

LARRY BLACKMON

BIO



Larry Blackmon is a candidate for Houston City Council At Large Seat #4. Blackmon is a pillar of his community and hold many positions within the city of Houston to account for his passion and leadership. Blackmon is a graduate of Jack Yates High School and is active with the Lion's Den, the alumni association. He received his Bachelor's degree from Lamar University in Education and Master's degree from Texas Southern University in Public Administration and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning. Blackmon served as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager of Galveston, Texas.

After 43 years married, Blackmon is not just a dedicated husband but also a father of four and a grandfather. The family that Blackmon adores leads to his passion for other families and communities. He has been involved actively in multiple community service projects over the years. Since 1988, he has served as Executive Director for the Parents Against Community Crime Organization (PACCO). This organization continually seeks ways to combat the problem of crime as well as enhance student academic, physical, cultural, spiritual, moral and vocational capacities.

Also, Blackmon has current roots as the Director of the Higher Education Board. Rice University, Texas Southern University, Kipp Academy and Yes Prep Academy have all benefited from his service to the youth and the community. He sponsored the Mayor's Youth Council from 1994 until 2006. As a Government and Economics teacher at Willowridge High School in Fort Bend County from 1988 until 2006, Blackmon saw additional needs that he could meet on a larger scale. After retiring as an educator, Blackmon saw fit to embark upon politics. Professional and social affiliations include the American Planning Association, the Public Administrators Association and the USA Track & Field Association.

Blackmon was appointed by Mayor Lee Brown to serve on Houston's Industrial Board and the Houston Health Facilities Board. For almost the past 10 years, Blackmon has served under three Houston Mayors, including the current mayor, Annise Parker. Recently, he has been appointed to the Project Advisory Board for HISD's nearly \$2 billion bond to oversee the construction of the new Jack Yates High School campus. In a position to approve funds via public and private partnerships with the City of Houston as Director of mentioned boards, he has positively impacted Methodist Hospital, Bush and Hobby Airports, improving new hangers and storage facilities.

Continuously, Larry Blackmon sends a message to Houstonians: "Together We Can Make It Happen". By this he encourages the community to help boost Houston's business through increased public and private venture participation, letting the voters know they have a voice and their voices will be heard. This statement alone is why Larry Blackmon is a pillar of his community and will hold many more positions in the city of Houston.

