2015 campaign

- Created Task Force on Equity which crafted "Rising Together" job program plan that recommended generating 20,000 jobs by 2022, primarily for low-wage workers; supports raising the minimum wage as a way of addressing income inequality in Houston, and signed executive order raising airport worker wages to \$12/hour by 2021



Greater attention post-Hurricane Harvey

- Launched disaster mitigation strategy that, in part, prioritized investments to improve resiliency including a plan for 100 new green storm water infrastructure projects in five years; worked to streamline permitting process on new wireless infrastructure projects to speed up 5G deployment and bridge digital divide in underserved communities



Shoring up city coffers and investing in tech

- Worked to address \$7.8 billion in unfunded pensions by lowering rates of return and negotiated cuts to COLAs and DROPs while having city issue pension obligation bonds to reduce unfunded liabilities; promotes city to tech industry, dubbed "Silicon Bayou", by creating innovation districts and courting businesses like Amazon to open tech hubs

DISTRICT PROFILE: TX-18

POPULATION

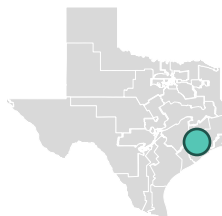
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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$59,212

RACE & ETHNICITY

17% White, 31% Black, 4.9% Asian, 44% Hispanic



DONATIONS

Total raised: \$278,199

TOP THREE INDUSTRIES

- Real Estate
- Lawyers/Law Firms
- Oil & Gas

ELECTION RESULTS

2024
GENERAL:

Turner (69.4%)

Centonze (30.6%)

CPR* RATING:

Solid D

