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Thursday, Dec. 31st 10:30pm

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Lesbian Annise Parker Elected Mayor of Houston

Houston, Texas has become the largest city in the United States to elect an openly gay mayor after City Controller Annise Parker was declared the winner of a runoff election tonight. Social conservatives fought her election, funding a campaign aimed at turning out likeminded voters to support her opponent, former city attorney Gene Locke. But Parker's endorsements from labor, police, women's, gay rights and other groups were echoed by the Houston Chronicle, the area's major daily newspaper, and her campaign ran a superior get-out-the-vote effort.

Chuck Wolfe, president and CEO of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, which endorsed Parker, said her victory holds tremendous significance for the gay community. "This is a watershed moment in American politics. Annise was elected by fair-minded people from across the city because of her experience and competence, and we're glad Houston soundly rejected the politics of division. This victory sends a clear signal that gays and lesbians are an integral part of American civic life, that we're willing to lead, and that voters will respond to candidates who are open and honest about their lives," Wolfe said.

Parker praised the support of the Victory Fund and its donors, who raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help fund her campaign. "I am so grateful to the Victory Fund and its supporters for believing in this campaign from the beginning. This race was about the future of Houston, and whether we will face that future proud to be an open, welcoming, and fair-minded city. Tonight Houstonians said yes to a future like that, and I am glad the Victory Fund helped make that happen," Parker said.

Parker's election was the Victory Fund's top political priority in 2009, a year that saw 54 of its 79 endorsed openly gay, lesbian bisexual and transgender (LGBT) candidates elected to public office.

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund is the only national organization dedicated to increasing the number of openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) elected officials at all levels of government. Since its founding in 1991, the Victory Fund has helped grow that number from 49 to more than 450.

District of Columbia's Mayor Fenty Signs Freedom to Marry Bill

New York - Statement by Evan Wolfson, executive director of Freedom to Marry and author of *Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality and Gay People's Right to Marry*, following the District of Columbia's Mayor Adrian M. Fenty signing a freedom to marry bill which received overwhelming support from the DC City Council, a majority African-American council:

"With Mayor Fenty's signature today, the nation's capital affirms its commitment to being a fair and inclusive city. We now look to Congress to respect the City Council's overwhelming support, the Mayor's signature, and the outpouring of support from the citizens of DC. With the freedom to marry, the District of Columbia will be a place that offers more protection and security to all families, making the community stronger for everyone. We call on all supporters to continue to engage their friends and neighbors in conversations about the freedom to marry in the District of Columbia, and across the country, in order to protect this new law."

"A special thanks to all of the groups

and individuals who worked so hard to bring the freedom to marry to the District of Columbia, especially D.C. for Marriage, Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance, and the Human Rights Campaign."

Freedom to Marry is the gay and non-gay partnership working to win marriage equality nationwide. Launched in 2003, Freedom to Marry is headed by Evan Wolfson, nationally recognized as a central "architect of the marriage equality movement." Freedom to Marry guides and focuses this social justice movement on a nationwide level, serving as a strategy and support center for national, state, and local partners, a catalyst that drives and shapes the national debate on marriage equality, and an alliance-builder fostering support from non-gay allies.

Visit freedomtomarry.org for additional information.

New Orleans' City Park Recognized with Award for Hard-Won Victory

Washington, D.C. - The American Planning Association has selected New Orleans' City Park to receive the 2010 National Planning Excellence Award for Hard-Won Victory for its heroic recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

The National Planning Achievement Award for a Hard-Won Victory recognizes a planning effort undertaken by a community, neighborhood, citizens group, or jurisdiction in the face of difficult, challenging, or adverse conditions.

By August 28, 2005, the 1,300 acre City Park was one of the most visited parks in the country, hosting over 11 million visitors annually. It had a variety of regional recreation resources, a staff of 250 full, part-time and seasonal workers and a recently adopted master plan designed to not only repair the 150-year old park but to build new facilities and programs for the 21st century.

The next day, City Park was in ruins. The day after Hurricane Katrina hit, the park was flooded with nearly eight feet of water. All that was left was 1,300 acres of debris.

"City Park has made extraordinary progress to rebuild from almost total destruction and shine as one of New Orleans' success stories," said Marie L. York, faicp, APA Board Director and 2010 National Planning Awards Jury Chair. "It is an anchor and inspiration for New Orleans and other communities challenged by natural disasters."

The park immediately developed a plan of recovery focusing on cleaning up debris, reopening revenue generating facilities, pursuing an ambitious public and private fund raising effort, and using the new master plan to organize the recovery.

Over \$60 million dollars in public and private funds have been raised to not only repair the park from storm damage but to guide investments toward the initiatives contained in the master plan. As a result of this money and over 25,000 volunteers, City Park has repaired, renovated or rebuilt the majority of its athletic and cultural facilities.

The award for New Orleans' City Park will be presented at a special luncheon at APA's National Planning Conference in New Orleans on April 12, 2010. The City Park also will be featured in an upcoming issue of Planning magazine, APA's flagship publication.

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