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Veteran and Chamber of Commerce President, Marlon Barabin Announces Candidacy for Houston City Council

Houston, TX - On July 26, 2007 Marlon D. Barabin will officially announce his candidacy for Houston City Council At-Large 5.

Barabin, a son of a retired Army Master Sergeant, followed in his fathers footsteps when on October 26, 1990 he enlisted in the 147th Fighter Wing of the United States Military. Barabin has served 2 tours in Iraq, first in 2005 and again in spring of this year.

"My experience overseas renewed my commitment to serving my neighbors back home and my understanding of the value of diplomacy and determination."

Currently, Barabin is ranked Master Sergeant in the Texas Air National Guard and serves as his base's Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor and Mediator.

In 2001 Barabin founded New Community Mortgage. Located in Houston's Third Ward, New Community Mortgage specializes in making home ownership more accessible to middle and low-income families. In 2004 Barabin, along with his partner, expanded his business venture with the formation of New Community Construction.

"As a businessman, I understand that it is important that city government reach out and foster true equality of opportunity for MWBEs and emerging businesses. Additionally, businesses should support the communities in which they operate."

Barabin's proclivity for business was recognized when he was elected President and CEO of the Houston Citizen's Chamber of Commerce—the oldest African American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. Under his direction membership has increased 65% in under one year.

Election Day is Tuesday November 6. Early Voting is October 22-November 2.

For more information on Marlon Barabin, upcoming events, and opportunities to contribute, visit www.marlonbarabin.com.

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