

Lesbian Mayor Loses Transgender Ordinance Battle

Morality wins. Houston's lesbian mayor Anise Parker loses.

Texas Supreme Court's decision Friday requires the City of Houston to either repeal or put to a vote a city ordinance that qualified for the ballot. City officials illegally kept the ordinance off the ballot.

That ordinance is none other than the "bathroom bill" that would allow transgenders to the restrooms of their choice: male or female. And those officials, including Mayor Anise Parker, are the very ones who unsuccessfully attempted to subpoena the sermons and communications of pastors, known as the "Houston 5."

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Legal Counsel Erik Stanley says public officials should not be allowed to run roughshod over the right of the people to decide these types of issues, especially when the citizens of Houston clearly met all the qualifications for having their voice heard.

"The subpoenas we successfully fought were only one element of this disgraceful abuse of power," says Stanley. "The scandal began when the city arbitrarily threw out the valid signatures of thousands of voters. The city did this all because it was bent on pushing through its deeply unpopular ordinance at any cost. The Texas Supreme Court has rightly rectified this wrong."