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### **Councilmember Oliver Pennington Announces Re-Election Campaign For Houston City Council, District G**

HOUSTON, TX – MAY 31, 2011 – Today Councilmember Oliver Pennington formally announced his campaign for re-election to Houston City Council representing District G. The district is bounded by Shepherd Drive on the east, State Highway 6 on the west, Interstate 10 on the north and Westheimer on the south. The district also includes Afton Oaks, West Lane Place, the Pin Oak Apartment area and the Galleria commercial and residential areas, east of Chimney Rock. Councilmember Pennington was elected in November 2009 with an overwhelming majority of nearly 60 percent; Pennington is currently serving his first term on City Council.

"It is an honor to represent the people of District G and I hope the citizens of the district will choose to keep me on the job working for them," stated Pennington. "Our city government is confronting the same economic realities facing many of us. However, I will not waver from my duty to effectively respond to the needs of my constituents. I will advocate fiscal responsibility, limited government and sound management of the city's budget and the activities of all city employees."

Councilmember Pennington proved his commitment to limiting the financial burden on taxpayers by voting against the effort to increase water and sewer rates and he has worked closely with business owners to improve the city's permitting process and not to increase fees above the cost of issuance. "I strongly believe that we must prioritize our most critical needs, call for structural changes to control waste and recognize that raising taxes is not the answer."

Councilmember Pennington will continue to be personally responsive to constituents' service needs and to pursue ways to protect the personal safety of citizens through crime prevention initiatives such as Westside Success. This innovative project created a unique partnership between the city and local businesses to install security cameras in crime prone areas. He and his office staff continue to maintain a strong presence at civic association and Super Neighborhood meetings throughout District G and regularly communicate with the leadership of the Houston Police Department to ensure the department is addressing the concerns of the community. "Constituent services, crime prevention and the security of persons and their property are my number one neighborhood priorities."

Prior to his election to City Council, Pennington was a partner at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, specializing in municipal finance, municipal law, environmental law and municipal utility district law. He and his wife Beverly have two children and five grandchildren.

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