

## **Mayor Turner Second Year Bio**

Elected in December 2015, Sylvester Turner is serving his first four-year term as Houston's 62<sup>nd</sup> mayor. He has brought a performance driven approach to the mayor's office that is creating more responsive, streamlined and efficient delivery of city services. Due to his leadership, potholes are now repaired by the next business day 95 percent of the time, more serious street conditions are getting long overdue attention, the worst budget shortfall since the Great Recession has been eliminated and for the first time ever the city has a plan for solving its \$8.1 billion pension liability. No one has been able to craft an alternative that delivers the same immediate and long-term benefits while also creating secure and stable retirements for city employees at an affordable price for taxpayers.

A signature program of Mayor Turner's administration is the Complete Communities initiative, which aims to improve quality of life for residents in areas that are not thriving at a level enjoyed by other Houston neighborhoods. The mayor's other priorities include implementation of a six point holistic plan for addressing homelessness and new programs to reduce flooding and improve drainage. With funding provided by the city, long-awaited flood relief projects along Brays, Hunting and White Oak Bayous are being expedited and there is a new Storm Water Action Team in place to address more than 100 deferred maintenance projects all across Houston.

Prior to his election as mayor, Turner served for 27 years in the Texas House as the representative for District 139. He worked on the House Appropriations Committee for 21 years and served as Speaker Pro Tem for three terms. He was appointed to several Budget Conference Committees to help balance the state's budget and served on the Legislative Budget Board.

Mayor Turner is a life-long resident of Houston and still lives in the Acres Homes community where he grew up with his eight siblings. He is a graduate of the University of Houston and holds a law degree from Harvard University. He began his law practice at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and later founded the Barnes & Turner Law Firm.

Mayor Turner is the proud father of First Daughter Ashley Turner, who is continuing the family tradition of public service in the healthcare field.