

POL. ADV. ANNISE PARKER CAMPAIGN



Locke is Playing by **HIS OWN RULES...**



When **GENE LOCKE** Plays the **LAWYER-LOBBYIST GAME,** **HOUSTON TAXPAYERS LOSE**

In these tough economic times, the last thing we need is a **Lawyer-Lobbyist** gaming City Hall at the expense of Houston taxpayers. But that's just what we'll get if **Gene Locke** becomes mayor.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE LOCKE: **More Taxes to Pay for Reckless Spending Promises**

As a candidate for mayor, Locke has promised millions in new spending, including a new soccer stadium, without a realistic plan to pay for it. The last time taxpayers trusted Locke on a stadium deal, they got handed a potential bailout that could cost taxpayers more than \$4 million a year.¹

CITY ATTORNEY LOCKE: **Mismanaging Tax Dollars**

As City Attorney, Locke put millions of tax dollars at risk by mismanaging a single high-profile case so badly that a federal judge called his work "appalling," "negligent" and "unprofessional."² When Locke allowed an elected official to give a city contract to his campaign treasurer, *Houston Chronicle* editors admonished, "The city attorney has not met the highest standard of public accountability in this matter."³



LAWYER-LOBBYIST LOCKE: **Mismanaging Tax Dollars and Getting Lucrative City Contracts**

Lawyer-lobbyist Locke led the negotiations for Reliant Stadium bonds that are now in trouble. After promising no taxpayer funds would be used, he inserted an obscure provision in the deal that could leave taxpayers holding the bag for a \$4 million a year bailout.⁴

Immediately after Locke left City Hall to join his law firm, the firm was awarded a city contract for nearly \$300,000.⁵ Locke lobbied city officials for expensive contracts.⁶ He billed the Sports Authority \$640 per hour and his firm billed the city, METRO and the Sports Authority more than \$17 million in just six years.⁷

¹ 9/13/09 *Houston Chronicle*

² 5/6/98 *Houston Chronicle*

³ 8/21/97 *Houston Chronicle* Editorial

⁴ 9/13/09 *Houston Chronicle*; 10/2/09 *Texas Watchdog*

⁵ 5/7/98 *Houston Chronicle*

⁶ 4/16/01 *Houston Chronicle*; 10/23/03 *Houston Chronicle*

⁷ 10/2/09 *Texas Watchdog*; City of Houston and METRO public records

In these tough times, we simply can't afford to play games with City Hall.
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, VOTE NO ON LAWYER-LOBBYIST GENE LOCKE.