

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

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Chairwoman Kay Granger House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capital Washington, DC 20515

United States Representative Al Green 2347 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

United States Representative Lizzie Fletcher 346 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY24 Community Project Funding - Gulfton Civic Core Campus Project Request

Dear Members:

I am pleased to offer this letter in support of the Civic Core Campus Project – a project designed to support Houston's most dense and diverse neighborhood in Gulfton. The project will create a robust Civic Core Campus upon the site which currently houses the City of Houston Southwest Multiservice Center and multiple other community stakeholders who serve Gulfton's newcomer community. The proposed Campus is set to add more community center space, a multi-purpose green space that will include an outdoor exercise loop and cafe, as well as a structured parking facility designed to operate as a community 'lilypad' in times of natural disaster and as an extension of the community center and park area at all other times.

The proposed improvements will create a natural connection and nexus with Houston METRO's planned Gulfton Bus Rapid Transit service, will support the adjacent Legacy Community Health Facility, and will operate in partnership with the neighboring Baker-Ripley Campus to create a unified service campus. This project is one that is rooted both in the Complete Communities action plan and an additional 15 years of plans and studies. Stakeholders are now ready to enter into detailed design and construction – which this Community Project Request will make possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this needed and timely funding request.

Sincerely,

Sallie Alcorn

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