## Mike Webb

## Community Liaison, Texas Freedom Network President, Houston GLBT Political Caucus

Mike Webb is a gender-queer socio-political activist born and raised in Houston, Texas and attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon, where Webb studied Political Science. Afterwards, Webb gained private sector experience through employment at a Washington, D.C. law firm but Webb could not resist the call to help change lives in underserved communities and enlisted in a year of service for the Houston Mayor's Office of Education Initiatives as an AmeriCorps VISTA.

Recently, as Community & Field Liaison for the Texas Freedom Network fights passionately for LGBTQ+ Equality, Reproductive Rights and Justice, and criminal justice reform. Formerly, as Legislative & District Aide for State Senator Sylvia Garcia, Webb focused on LGBTQ and intergovernmental relations public policy areas. Prior to this, Webb was Prevention Supervisor for Legacy Community Health's Public Health Services Department, Webb oversaw daily HIV and STD prevention and outreach activities for the center's mPowerment program, a program focusing on empowering young gay and bisexual communities of color. As an affirming HIV-positive Black queer person, Webb has made it their mission to spread the love and empowerment Webb experienced to Houston's most underserved communities. Webb also serves as President of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, Executive Advisory Board Member of New Leaders Council – Houston, and focuses on political empowerment and advocacy through his fraternity, Delta Phi Upsilon as the Southern Region's Director of Leadership Development and oversees all community development, volunteerism and programming of the lota Chapter.

Webb's community work has been recognized by the League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund as a Rising Star Honoree, one of the National Black Justice Coalition's 100 Black LGBTQ/SGL Emerging Leaders to Watch honoree along with Outsmart Magazine's 2015 "9 Faces of Black LGBTQ Leadership in Houston" and most recently received the 2016 Community Empowerment Award by Young Black Voices. Ultimately, Webb strives to contribute to the production of responsible, educated citizens and leaders who can help foster communities based on equality, compassion, and service.