



# Houston's Mayor, Michael Bromwich to speak at HFSC's 5-year anniversary

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Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and prominent attorney Michael Bromwich, the former inspector general for the U.S. Department of Justice, will join the Houston Forensic Science Center on April 6 for a celebration of its 5-year anniversary.

The media is invited to hear Mayor Turner and Mr. Bromwich talk about what Houston's crime lab was and its five-year journey to become a model for other forensic agencies nationally and internationally.

The City of Houston asked Mr. Bromwich to conduct an initial audit of the Houston Police Department's crime laboratory more than 10 years ago. The scathing findings led the City to create an independent, local government corporation to oversee and manage forensic services. Five years after the official handover, HFSC is being praised for turning around a failing crime laboratory.

Media will also get a sneak peek of the facility HFSC is moving into at year's end.

**WHEN:** April 6, 2019

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Whitehall Hotel

1700 Smith St.

Houston, Texas 77002

**Free parking is available at 500 Jefferson St., Houston, TX 77002.**

HFSC is a local government corporation that provides forensic services to the City of Houston and other local agencies. HFSC is overseen by a Board of Directors appointed by the Mayor of Houston and confirmed by the Houston City Council. Its management structure is designed to be responsive to a 2009 recommendation by the National Academy of Sciences that called for crime laboratories to be independent of law enforcement and prosecutorial branches of government.

HFSC operates in seven forensic disciplines.

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