



With all of the attention focused on Tuesday's mayoral election results, very few people have been talking about the other race that occurred that evening - the one for the vacant city board of education seat in District 3.

When [Howard Bayless](#) won the seat on Tuesday evening, defeating [Earnest Lumpkin](#) ([click here](#) to view the unofficial vote totals), he became the first openly gay male to win an elected office in the state of Alabama. **The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund** currently has [this story](#) on the front page of its website. The news is appearing on other sites throughout the country, including [this post](#) on PageOneQ.

[As Danny said yesterday](#), this is not your father's Alabama anymore.