

SALLIE ALCORN Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

May 16, 2023

Ms. Dana Lagarde Director, Recreation Grants Branch Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 87844

Dear Director Lagarde,

I am pleased to offer this letter in support of Houston Parks and Recreation Department's (HPARD) application for an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant to assist with the renovation of Houston's historic MacGregor Park. Developed a century ago, MacGregor Park has seen the city and surrounding neighborhoods change while continuing to serve visitors from across the region.

With roughly 60,000 visitors annually, the planned renovations will be a welcome addition to current and future park patrons. The inclusion of a new amphitheater and event lawn as well as improvements to some of the parks most popular features, including the baseball fields and tennis courts, will ensure MacGregor Park continues to be a valuable community asset.

I believe that investment in beautiful and functional parks and green spaces is key to healthy communities, and the proposed renovations to MacGregor Park will have a positive impact on the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods and our city.

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

Sincerely,

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