Mayor Sylvester Turner

Sylvester Turner has been the Mayor of Houston since 2015. Prior to his mayoral run, he served for 27 years as the Representative for Texas House District 139. He worked on the Transportation and Communications Standing Committee, Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, and Chairman of the Education Committee. Turner is a member of the US Conference of Mayors and an advisory board member of the African American Mayors Association.

Daniel Stander

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