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Senator Clinton Endorsed by Houston Area Stonewall Democrats
Largest GLBT Democratic Organization in Houston Casts its Support for Hillary

HOUSTON, TEXAS – Houston Area Stonewall Democrats proudly endorses Senator Clinton in the Democratic presidential primary. Representing five of the region's counties, Stonewall Democrats are the largest GLBT Democratic organization in southeast Texas. With their endorsement, Stonewall Democrats join Houston Controller Annise Parker and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Sue Lovell in the community's support of Hillary Clinton. Lovell, a super delegate, is the only Texas GLBT member on the Democratic National Committee.

The vote of the Executive Board was decisive with four members voting for Hillary Clinton and one member abstaining.

"For us, the choice was clear," said Teresa Herrin, Stonewall Democrats president. "Hillary Clinton is the candidate best qualified and most prepared to bring about the changes sought by our community."

"We knew Senator Clinton has been our ally in the fight for our equal rights, but we were genuinely surprised by her passion about us becoming full American citizens under the law," continued Herrin.

"Clinton's absolute indignation about the movement to prevent qualified GLBT couples from adopting showed her long-standing commitment of taking care of America's children," said Pat Gandy, Stonewall Democrats treasurer. "Instead of marginalizing us, Senator Clinton actually asked us to help her create the solutions our country needs. To a 76-year old lesbian in Houston that is very, very powerful."

During the twenty-minute phone conversation, Senator Clinton wholly committed to making immediate priorities of her administration such key issues as passing a completely inclusive ENDA, passing a completely inclusive Hate Crimes bill, and eliminating "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

"One of the most important reasons I support Hillary is her length of service with our community," stated Jackie Donovan, Stonewall Democrats Membership Chair. "She is certainly not new to our battles."

Stonewall Democrats are excited to help elect the candidate who is best able to lead all Americans on January 20 – Senator Hillary Clinton.

The endorsement comes on the heels of the city's first GLBT Houston Summit for the 2008 Presidential Primary held on Tuesday night. Houston Area Stonewall Democrats sponsored the event. Before watching the Ohio Debate, more than 120 members and allies of the GLBT community gathered to speak with national representatives from both campaigns. Tobias Wolff represented the Obama campaign, and Mark Walsh spoke on behalf of Clinton.

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