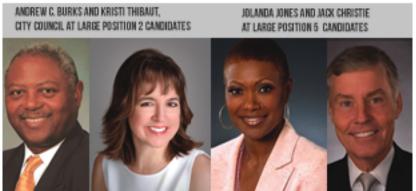
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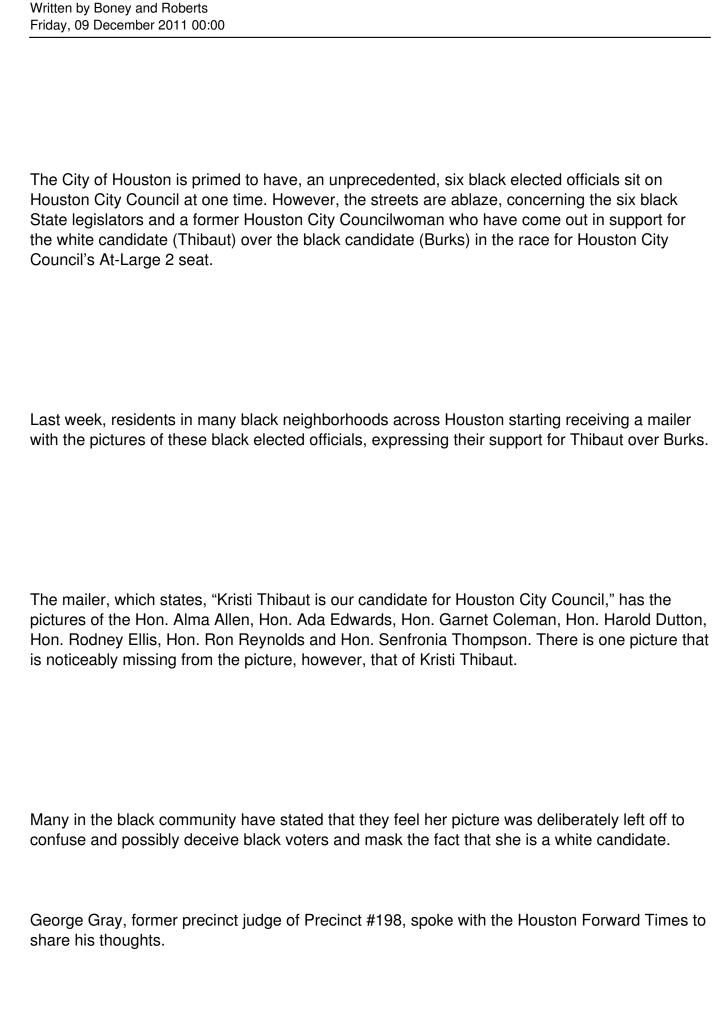
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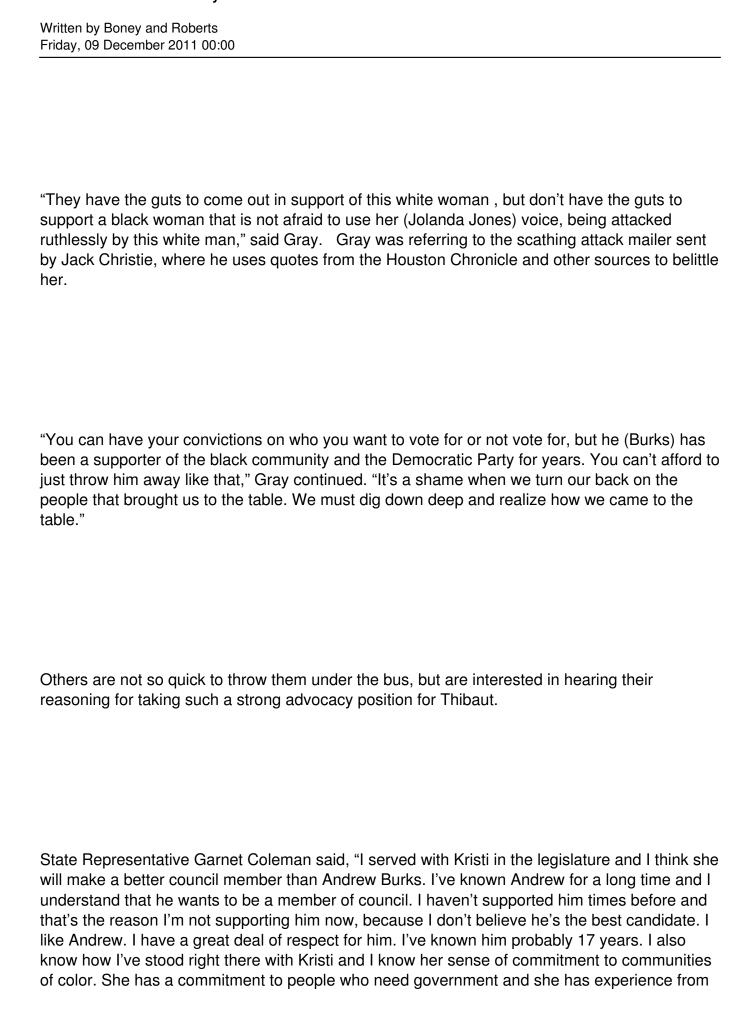
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We are only a few days away from knowing who the remaining four Houston City Council members will be after the votes are tallied for the December 10 runoff election.

"Round Two" of the runoff election has already started, as early voting kicked off last week, and each candidate is doing their best to get their base voters and new voters to the polls. This has already been a historic election cycle, in that two new district seats were added. Another interesting and potentially historic dynamic that could come from these elections, is that for the FIRST TIME EVER, the City of Houston could have six black elected officials serving on city council at the same time.







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seeing what kinds of issues come in front of the legislature that affect cities, and we need people with experience who can jump right off. When you look at who's endorsing Kristi, especially those of us who have worked with her, it's because we know her values are right and we know she is going to do a good job representing Houstonians. Electing people just to sit there isn't working. We need people who really engage."

State Senator Rodney Ellis expressed, "Kristi has a proven track record as an effective community organizer and as a dedicated advocate for her constituents. We both believe in progressive causes and governing. Kristi shares more of my philosophy on uplifting the downtrodden, the neglected and those left behind. I valued her as an ally in the Texas State House and I support her in her race for Houston City Council."

Newly elected State Representative Ron Reynolds said, "I'm endorsing Kristi Thibaut because she is a former State Representative that has the education and experience to effectively represent Houston very well. I have a lot of respect for Andrew Burks, but believe that Kristi is more qualified to represent our community. Kristi is supportive of African-American and minority-owned businesses and Rev. Burks has stated that he will not support the current MWBE program. As past President of the Missouri City NAACP, I'm as pro-Black as they come. However, I refuse to endorse a candidate just because they are African-American."

The Houston Forward Times tried to reach the Hon. Alma Allen, Hon. Harold Dutton, Hon. Ada Edwards and Hon. Senfronia Thompson, but were unable to get a response.



