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**CENTRAL HOUSTON AND CHEVRON HONOR
MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER WITH
ALLEN AWARD FOR CIVIC ENHANCEMENT**

“And the award goes to...”

HOUSTON, TEXAS (November 2, 2023) - Central Houston Inc., Houston’s non-profit organization which champions and enhances Downtown, announced the Honorable Mayor Sylvester Turner as this year’s recipient of the *Allen Award for Civic Enhancement*. The award honors significant leadership and contributions to the Houston Downtown community. The formal presentation occurred at Houston city hall and was broadcast at Central Houston Inc.’s annual meeting today.

Presenting the Allen Award to Mayor Turner was Bruce L. Niemeyer, President Americas Exploration & Production Company, Chevron. “I can think of no person more deserving, Mayor Turner, than yourself,” he said. “I can’t imagine another mayor who has confronted the challenges you have—hurricanes, floods, a historic ice storm, global pandemic, but also two world series championships and a Super Bowl—and all as ‘advocate general’ for the City of Houston,” Niemeyer said. “We appreciate your dedication to advancing the city and helping the world appreciate that Houston is a world-class city, led by a world-class individual.”

Mayor Turner was recognized for his leadership over the past eight years as the City’s dynamic man-in-charge. As a strong advocate for climate action, Mayor Turner chaired the global Climate Mayors and Global Resilient Cities network. His administration also set a target of building 3,000 new single-family homes and adding 7,000 apartment homes to the city’s inventory to address the need for affordable housing. The City of Houston’s innovation and leadership in reducing chronic homelessness earned nationwide attention during Turner’s administration as well.

“It has been the honor of a lifetime to be Mayor of the City of Houston,” Turner said. “And the hallmark of these eight years has been our civic and corporate and philanthropic partnerships.” Turner went on to thank Chevron for its dedication to Downtown. “Your commitment to Downtown has helped keep Downtown healthy, vibrant, and strong. Quite frankly, Chevron personifies what we would like to see from companies—a love of Houston and recognition that when we work together, we can make positive things happen.”

Central Houston, Inc. believes that we must have a strong Downtown to have a strong and successful region. Mayor Turner has helped to make Houston a stronger city through his assistance in the development and implementation of a tremendous number of projects in collaboration with Central Houston during his tenure as Houston’s Mayor.

The *Allen Award for Civic Enhancement* was initiated in 1987 and the basis for the award lies in its history. After sponsoring the restoration and permanent framing of the original founding map of the City of Houston, Central Houston wanted to recognize the efforts of corporate and civic partners who have made a significant difference in downtown’s quality of place. Past winners include Houston Endowment Inc. (1999), Toyota Center (2003), Discovery Green Conservancy (2008), and Mayor Bill White (2019).

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About Central Houston, Inc.

Central Houston, Inc. (CHI) is the steward for Houston's vision of Downtown at the intersection of global commerce and local culture, as Houston's heart of opportunity, excitement, and joy. The member-driven organization and its affiliated entities – Houston Downtown Management District and Downtown Redevelopment Authority – work under a shared mission to champion and enhance Downtown Houston as a connected and thriving place for everyone.