



SYLVESTER TURNER  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
TEXAS

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Dear Members of the Shia Ismaili Muslim community:

Welcome to Houston, Texas, the most diverse big city in America and the cultural and culinary capital of the South. It is my joy and pleasure to join you in celebrating His Highness the Aga Khan's Diamond Jubilee, marking his 60 years as the 49<sup>th</sup> hereditary Imam of the global Ismaili Muslim community, and an opportunity to reflect on six decades of his tireless work to improve the human condition for people around the globe.

Many of you are traveling from other parts of Texas or from other states to assemble as a community for this spiritual occasion. I wish each of you an enjoyable and memorable Diamond Jubilee experience. Houston's Texas hospitality and embrace of pluralistic values resonates with the values of Shia tradition of Islam, making Houston a great choice for this gathering. Houston is on track to soon become the third largest city in the country, with a fast-growing, diverse population and a global outlook.

As Mayor, I am proud of the vibrant Ismaili Muslim community established in Houston. Ismailis contribute to our social, cultural and economic landscape, are active in civil society. You are known across the city for your commitment to service and community building. I am excited that Houston is one of two cities that His Highness the Aga Khan is visiting on his Diamond Jubilee trip to the United States and I look forward to marking this milestone with you.

On this joyous occasion, I once again welcome you to Houston and wish you Diamond Jubilee Mubarak!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner", is written over the word "Sincerely,". Below the signature, the name "Mayor Sylvester Turner" is printed in a serif font.

Mayor Sylvester Turner