

# rrail GPAC City of Houston Candidate Endorsements 2011

The RichmondRail general political action committee (RRail GPAC) is a separate sister organization of RichmondRail.org. We reach voters in more than a dozen inner-city Houston precincts that represent a key swing vote area who care deeply about the provision of neighborhood-friendly light rail. Candidates responded to a three-page questionnaire to help us determine who will best represent our views in local government.

RRail GPAC is pleased to endorse the following candidates in the 2011 City of Houston elections. These candidates have pledged to:

- Work for improvements along Richmond Avenue to make our new light rail system truly neighborhood and pedestrian friendly
- Approve designation of Richmond Avenue as a transit corridor, enabling future development to take advantage of provisions of the City’s “transit corridor ordinance”
- Act to change City policies and practices on street design and pursue context-sensitive parking policies to address the demands of dense urban transit corridors and better balance the needs of all users
- Champion strong requirements for improving accessibility for all people along light-rail corridors
- Advocate City participation in funding the burying or relocating of utility lines along Richmond Avenue when the light rail line is built
- Partner with METRO and the Community to develop meaningful programs to mitigate the negative impacts of the construction phase for light rail
- Support further expansion of the METRO light-rail system
- Work to ensure that Houston wins and retains support for local transit at the state and federal level

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| Mayor                                  | No endorsement    |
| City Controller                        | Ronald Green*     |
| City Council, At-Large Position 1      | Stephen Costello  |
| City Council, At-Large Position 2      | David W. Robinson |
| City Council, At-Large Position 3      | Melissa Noriega   |
| City Council, At-Large Position 4      | Amy Price         |
| City Council, At-Large Position 5      | No endorsement    |
| City Council, Districts A & B          | No endorsements   |
| City Council, District C               | Ellen Cohen       |
| City Council, District D               | Wanda Adams       |
| City Council, Districts E, F, G, H & I | No endorsements   |
| City Council District J                | Mike Laster       |

\*While the City Controller has no vote on City Council, Green has expressed his support for these principles.

**We vote neighborhood-friendly rail on Richmond!**

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While these incumbents did not participate in our candidate survey, we would also like to acknowledge the support for neighborhood-friendly rail transit demonstrated by them during their current term:

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| City Council, District H | Ed Gonzalez     |
| City Council, District I | James Rodriguez |

We would also like to thank Council Members Anne Clutterbuck and Sue Lovell for their support for neighborhood-friendly rail transit during their three terms in office.

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