CITY OF HOUSTON VOTES
NOVEMBER 6TH
Early voting starts Oct. 22nd

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

1. Election for State, County & District Positions
2. ReBuild Houston (Proposition A)
3. Fire Union Petition (Proposition B)

Remember, **casting a "straight party" vote does not include the "yes" or "no" votes** on ReBuild Houston and the Fire Union Petition.

WHAT IS REBUILD HOUSTON?

Proposition A is a "do-over" vote to approve the City's existing ReBuild Houston street and drainage program (RebuildHouston.org).

Voters are asked to establish a lockbox around revenue from the drainage fee and restrict use only for flooding, drainage and street improvements.

From 2012-2017 ReBuild Houston has provided more than $800M in drainage improvements and paid $1.1B toward old debt.

If Prop A fails, the city will lose a "dedicated" funding source for flooding, drainage and street improvements.

WHAT IS THE FIRE UNION PETITION?

Proposition B is a vote to tie firefighters' pay to police officers without additional requirements on education or work hours.

The City would be unable to raise taxes to fund the pay increase because voters imposed an annual revenue cap in 2004.

The vote would require the City to give firefighters a minimum 25% raise the first year and additional raises equal to police.

The City may have to lay off firefighters, other employees and reduce services to public safety, parks and libraries.

The 25% raise would cost the City of Houston at least $98 million per year. This is more than the City can afford.

Firefighters rejected both a 4% raise offered by the previous mayor and a 9.5% raise over 3 years by Mayor Turner.

Mayor Turner's offer of a 9.5% raise over 3 years remains on the table. Fire and police have different job duties, work hours, shifts and training requirements. [In cities where fire and police pay are equal, first responders have a single bargaining organization and firefighters work longer hours than they do in Houston. Notably, 80% of the calls to the Houston Fire Department are for medical services only.]

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