

COMMUNITY VISIONARY

Former Mayor Annise Parker



Annise Parker is one of only two women to hold Houston's highest elected office. She became a national hero when she was elected the first openly LGBTQ mayor of a major U.S. city in 2010. That year, Time magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

She is the only person in Houston history to serve as city council member, controller, and mayor. Through it all, she has represented our community with dignity and strength. Her mayoral successes include leading the city through a tough recession and establishing our national reputation as a great place to live. She is an advocate of the environment, diversity, women, animals, and LGBTQ rights. In 2014, she authored the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO), one of the most comprehensive non-discrimination orders of its kind. In the weeks following Hurricane Harvey, she ran the day shift of the NRG emergency shelter. Her presence ensured it was a safe place for our community.

She has been an Honorary Board Member of the Montrose Center for over a decade. In 2014, she and the Center came together with the idea to build the first LGBTQ-affirming, affordable senior living center in the South. Annise helped secure 23% of the \$25 million dollar project in public funding and 30% through low-income tax credits, opened her home for fundraisers, and publically made a \$60,000 gift to the campaign. Because of her support, we will break ground next year.

Annise and her wife Kathy Hubbard have been together for 27 years and are advocates for adoption, with three daughters and a son.

We are honored to present the LGBTQ Community Vision Award to Annise for her leadership, vision, and tireless work on behalf of us all.

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